

DECEMBER 2009

TATTLE TAILS

club newsletter



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**Celebrate
the Season!**
*Join us for our annual
Holiday Potluck!*

December 14th

6:30 p.m.

at the Clubhouse

**All NVDTTC members
& their families are invited!**

Bring a dish to share. The club will provide drinks. Bring your own dishes and utensils.

If you would like to participate in the traditional gift exchange (steal) please bring a dog-related gift worth \$10.

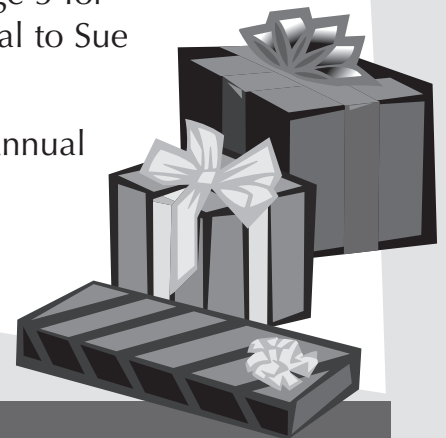
Nominations Now Open for NVDTTC's Service Award!

Here is your opportunity to nominate one or more club members who have made a significant contribution to the club.



Nominations are to be in writing. See page 5 for details and a form to fill out for submittal to Sue Osborn.

This award will be presented at the Annual Dinner in February!



Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Officers

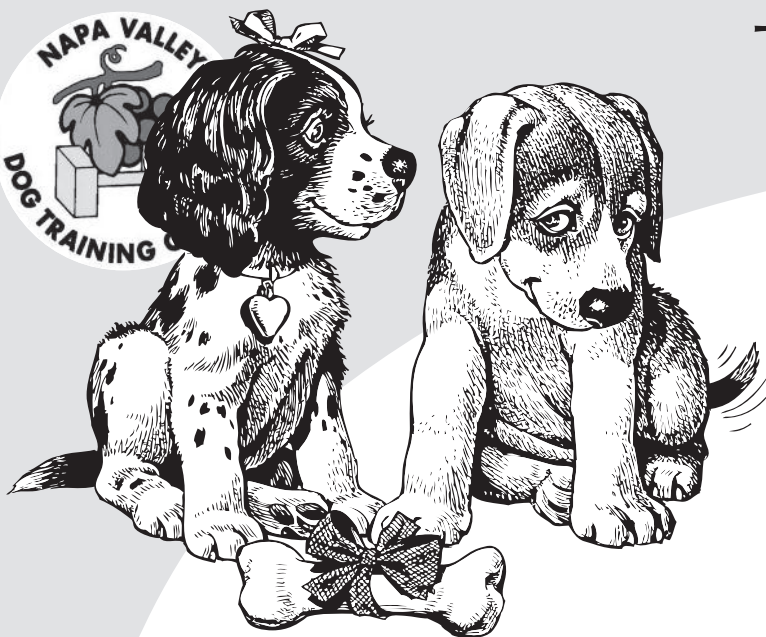
President: Laura Ecklin
Vice President: Joy Wood
Treasurer: Lynda Rhyno
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Linda Luchsinger

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.



TRAINING SESSIONS

Subject to Change

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

- Session 1: January 4 — February 19, 2010
- Session 2: March 1 — April 16, 2010
- Session 3: April 26 — June 11, 2010
- Session 4: June 28 — August 13, 2010
- Session 5: August 23 — October 8, 2010
- Session 6: October 18 — December 10, 2010

Session 1 ~ 2010

Jan. 4, 2010 through Feb. 19, 2010

Week off between sessions 1 & 2: Feb. 22-26

Monday

6:00 p.m.	Competition Obed	Teresa
7:00 p.m.	Clicker	Kelly

Tuesday

TBA	Puppy	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Lea
6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
7:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	TBA
8:00 p.m.	Good Manners II	TBA

