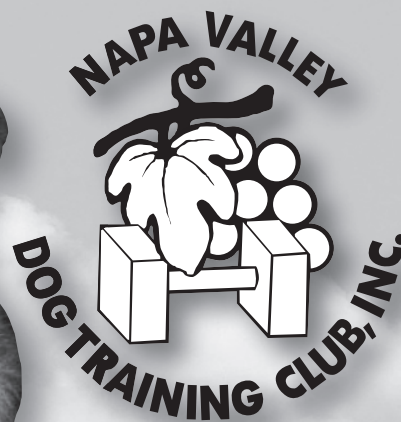


TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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TREIBBALL PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT NVDTC, February 11, 2013!

Born in Europe about 2002, treibball ("try-ball") is a whole new ball game for dogs of almost any breed or size, offering

- the excitement of agility with less physical stress for both dog and handler,
- a structured format for both dog and handler to learn a whole new set of advanced skills, and
- a unique opportunity to develop a true sense of teamwork with your dog.

Treibball requires the dog to move out away from the handler (who is confined to a goal space, as in soccer) and then work to "retrieve" large plastic inflated balls (the same type used for human physical therapy or fitness work). The dog can use her nose, forehead or shoulders to move the balls from the center of the field back to the handler. It is a timed sport, and currently two organizations are offering titling opportunities; a third organization is being developed.

The game looks easy from a distance, and it's great fun to watch, but there's serious training involved as the dog learns to target, to focus on the handler, and to work at distance—perhaps up to 100 feet away! Following are a few quotes from people who are learning treibball, explaining why they are enjoying this experience with their dogs:

- Many of the people in AKC have dogs that have attained all their obedience or agility titles and are getting a little older or looking for a

new challenge. Treibball gives both those handlers and dogs a new challenge. Those dogs are used to working and, like many people, the boredom of retirement is difficult for them.

- It also doesn't really interfere with the conformation skills and could be trained right along with showing in the ring.
- My Jack does not like to carry things in his mouth, so obedience past novice is out for us. Treibball keeps him in good condition, listening, practicing impulse control and having a good time with Mom. I think it builds confidence in a shy dog as it has with Jack.

Marcia Barkley is currently the only trainer between Pleasanton and Carson City offering classes in treibball. She and one of her students will introduce treibball to NVDTC on Monday, February 11th, 2013. Their presentation, including both a live demo and some video clips, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please come early so we can begin on time. The regular meeting will follow at about 7 p.m. (NOTE: if there's enough interest, NVDTC may be able to sponsor treibball classes.)



JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2013

2013 SESSION SCHEDULE

Session 1 Jan 7 - Feb 15
Week off: Feb 18 - Feb 22
Session 2 Feb 25 - Apr 5
Week off: Apr 8 - Apr 12
Session 3 Apr 15 - May 24
Week off: May 27 - May 31
Session 4 Jun 3 - Jul 19
Week off: Jul 1 - Jul 5
No week off between Sessions 4 & 5
Session 5 Jul 22 - Aug 30
Week off: Sep 2 - Sep 6
Session 6 Sep 9 - Oct 18
Week off: Oct 21 - Oct 25
Session 7 Oct 28 - Dec 13
Week off: Nov 25 - Nov 29

DOWNLOAD THE 2013 SCHEDULE SHOWING ALL SESSIONS ON A FULL YEAR CALENDAR AT LINK BELOW:
www.nvdtc.org/pdfs/TrainingSession2013Calendar.pdf

All 2013 Sessions are 6 Weeks

Class Fees: Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at 707-253-8666 to check class availability and to register.



TRAINING SESSION 2
2013

Subject to Change
Feb. 25 – Apr. 5, 2013

Monday (Feb 25 – April 1)		
No classes held on 2nd Monday of each month		
Daytime:	Rally	Mary
5:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
7:00 pm	Agility	Laura
8:00 pm	Agility	Laura
Tuesday (Feb 26 – April 2)		
4:30 pm	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
(Current daytime DCD class may move to this slot – TBA)		
5:30 pm	Beginning Freestyle	Judy
6:30 pm	Good Manners 2	Teresa
7:30 pm	Advanced Obedience	Teresa
Wednesday (Feb 27 – April 3)		
9:00 am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Jim
5:30 pm	Puppy	Marilane
6:30 pm	Adolescent Dog	Marilane
7:30 pm	Puppy	Lynda R.
Thursday ((Feb 28 – April 4)		
5:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Sandy
6:30 pm	Puppy	Lea
7:30 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
Friday (Feb. 29 – April 5)		
6:30 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lynda R.

