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TATTLE TAILS



club newsletter
www.NapaDogTraining.org

Meet Maggie, Scat-Sniffing is HER Job

Maggie has been trained to sniff out the scat of target species. Dogs are increasingly being used to help scientists track biological targets in natural settings. This training is being undertaken by biologists at the University of California; their reason: to more accurately survey species in the wild.

The researchers searched animal shelters and rescue organizations in Northern California for candidate dogs to train. "The dogs that do really well in this type of work are high energy, which also makes them hard to live with as pets," said Aimee Hurt, co-founder and associate director of Working Dogs for Conservation, a Montana-based nonprofit organization that promotes the training and use of dogs as a non-invasive tool for wildlife studies and management. "Those are often the types of dogs that end up in shelters. They are not kennel dogs. They need a job."

In the end, only one out of every 200-300 dogs is considered a candidate, she said, and of those, only 40 percent make the final cut. It takes anywhere from six weeks to three months to get the dogs ready for field work.

For this study, two dogs emerged from more than 600 candidates. Maggie, a female Labrador retriever mix, was trained to detect the scat of mountain lions (*Puma concolor*), bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) and domestic cats, and a male pit bull terrier mix was trained to detect red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) and kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis*) scat. When the dogs correctly located a target species' scat, they were rewarded with a play session.

Researchers obtained the sample scat from zoos and animal rehabilitation centers throughout California. For each species, the researchers collected scat from several individuals fed a variety of diets. This ensured that the dogs were cued to the species' scent rather than to what the animals ate.

The training and trials took place at the Hopland Research and Extension Center, a UC research field station in Mendocino County.

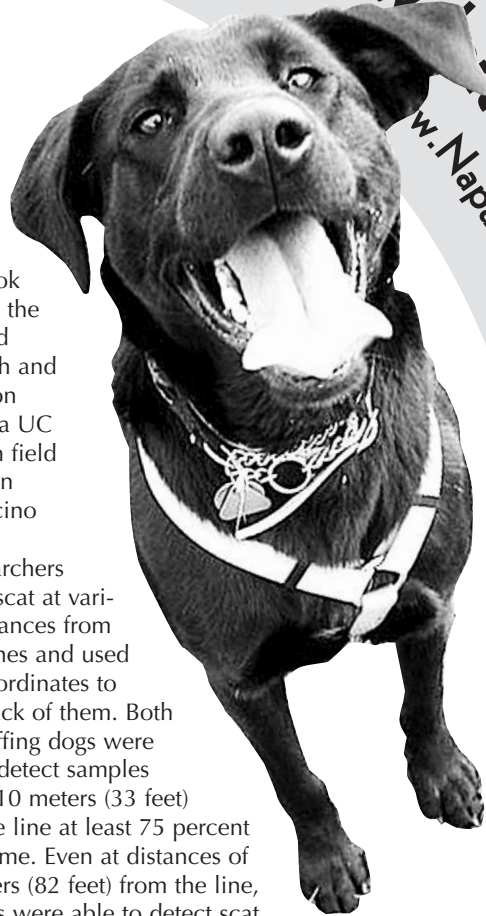
Researchers placed scat at various distances from those lines and used GPS coordinates to keep track of them. Both scat-sniffing dogs were able to detect samples placed 10 meters (33 feet) from the line at least 75 percent of the time. Even at distances of 25 meters (82 feet) from the line, the dogs were able to detect scat 30 to 40 percent of the time. In contrast, the researchers estimated that humans in the same environment would be limited to visual searches and only manage to see scat 3-5 feet from the line.

Wind did not have a significant effect on detection rates, possibly because the dogs were allowed the freedom to search for scents from multiple directions.

Of the environmental factors studied, precipitation had the biggest influence on detection rates. During the winter rainy season (November-April), the dogs were less likely to detect scat the longer the excrement was out in the rain. During the summer dry season (May-October), the scat accumulated over time, and the dogs detected it in greater numbers.

source:

<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2011/01/11/dogs>



Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

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.



2011 TRAINING SESSION 2

Subject to Change

To view the 2011 schedule on a full year calendar, visit the classes page on the napadogtraining.org website.