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Sandy
10:00 a.m.	Good Manners I	Sandy
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners II	Sandy
6:00 p.m.	Agility Advanced	Katherine
7:00 p.m.	Agility Beginning	Joy
8:00 p.m.	Agility Intermediate	LeAnn

Thursday

10:00 a.m.	Rally Novice	Mary
11:00 a.m.	Rally Novice	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Rally Excellent	Mary
6:00 p.m.	Rally Advanced	Mary
7:00 p.m.	Rally Novice	Mary
8:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary

Friday

5:30 p.m.	Canine Good Citizen	TBA
6:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Kelly
7:30 p.m.	Puppy	Kelly

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.*

PLEASE NOTE

NVDTTC will be starting up new agility classes:

FOR BEGINNERS:

Wednesday 8 pm

Introduction to Agility-Foundation skills Class

Joy Wood - Instructor

Wednesday 7 pm

Agility 1-This is an intermediate Level Class

Dogs with agility experience welcomed!

Joy Wood - Instructor

NVDTTC is now offering conformation classes!

Three consecutive classes, taught by Michelle Chaney, are now available on the following Tuesday nights in December from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: December 1, December 8 and December 15. Take one, two or all three classes. Cost is \$10 per class. If interested, please call the club at 707-253-8666.

DOGS GONE WILD!

by Teresa Russell

IT HAPPENED! And if you were there, I think you would all agree—OUR DOGS WENT WILD!

At the General Meeting on November 9th, many members brought their dogs determined to have some holiday fun. Karen and Lori Jackson went overboard providing toys for the games from their own collection and purchasing really nice prizes. They also brought REAL FOOD for refreshments and they ran the

Agility event. Vange Leonis did an outstanding job of teaching dog dancing to beginners thereby creating an activity that was just plain fun. Frances Harvey and Taylor Russell ran the Perilous Path event, and Chris Meyer stepped in to run the Hot Dog eating contest. Yours truly, Teresa Russell, (bowing, bowing) ran the Rally Uh Oh! with the terrific timing done by Gerry Glantz, another spontaneous volunteer. Last but not least, I managed to corral Charlie Rose to videotape the

event and this will be played at the Club's Christmas party on Dec. 14 – uncut, uncensored, yeah, and unedited.

The "WILD" committee outdid themselves with five devilish playgrounds craftily designed to supercharge the dog's ego and



pretty much humiliate his or her owner. First, there was the Path of Perilous Pitfalls which pitted your dog's attraction to you against the attraction of a cornucopia of new, undamaged stuffed toys and treat-stuffed toys. Needless to say, nine times out of ten the toys won out.

The next events were a quickie Agility course, a Hot Dog eating contest and a very trying Rally Uh Oh! course. Every dog "Que'ed" in Agility and most dogs enjoyed the hot dog soup that passed for a Hot Dog dunking game. Few dogs were willing to

drop their super sensitive snouts to fetch the hot dog slices off the bottom of the murky water but many enjoyed slurping up the greasy water. Oh to be a dog – undismayed by thoughts of germs and general yuckiness.

Next year the "Wild" committee is considering bringing in an elephant and making the dogs stay while Dumbo stomps around them – oh no, that's already been done on the Great American Dog reality show. We're not copycats! Okay, how about using hot dogs as Dumbells for the dogs to retrieve – the dog that comes back with the biggest hunk of hot dog still in their jaws is the winner!

The biggest crowd pleaser of the night, hands down, was the Hoedown Throw Down Dog Line Dancing. What a kick to see so many dogs and handlers dancing in unison – without a single

b**** slap or dog snarl! Maybe the dogs were too tired at the end of the night to work up some drama about personal space or whatever. Maybe we're the Napa Valley Dog Training Club and we have committed ourselves to obedience training our furry companions. Yeah, Baby!! Next year – bigger and better! Who wants to chair it?



Lots more pictures taken by Jim Spiva are posted at www.napadogtraining.org. Thank you Jim!