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list by visiting the NVDTC clubhouse office.

Yes Virginia,
Dogs Really CAN Dance!

by Judy Gamet, Owner—Dogs Can Dance

What is Canine Freestyle?

Have you ever sat near the conformation ring at a dog show and found that you couldn't take your eyes off of a particular dog as they flashed elegantly around the ring? How about the rally obedience ring as a team, so in sync with each other that the entire course flowed flawlessly? How about the agility competition where the dog was so exact and in tune with the handler that the handler seemed to have disappeared and all you saw was the magnificent performance of the dog? These moments, in the dog world, IS dance!

Canine freestyle is not about what flashy costume you can wear as the handler, not about what wild tricks you can get your dog to perform to music, not even about the dance steps that you create while your dog happens to be next to you... quite the contrary. Canine Freestyle, unlike what has been portrayed in the media, is defined by the Canine Freestyle Federation as "a choreographed performance with music, illustrating the training and joyful relationship of a dog and handler team."

Why should I consider the sport of Canine Freestyle?

Dogs Can Dance uses only moves offered by dogs naturally, and each dog is an individual. Flexibility, agility, and strength is increased by working on movement phrases which travel forward, backward, even sideways, turning, spinning, working both the right and left sides evenly. Basic obedience is sharpened because you are practicing those foundation



exercises in a spirit of fun with music. Many teams that had been turned off by traditional obedience find that their skills are so much improved, they once again are considering obedience competition! Becoming a good freestyle team does require practice, so endurance and focus improve for both the handler and dog. Lastly, the improvement in self confidence for the dogs is amazing. In this sport, the dogs have at least fifty percent of the say when creating a routine. They often offer movement behaviors and movement phrases that are much more creative than what the human partner has thought of! This sport is the only dog sport that allows the dog to participate as an equal partner.

How can I get started in Canine Freestyle?

Classes are starting at NVDTC this month on January 8! A complete listing of classes can be found on the Dogs Can Dance website. If you can't make it on Tuesday nights, you can order the at home study programs that can help you get started in the sport of canine freestyle. Need coaching? DCD also offers on line classes for dogs who are not comfortable in a dog class setting!

Want to get started now? Join the free Dogs Can Dance Yahoo Group called "101 Canine Freestyle" and learn from the thoughts and discoveries of top freestyle handlers worldwide.. Google: Yahoo Groups Search: Canine Freestyle—Look for: 101 Canine Freestyle Ask to join the group.

More information about canine freestyle is available by visiting: www.DogsCanDance.com and www.canine-freestyle.org



Graduates of Lea Ronald's Adolescent Class, Session 7, 2013



Remembering Albert Einstein, a very special dog who touched many hearts, many souls.



I. CALL TO ORDER

- Gerry Glantz, President, called the General Meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
- Board members present: Christy Rose, Gerry Glantz, Heather Kearn, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, and Sue Osborn.

II. MINUTES

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the November 12, 2012, General Meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- CD \$11,782.76
- Savings \$2,105.02
- Checking \$5,715.47
- M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz
Gerry thanked everyone for their help this year.
- VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger
No report.
- OFFICE, Heather Kearn
Heather thanked Mary Ash and Margretha Lane for their help during the year.
- TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield
 - Classes will begin January 7.
 - A student in Marilane's class is very sick and only attended 2 classes. Sandy is requesting a class credit for this student.
M/S/C to give a class credit voucher to the owner of "Mac".
- BUILDING, Sue Osborn
No report.
- NEWSLETTER, Sue Osborn
Next newsletter deadline is Dec. 20.
- PUBLICITY, Christy Rose
Ad goes in Dec 26 and runs for 8 days.