February 21 through April 1, 2011
(6 Weeks)

Week off between sessions 2 & 3: April. 4-8

Monday (2-21 to 3-28)

1st & 3rd Mondays unless noted otherwise

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

Tuesday (2-22 to 3-29)

5:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Lea
6:30 pm	Puppy	Kelly
7:30 pm	Adolescent Dogs	Kelly

Wednesday (2-23 to 3-30)

9:00 am	Novice/ Canine Good Citizen	Marlene
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Marlene
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene
6:00 pm	Intermediate Agility	Katherine
7:00 pm	Jumpers 3	Laura
8:15-8:45 pm	Clicker Target Stick	Laura

Thursday (2-24 to 3-31)

10:00 am	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:30 pm	Rally	Mary
7:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Linda

Friday (2-25 to 4-1)

5:30 pm	Competition Obedience	Teresa
6:30 pm	Puppy	Lynda
7:30 pm	Adolescent Dogs	Lynda



TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 1: January 3 — February 11, 2011

Session 2: February 21 — April 1, 2011

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

See page 6 for more details on the Clicker Target Stick class!

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.

Don't see a class you are interested in taking?
Read about our interest lists on page 6.

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

Details: www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm

Dog Fun (aka May Madness) Survey Results

Compiled by Karen Jackson

Here are the results from the survey published in the August 2010 Newsletter:

Ranking of games:

1	Find Your Owner	50
2	Agility Facility	49
3.	Perilous Path	47
4.	Rally Uh Oh	44
5.	Hoe Down	42
6.	Show Us Your Stuff	40
7.	Nose Knows	40
8.	Bobbing for Weiners	39
9.	Send and Stay	39
10.	Bowling	33
11.	Mummy Wrap	33

Majority of people (7 out of 11) want 5 games including Dog Dancing.

Majority (8 out of 11) want prizes and ribbons.

Since fun should be paramount, the Rolling Raccoon and Cyber Mouse should be eliminated. Three people did not like these toys.

For the offset figure 8 bowl, non-grain treats should be used.

For agility, the small wooden A-Frame, wobble board, possibly the dog walk plank and the weaves should be removed.

For rally, it was a tie as to whether there were too many signs.

Ranking of Rally signs:

1.	Position and walk three items	43*
2.	Position and walk once	39
3.	Spin dog three times	38*
4.	Spin dog once	37
5.	Kibble transfer	37
6.	Skipping	35
7.	Figure 8 pattern twice	31*
8.	Dog rings chimes	30*
9.	Singing	29
10.	Figure 8 pattern once	28
11.	Help dog ring bell	26

*Means walking twice or three times prevailed over walking once. The chime won over the bell.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club is on facebook!

If you are on facebook this is a great way to be notified of updates. Even if you are not, NVDTTC's facebook page is public. Bookmark the page to visit from time to time to catch up on new information from NVDTTC!

A link to NVDTTC's facebook page is on the home page of NVDTTC's website:
www.napadogtraining.org

1/10/2011 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, and Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the December 13, 2010 general meeting as published in the January 2011 newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Chase Savings: \$10,002.07
- B. Chase Checking: \$10,385.03
- C. Rabobank CD: \$11, 667.17
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

Mary introduced the 2011 board members, welcomed them all and reported at large members' 2011 duties:

- A. Sandy Bonifield is the training chair;
- B. Gerry Glantz is in charge of membership and speakers for meetings; she will keep master list and provide labels for use on newsletter mailings.
- C. Barrie Gordon is office manager;
- D. Beth Schutz is in charge of publicity.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

Gerry is starting to work on speakers for meetings for 2011. If anyone has ideas please let her know. Gerry also requested if anyone has a change to his or her mailing address or email address to let her know.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

A. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

1. The 2011 January newsletter was mailed out to replace incorrect newsletter originally sent out.
2. A full year schedule showing all sessions color-coded is available on the NVDTTC website.
3. Deadline to submit articles and information for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.

B. OFFICE, Barrie Gordon

1. All ships are manned, everything is moving smoothly.
2. If interested in working in office for session 2, see Barrie.
3. Attendance is currently low for session one.

C. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield

1. A meeting will be held Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 pm to make changes to session 2.
2. If anyone is interested in any classes to be held, sign up on the interest lists located in the office.
3. M/S/C to approve request from Katherine Rhyno for pay increase beginning with session six of 2010 at \$20 an hour.

D. PUBLICITY, Beth Schutz

No report.

E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell

1. No leaks.
2. Gary Gordon removed dead rat from light closet.
3. Bathroom lights flickering in bathroom, Teresa will contact maintenance man.
4. Building use requests:
 - a. M/S/C with one abstention for Gold Coast Freestyle Guild to use building for an all day seminar on May 7, 2011 at a cost of \$100.
 - b. M/S/C to approve request from LAPS to use building at no cost on Sunday, February 27, 2011 for team evaluations.

VII. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- A. Sue Osborn presented a brochure detailing AOCNC, what is about, its history and events. These brochures will be provided at the club and in new members' packets.
- B. AOCNC is looking for a third representative from NVDTTC. If interested, let Gerry know.
- C. Next meeting is Presidents' Appreciation and is scheduled for January 22, 2011. Mary Ash will be attending.