THANK YOU

to Teresa Russell, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, and Vange Leonis for the great *Dogs Gone Wild* games and dancing lessons!

NVDTC General Membership November Meeting

11/9/09 Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Laura Ecklin, President, called meeting to order at 6:34 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 October 12, 2009 general meeting as published in the November newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lynda Rhyno

- A. Checking: \$14,363.00
- B. CD: \$11,502.00
- C. Money Market: \$8,943.00
- D. M/S/C to approve treasurer's report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A brief board meeting was held prior to tonight's general meeting; no major issues.

V. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

News and events are continuously posted to facebook which is linked from the NVDTC website.

VI. BUILDING, Gary Walker

- A. Heaters are working, this includes the small floor heater
- B. Weather stripping is in place on roll down door, Gary will keep an eye on it.
- C. Building is staying nice and clean, thanks to Marilane and her son.

VII. TRAINING, Joy Wood, Marlene Soldavini

- A. An entry-level agility class is scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday for session 1 in January.
- B. Starting in January, a clicker class will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM.
- C. Conformation classes will be held in December on the 1st, 8th, and 15th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Instructor is Michelle Chaney. Sandy Bonifield will start an interest list.
- D. Ten NVDTC members attended AIDS walk; \$1,156.00 was raised. Thank you to all who attended!

VIII. OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield

1. If anyone is interested in working in the office, any night except Tuesday is available.
2. Sandy is working on setting up office for new office person for 2010.

IX. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis—Nothing new to report.

X. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

Gerry has volunteered NVDTC to run the novice ring first weekend in February at AOCNC's Annual Workshop. Volunteers and a team from the club are needed. Related article will be put in newsletter.

XI. HOSPITALITY

- A. A big thank you to Lori Jackson, Karen Jackson, Vange Leonis, and Teresa Russell for tonight's goodies!
- B. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas potluck
 1. Drinks will be provided, bring own plates and silverware
 2. If interested in being part of gift exchange bring a gift (\$10 limit).

XII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

- A. Sunshine was extended to Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, and Linda Luchsinger
- B. Critter Comforters has completed 5 years with a donation of 1800 blankets!

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

1. Paper ballots were passed out.
2. New officers and board members for 2010 are: President: Mary Ash, Vice President: Sandy Bonifield, Secretary: Sue Osborn, Treasurer: Lori Jackson, Board Members: Janet Davis, Teresa Russell and Lynda Rhyno. Laura Ecklin will continue as past president.
3. Gary Walker is stepping down from 2010 board. Names for a 4th board member will be added to slate at December general meeting, nominated at January general and voted in at February general meeting.

C. ANNUAL DINNER

Joy and Laura are obtaining a quote from Chardonnay Golf Club; the golf club is waiving room cost. Other alternatives also being looked at.

D. JUDIE HOWARD SEMINAR

1. January 23 & 24, 2009
2. There are 6 sign-ups to date
3. Sandy will write up something for the newsletter.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CALIFORNIA COLLIE FANCIER WORKSHOP

Secluded for January 16, 2010.

B. PETS AND VETS FUND RAISER DOG EVENT

1. Laura Dayton, Democrats of Napa Valley, presented a proposal for the event.
 - a. Proceeds to go to Vets and animal shelters
 - b. To be held December 19th at NVDTC building
2. M/S/C to approve event with the following conditions:
 - a. Limit of 25 dogs in building at any one time
 - b. Clarification on details for making donations
 - c. Certificate of liability required
 - d. Monitors/volunteers have proper training for working with dogs
 - e. Required vaccinations for dogs are to be certified
 - f. Children under age of 14 to have an adult with them
 - g. There must be 3 NYCTEA members volunteering to be in attendance at event
 - h. The event is clearly not an NYCTEA event thus NYCTEA is not to be listed in any publicity materials.
 - i. There must be a plan B for weather.