V. AOCNC, Mary Ash

- Entries for the AOCNC Annual All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trial are available online.
- Annual President's luncheon will be in January.

VI. HOSPITALITY

- Linda L. and Sandy will volunteer for the January meeting.

VII. SUNSHINE, Margretha Lane

- Stephen Ward is at home recovering.
- Linda L. reports that her granddaughter is responding well to treatment.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- 2012 Agility Trial, August 17 & 18, 2013 No report.
We are looking at making changes and will discuss further in January.
- 2012 Obedience Trial, November 2, 2013
Mary Ash did a quick comparison of the costs of a trial location in Martinez or Vallejo. We can save \$2,000 and offer optional titling categories if we move to Martinez. It would be wise to change the date back to Saturday, June 22, 2013. Board recommends the change of venue.
M/S/C to have Mary contact AKC to get our Obedience/Rally trial date back to June 22, 2013 and have Martinez to hold the date for us.

C. VST test, Linda Wargo, (absent)

VST will be held at the Veteran's Home on March 10, 2013.

D. Christmas Faire, Vange Leonis

Plan to come and join the fun.

E. v, April 6 & 7, 2013,

Sandy Bonifield

Applications are now here and it is filling fast. Our dog club has until the end of the month before going out to the general public. Working spots cost \$250 and auditing spots cost \$150. If you want to attend, get your deposit in within the next week or so.

F. Nominations for the Club Service Award, Lori Jackson

- The deadline to submit nominations is January 16, 2013.
- The nomination form is on the website under Awards and can also be found in the Nov./Dec. newsletter. Submit your nominations to Lori Jackson.

G. Yearend Awards

- Submit plaques and an information sheet for each dog to Linda Wargo.

H. Yearend Banquet

- For possible locations Linda L. has looked at the Olive Tree and Filippi's. Menu varies and prices around \$25. Eagle Vines golf course prices \$30 to \$35.

M/S/C to have the Year End banquet at Filippi's on either date and let Linda make the decision. Upon further discussion, it was decided to have dinner on February 23.

- Joy will chair the event. Laura, Mary, and Joy will coordinate the event.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Recommendation from the Board to increase fees for use of building.

- Non-profit groups – increase from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per day.
- For-profit groups – increase from \$200.00 to \$300 per day. We do not know of any comparable building rentals. What percentage of our income comes from building rental? Suggested to rent to more outside groups – for example, an exercise boot camp.
M/S/C to increase the fee for non-profits from \$30 to \$40 and raise rate on for-profit groups from \$200 to \$300 per day.

X. NEW MEMBERS

Hailey Severson, a junior member, is a friend of Maria's. Hailey volunteers with Whiskers, Tails, and Ferals and has a Jack Russell/Chi mix named Chica.

M/S/C to have Hailey Severson become a junior member.

XI. BRAGS

No brags tonight.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. followed by our Christmas potluck and gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Rhyno



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

WHO DOES WHAT:

President:

Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:

Sue Osborn

Treasurer:

Lori Jackson

Secretary:

Lynda Rhyno

Past President &

AOCNC Rep:

Gerry Glantz

At Large Board Members:

Frances Anamosa

Sandy Bonifield

Debbie Payton

Lea Ronald

Newsletter, Website

& AOCNC Rep:

Sue Osborn

SUNSHINE:

Margretha Lane

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Margretha know!

CGC:

Jim Spiva

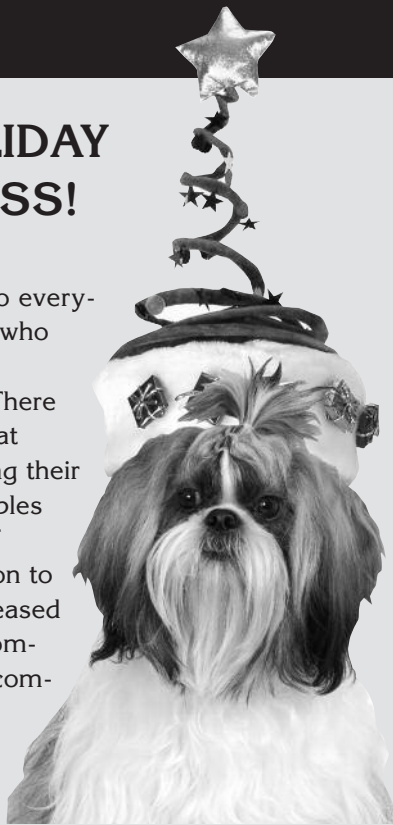


CANINE HOWLIDAY FAIR A SUCCESS!