VIII. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Barrie Gordon and Beth Schutz for tonight's hospitality! Laura Ecklin and Marcie Neller will provide hospitality for the February meeting.

IX. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Sunshine was extended to Lori Jackson.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Year End Banquet, Laura Ecklin and Lynda Rhyno
 1. Banquet will be held on February 26, 2011 at the Chardonnay Golf Club.
 2. No rental fee for room.
 3. Cannot bring your own wine.
 4. Sign up by February 12, form is in newsletter and online.
 5. M/S/C to approve \$150 budget for decorations, gifts, raffle prizes, etc.
- B. 2010 Service Award, Lynda Rhyno
Lynda has received a number of nominees but would like to see more. Deadline is January 15.
- C. Results for the "Dog Fun (aka May Madness)" survey have been completed and will be published in the next newsletter.
- D. Vange Leonis thanked everyone who contributed items for the military. The box has been taken away for now. If anyone wants to do it later in the year, it can be brought back.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reimbursement Request
M/S/C to reimburse \$50 each to Teresa Russell, Sandy Bonifield and Mary Ash for the AKC Judges Seminar held at Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club.
- B. Puppy Class Donations

If anyone has items to donate for use in puppy classes put them in the office for Kelly Finn or Marilane Bergfelt. List of suggested items was published in the December 2010 newsletter and is also posted on corkboard at the club.

XII. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- A. M/S/C to accept Cheryl Sawyer as a member. Cheryl owns a Border Collie name Lucky.
- B. M/S/C to accept Reesha Martin as a returning member. Reesha was a member five years ago and has a Border Collie named Brandy and a Malamute named Zoie

XIII. BRAGS

Reesha Martin, Karen Jackson, Linda Wargo, Stephen Ward, Christy Rose, Sandy Bonifield, and Mary Ash.

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:33 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary

**For upcoming trials/shows
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.*

**Sacramento Valley
Dog Fanciers Association
AKC Sanctioned
B Match & Obedience Workshop
Saturday, March 12, 2011
Dixon May Fairgrounds
655 S. 1st Street, Dixon, CA
<http://www.napadogtraining.org/events>**



NVDTC Guidelines and Procedures Updated

Guidelines and Procedures have recently been updated. Most recent changes include revised voucher amounts:

For each \$35 paid family membership, only one adult member in a membership household receives a \$10.00 voucher for attending general meetings.

Attending General Meeting: \$10 Voucher
Committee Chairperson: \$40 Voucher
Active Committee Member: \$30 Voucher
Office Assistant: \$40 Voucher
Class Assistant: \$40 Voucher
Event Volunteer:
\$20 Voucher for work done on day of event
Board Member:
\$120 Voucher for one year of service

1. Vouchers have no expiration date and are transferable.
2. Old vouchers for a full class are grandfathered in.
3. Use of vouchers is limited to \$80 per class per dog. Same limit applies to multiple dogs. This does not include vouchers that are good for a class.
4. Juniors under 12 or those over 12 who need supervision do not earn a voucher, however their supervising parent will be eligible for one voucher regardless of the number of supervised children working at events.

To see other recent changes, a copy of the current guidelines and procedures is available on the website on the resources page:

<http://www.napadogtraining.org/resources.htm>

SPECIALTY CLICKER CLASS TO BE OFFERED SESSION 2

Not sure what operant conditioning is?

Interested in how to use a
clicker to teach behaviors?

Have a small dog and want to
use a target stick?

Then, we have a class for you. Laura Ecklin will be teaching a clicker class that focuses on the use of a target stick for small dogs. Large dogs can attend as well since we'll show you how to teach tricks and behaviors using a clicker.

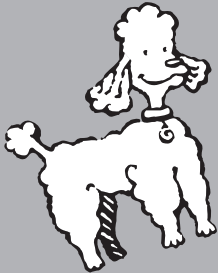
The class will be offered on

Wednesdays, 8:15 to 8:45 p.m.

March 2 through March 30 (five weeks)

Target sticks & clickers will be available for purchase at the club.

SIGN UP SOON! Space is limited.
Please call (253-8886) or stop by the club to sign up.



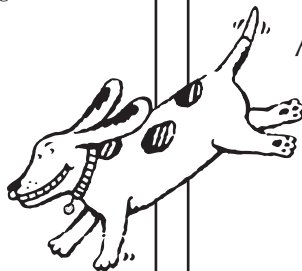
What types of classes are you interested in?

Below is a list of all the 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.

You can sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at barrioungordon@gmail.com

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

Put your name on a list today!