C. SILVERADO VETERINARY HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE

1. November 22
2. Janet Davis will organize

D. CHRISTMAS PARADE

Joy Wood volunteered to chair and organize this year's Christmas Parade. She will put up a sign up sheet.

XIII. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

M/S/C to welcome new member, Joanne Bird. Joanne's dog is a German Shepherd named Benson.

IV. BRAGS

Christie Rose, Teresa Russell, Mary Ash, Marlene Soldavini, Deassa Binstock, Lynda Rhyno, Karen Jackson

IV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:28 p.m. followed by DOGS GONE WILD!

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary



Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

To renew your membership, you must complete a NVDTTC membership form (available at the club if you have misplaced yours). Return it to the club with your \$35.00 check. As a member, you earn vouchers by attending membership meetings, serving on committees, being a class assistant, a committee chair, assisting in trials, and more.

Continue receiving the Tattle Tales newsletter to keep you in the know. Continue to enjoy the camaraderie that comes with membership.

Renew today!



New member, Joanne Bird and her German Shepherd, Benson, join in the *Dogs Gone Wild* fun night.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Service Award



Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong for over 35 years. In 2001 the NVDTTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2010.

Nominations:

Any member is welcome to make a nomination, and a member may nominate multiple people each year. Nominations must be given in writing and must include the contributions of the nominee.

Criteria for the NVDTTC's Service Award:

- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTTC's by-laws and rules.
- 3) Nominee has contributed to the overall well-being and growth of the club.
- 4) Nominee represents the club in a professional and positive way.

Voting:

The Selection Committee is made up of past Service Award Recipients: Marilane Bergfelt; Bobby Honsvick; Anita Boyce; Mary Joy Davis; Teresa Russell & Sue Osborn. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

Return the completed form by **January 15th** to Sue Osborn.

Snail mail: 2883 Redwood Road, Napa, CA 94558

Email: sue@osborngraphics.com

(Title of your email message should contain the words "NVDTTC Service Award")

Additional Forms can be downloaded from napadogtraining.org

Your name: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Contributions: _____

Contributions include but are not limited to: Office(s) held; Board/Chair position(s) held; committee(s) worked on; projects for the club; help at the clubhouse/classes/events, etc.

A VERY SPECIAL AWARD!



Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Dog Hair...

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amobacter caninii" has been linked with the following symptoms in females: Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework, a reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or high heels. Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after "Baby" has new collars, leashes, beds, treats, food, blankets or toys.

"Amobacter caninii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion which may lead to a loss of physical

contact with other humans (especially husbands and boyfriends). "Amobacter caninii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources - this may lead to a "pack mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one." Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours.



Surgeon General's Warning: Dogs are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.

World Oldest Dog - Otto, Dachshund Cross terrier

Otto, a dachshund-crossterrier, is officially the oldest dog in the world. At the grand old age of 20 years and eight months he has every right to enjoy his dog days at a leisurely pace.

Mrs Jones, 53, has owned Otto since he was six weeks old. She and her husband, 68, a retired sales manager, who have been married for eight years, estimate Otto's age in 'dog years'—where one human year equates to seven for a canine—at 145. Former record holder: Chanel, 21, with her owner, Denice Shaughnessy, from New York State. The white-haired dachshund died in September.

They attribute his longevity to "plenty of love, plenty of good food and regular check-ups at the vet." Otto has arthritis, which somewhat limits his activities, but the couple say he is still sprightly. "He doesn't really like walkies any more," Mrs Jones said. "He gets about ten yards down the road then looks back over his shoulder as if to say "I want to go home". But he's still playful. He can still jump all over people when they come round."

By early evening, however, Otto is ready for bed. Often this means

Mrs Jones has to sleep in the spare room because Otto likes to be tucked up next to her husband.

The oldest dog on record was Bluey, an Australian cattle dog, who lived to 29 years and five months before having to be put down in 1939.