by Vange Leonis

I would like to say thanks to everyone, and there were many, who helped make the Canine Howliday Fair a success. There was close to 100 people that came to shop many bringing their dogs. There were twelve tables with a good combination of crafts to buy and information to get. The exhibitors were pleased with the turn out. People commented on how fun it was coming to the dog club, how much they learned, and how welcomed they felt. Special thanks to Sue Osborn who designed the flyer and updated the website I can't remember how many times. Lori Jackson registered the attendees and got them started in the right direction. Pat Martin and friend from LolliPop Designs supplied shoppers with many beautifully sewn, one of a kind, gifts for their best fur friend.

Lynne Dilsaver & Michelle Antonio (LAPS members) worked the very popular fleece table with handmade (by them and me) dog toys, cat/dog blankets, and scarves for you and your dog. Club members learned how to make fleece toys and started a "sewing circle." WARNING making fleece toys can be addictive. Pete the cartoonist from About Faces captured each dog's expression in a delightful animated way. Joy Wood and her Holiday pictures were highly sought after. In fact she was the last exhibitor to leave the building. Barbara Martin and friend from Animal Communication Plus assisted people in better understanding their animal's point of view. Marilane Bergfelt and Gwen McKenzie from LAPS brought a wealth of knowledge on Animal Assisted Therapy to those interested in sharing their dog with people in need of a canine that can bring acceptance, laughter and love into their lives. Teresa Russell signed up many people for a variety of training classes. Thank you for promoting the wide range of training classes offered at NVDTC. Gerry Glantz operated the Healthy Treats table and SOLD OUT of all the treats. Way to go Gerry.



Bobbie Homsvick helped people stuff holiday stockings with special squeaker toys from Santa. Debbie Crain and Sue Osborn from Gold Coast Freestyle Guild invited people to watch performances of freestyle dog dance on a laptop. This was a first experience into the canine world of dance for some. Deassa Binstock shared her professional training and expertise in animal behavior. Many questions were asked and answered. Katie Tucker from SLDTTC provided an opportunity to design a hand painted collar for your dog. Jim Spiva captured the essence of the holiday fun with his MANY MANY MANY pictures. Please visit the club's website to view the Canine Howliday Fair. Thank you to the many club members that brought cider and cookies to refresh the shoppers and to those who got the word out to the public through posting of flyers and print media. The fair's special award goes to all the well behaved dogs. They went home with gifts, toys and smiles. And me, thanks to all of you, had almost nothing to do.



AKC'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN NOW AN OFFICIAL AKC TITLE

New York, NY – In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC®'s Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

"We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title," said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. "The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn."



For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

- CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting the form at <http://images.akc.org/cgc/GK9TC6.pdf>

- CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record.

Napa Valley Dog Training 2012 Club Service Award:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong for over 35 years. In 2001 the NVDTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2013.

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 NVDTC's Service Award:**
- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
 - 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTC's bylaws 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: Lori Jackson, Laura Ecklin, Marlene, Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, and Mary Joy Davis.
Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

Return the completed form by January 16, 2013 to Lori Jackson.
c/o NVDTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558
or leave in her box at the club.

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!

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Napa, CA 94558

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



**Next
General Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2013
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse**

No dogs at the meeting.

***Service Award Nominations
Due January 16!***

Don't forget to nominate one or more club members who have made a significant contribution to the club.

Nominations are to be in writing. See page 7 for details and a form to fill out for submittal to Lori Jackson.

This award will be presented at the Annual Banquet!

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.



Graduates of Lea Ronald's Puppy Class, Session 7, 2013



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the latest news & photos:
www.napadogtraining.org

**Submission deadline for the Mar/Apr
newsletter is February 20.**

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