COUNTY-WIDE DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC

Sunday, March 27, 2011

47th ANNUAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL
(morning)

4th ANNUAL
AFTERNOON OBEDIENCE TRIAL

7th ANNUAL RALLY TRIAL
(morning)

4th ANNUAL
AFTERNOON RALLY TRIAL

SONOMA-MARIN FAIRGROUNDS

www.nvdtc.org/pdfs/CWDTC_Premium2011.pdf

Jerky Treats Causing Fanconi Syndrome in Dogs

Fanconi syndrome is a disorder in which the proximal renal tubules of the kidney do not properly reabsorb electrolytes and nutrients back into the body, but instead "spill" them in the urine. Symptoms include excessive drinking (polydipsia), excessive urination (polyuria), and glucose in the urine (glucosuria.) If Fanconi is left untreated, muscle wasting, acidosis, and poor condition will also occur.

The American Veterinary Medical Association posted the below media alert in 2007 warning veterinarians that multiple brands of jerky treats manufactured in China were making dogs sick. Cases are still occurring so this information is worth repeating.



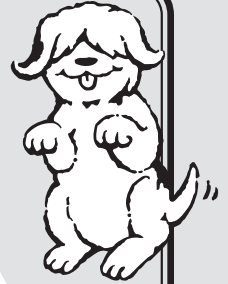
Presenting Signs and Laboratory Findings

Affected dogs appear to be developing an acquired Fanconi's syndrome which appears to be transient. Small dogs with a history of ingesting jerky treats (mostly chicken jerky) are typically affected. Clinical signs include vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy.

Physical examination findings have been unremarkable. In addition to mildly elevated liver enzymes, the most common blood abnormalities include severe decrease in Potassium, called hypokalemia, along with acidosis and glucose (sugar) in the urine and granular casts on urinalysis. Elevated kidney enzymes; Blood Urea Nitrogen and Creatinine may or may not be consistently found.

Testing Recommendations

For dogs with apparent Fanconi's syndrome, we recommend a CBC, chemistry panel including electrolytes, urinalysis and urine culture. Blood gas analysis, if available, is ideal. Additional testing for other causes of acute kidney damage including Leptospirosis blood testing is also recommended. Kidney x-rays, and Fanconi screens on urine may be warranted in some cases.



Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Chardonnay Golf Club, 2555 Jamieson Canyon Road, Napa
The Chardonnay Room

Entree #1 New York Steak w/shaved Truffle Merlot Reduction sauce

Entree #2 Vermont Maple Glazed Roasted Breast of Chicken

Entree #3 Vegetarian Option: Grilled Vegetable San Marcos
Fettuccine with Garbanzo Beans, Kalamata Olives, Roasted
Red Bell Peppers and Feta Cheese

Coffee, Tea & Lemonade

Garlic & Herb Mashers, Vegetable Ratatouille, Dinner Rolls and Butter

DESSERT: Boston Cream Pie

\$30.00 per person (includes everything)

No host cocktails, cash bar: 12:00 p.m.

Lunch served: 12:30 p.m.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Choice # for each person _____

Please send your order including a check by February 12th payable to NVDTTC to
Laura Ecklin's attention, NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558 or drop in her box at club.

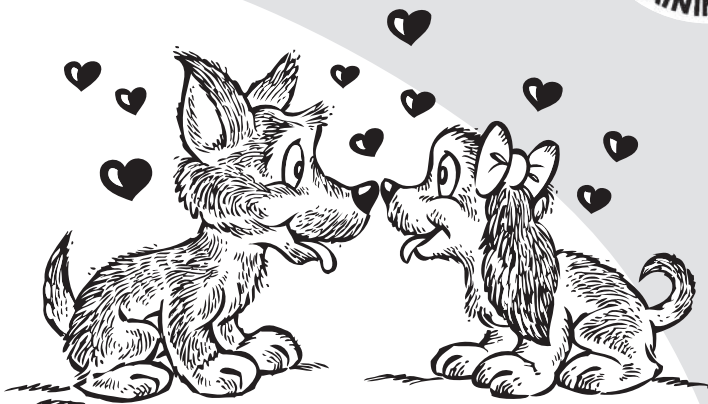
**DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY
12th**

**Next General Meeting at the Club:
Monday, February 14, 2011
6:30 p.m.**



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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 6:00 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**

**Deadline for newsletter submissions is
the 20th of each month.
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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

**Napa Valley Dog Training Club
P.O. Box 4097
Napa, CA 94558
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

Annual Celebration is Feb. 26th!
Feb. 12 deadline for signing up is just around the corner!
See Page 7 to SIGN UP TODAY!

- Agility Trial Chair:** Laura Ecklin
- Obedience and Rally Trial Chair:** Mary Ash
- AOCNC:** Gerry Glantz
- 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