Official Record for Oldest Dogs by Breed

Beagle - Butch 1975-2003 28 years

Labrador - Bramble - 1975-2003 27 years

Dachshund - Chanel - May 6, 1988 - August 28, 2009
21 years, 114 days

Unofficial Record

Australian Cattle Dog - Bluey - June 7, 1910 - November 14, 1939
29 years, 160 days

Labrador - Bella - 1979-2008 29 years

Terrier - Max - August 9, 1983-Living

Bernese Mountain Dog - 1984-Living

Shih Tzu - Smokey - 1986-Living

NVDTTC supports AWNVShare

On Saturday, October 31, 10 members of Napa Valley Dog Training Club joined Aids Walk Napa Valley for their annual fundraiser to help victims of AIDS and for research to find a cure for AIDS.

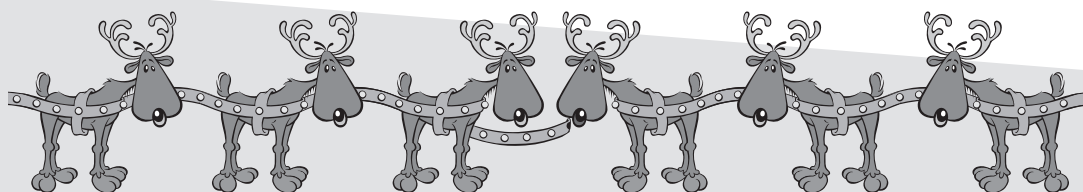
The following members and their dogs walked from the Veteran's Home through downtown Yountville and back to the Veteran's Home: Sandy Bonifield and Dieter, Lynda Rhyno and Bridgette, Tim Dack and Mac, Anne Moya and Cooper, Gary Walker and Buster, Teresa Russell with Perry, Linda Luchsinger and Tessa, Joy Wood with Tahoe, and Kodi and me. Mary Joy Davis was not able to make the walk but collected money to help raise our total.

Altogether \$1,056 was raised. A big thank you to all for the great job.

Mary Ash

For upcoming events go to nvdtc.org/events

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.





On Wednesday November 18, 2009, four happy canines (and relieved handlers) passed the CGC evaluation. There was a lot of jittery nerves but I think everyone did a good job. Congratulations to you. I want to again thank the evaluators for their help.

Marlene Soldavini
CGC coordinator



Jim Spiva and Sue Osborn at the Silverado Veterinary Open House on November 22nd—spreading the word about NVDTTC with a slide show and hand outs.

January 23rd & 24th, 2010
 Napa Valley Dog Training Club is proud to host
Judie Howard
OBEDIENCE TRAINING...
FROM THE DOG'S POINT OF VIEW
 68 Coombs St., Building N, Napa, California



THIS IS A TRUE WORKING SEMINAR

These seminars are structured to help people in all facets of dog training.

Judie Howard owned one of the largest obedience schools in the country for 24 years, with an enrollment of over 350 dogs per week. She has put more than 70 AKC obedience titles on dogs, including 17 UDs, 6 UDXs and 12 OTChs. (Another dog is over half-way and has all his firsts.) She has earned more than 140 AKC Highs in Trial, including eleven 200s on five dogs and has given more than 100 camps and/or seminars throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Working spot w/dog BOTH DAYS \$165
 Working spot w/dog ONE DAY \$95
 Auditor (non-working) BOTH DAYS \$95
 Auditor (non-working) ONE DAY \$75

**Makes a GREAT
 Christmas Gift!**

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 Include Lunch**

Got a Question? Email lindyckrs@aol.com
 NOTE "JUDIE HOWARD Seminar" in subject line.

**Flyer & Registration can be
 downloaded from nvdtc.org/.**



No Dogs
at
Meeting

*December's
General Membership
Meeting
is NVDTC's Annual
Holiday Potluck!*

*Monday,
December 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.*



Except for December, Board meetings are usually scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to all interested members.

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

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

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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

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