

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014

TATTLE TAILS

CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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Critter Comforters Call for Volunteers

Critter Comforters has been supplying blankets to Napa County Animal Shelter for 8 years. NVDTTC supplies the labels and volunteers sew,



knit or crochet blankets that go home with each dog and cat adopted from the shelter. Total production to-date is approximately 4,000 blankets. We are hoping to find one or two new volunteers

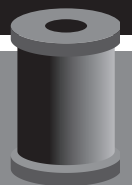


to sew blankets.

Critter Comforters now has a working relationship with Community Projects thrift shop to receive flannel, fleece and mattress pads that are not quite good enough to sell in the store. As a result of that generosity, we have a huge backlog of fabric goods and only two volunteers sewing blankets.

A wonderful lady who has been sewing 12-15 blankets each and every week since Critter Comforters started is now in her 90s. She is still active and producing blankets, but when she can no longer sew for us, we will need someone (or more likely, several someones) to take over her production.

Interested persons can call Gwenn McKenzie at 255-3578 for more information. Gwenn receives, launders and sorts the fabric, and distributes labels, but her sewing skills are non-existent. Volunteers work at their own pace on their own schedules.



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JOIN US
for our
Annual Awards Dinner!
SAVE THE DATE:
February 22, 2014



This year's awards dinner will be held at:

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

Fine Italian Food in Napa

Feb. 22, 2014

6:00 pm

Cost is \$20 per person.

Similar menu as last year;

update at upcoming January 9 meeting.

Curl Up With a Good Dog Book!

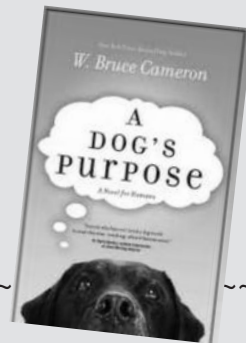
Make this a regular column by recommending books for others to read. Send your titles to newslettereditor@nvdtc.org.

Here are two recently recommended by Frances Anamosa



Dogs Never Lie About Love: Reflections on the Emotional World of Dogs by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson (September 1998)

A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron (2011)



Are You Guilty of These Dog Park Faux Pas?

Most people love the idea of dog parks - dogs playing together in harmony, and running through endless fields of lush foliage. But then again sometimes that's not exactly how it works. Many times our pets become the brunt of a dog bully, or even worse our dog acts like the bully. While it's easy to turn a blind eye and just let dogs play, it's important to keep other pet parents in mind when we take our pups to the park.

Be a Mindful Pet Parent

Many pet parents will tell you that they can't stand it when a pet parent pays no attention to their pooch. This allows for dog fights to happen easily. Just like humans, dogs won't get along with "everyone" they meet, therefore you must make sure your dog is treating others well. If you see some aggression and your dog is involved take him or her out of the situation immediately. It's also good etiquette to apologize to the other pet parent. The bottom line is, don't be oblivious to what's going on with your pet.

Don't Scold Other Peoples' Pets

When you see someone else's dog acting up it may be a basic instinct to scold that dog. However, you shouldn't try to reprimand anyone's dog but your own. Many pet parents take offense to other people yelling or warning their pet. Calmly walk over to the other pet parent and let them know their pet isn't playing by the rules. Pet parents will react better if you talk to them and not Fido.

Leave the Attitude at Home

We all want our dog to have other dog friends and have a great time at the park, but the fact is, some dogs just can't play nice with each other. Dominant dogs like to be in control of others, and if your dog is dominant and he or she meets another dominant dog, then many times there will be an issue. That's why you must always keep an eye on your pet, and if need be, keep him or her on a leash for a while. If your pet is still having issues after the first couple of visits, it might be a good idea to play elsewhere.

Truth be told, not all dogs are cut out for the dog park. If we do go to the dog park, just remember it's our job as dog parents to make sure our playful pooch is behaving. If we listen to others at the dog park, pay attention to our dogs, and communicate well with other pet parents, surely a good time will be had by all.

Source: 1800PetMeds.com

BEGINNING TREIBBALL CLASSES

Start January 6, 2014, Mondays at 3:30

A downright FUN class to take if you and your dog are looking for something new to do.

Very suitable for older dogs.

You will love the fun, enthusiasm and bonding.

Your dog will love the exercise, challenge, and creative thinking.

Pre-requisite: Your dog must be able to work off-leash in the presence of other dogs.

SIGN UP TODAY by calling 707-253-8666!



To learn more contact Marcia at marcia@teamworkdogtraining.com

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Napa Valley Dog Training 2013 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, 2014.

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: Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Laura Ecklin, Marlene Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, and Sue Osborn. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

Return the completed form by **January 17, 2014** to Karen Jackson.

c/o NVDTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558

or leave in Lori Jackson's 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!

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, President, called the General Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., after the membership enjoyed a potluck dinner.
- B. Board members present: Debbie Payton, Gerry Glantz, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Sandy Bonifield and Sue Osborn. Absent: Frances Anamosa, Lea Ronald

II. MINUTES

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the November 11, 2013, General Meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,808.42
- B. Savings \$9,765.43
- C. Checking \$385.75
- D. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- E. M/S/C to give the treasurer up to \$7,000 to pay the bills in January.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger**
The Board Award this month goes to Vange Leonis. We appreciate Vange's time, enthusiasm, and ideas for events like the Howliday Faire and all the ways she contributes to the dog club. Thank you, Vange.
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sue Osborn**
No report.
- C. **OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield**
Next session, Sue Osborn will cover the office on Wednesdays.
- D. **TRAINING, Lea Ronald, absent**
Another trainer meeting needs to be set up to schedule Sessions 2 and 3.
- E. **BUILDING, Debbie Payton**
During the break, there will be some retaping of the mats.
- F. **NEWSLETTER, Sue Osborn**
The next deadline is December 20.
- G. **PUBLICITY, Frances Anamosa, absent**
No report.

V. AOCNC, Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

Entries for the February 2 workshop are out. We have the beginning novice ring.

VI. HOSPITALITY, Linda

- A. Thank you, everyone, for tonight's food.
- B. Sandy and Linda L. will provide hospitality in January

VII. SUNSHINE, Bobby

No report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2014 Obedience Trial, Linda L.
We may need another judge and it may have to be an out-of-area judge. M/S/C that if an out-of area judge is needed, we will get one.
- B. VST, Linda Kennard
If you want to volunteer for the VST, let Linda know.
- C. Agility Trial, Debbie Payton, Linda Luchsinger
Debbie Payton provided a cost comparison of Trial Secretaries Lorie Abbott and Lynda Tjarks. The information provided by each trial secretary was difficult to compare in some areas.
 - 1. Questions remain on exactly how many free runs Lorie Abbott's crew receives. Deb calculated that Lorie Abbott's crew received 128 free runs, which seemed excessive.
 - 2. Lynda Tjarks provides a list of everyone who gets free runs. Lynda Tjarks charges for mileage and lodging.
 - 3. Following a discussion, there is a motion to defer the decision to the board.
 - 4. The motion was amended to hire Lynda Tjarks as the Agility Trial Secretary for 2014. M/S/C to hire Lynda Tjarks as the Agility Trial Secretary.
- D. Vouchers, Linda L.
Turn in your vouchers to Linda L. before the end of the year.
- E. End of Year Awards & Dinner, Linda L.
The dinner will be February 22 at Filippi's Pizza Grotto. Be sure to turn in your information for your end-of-the-year plaque. The deadline for turning in plaques and information is December 31, 2013.
- F. Club Service Award, Karen Jackson
The club service award nominations are coming up. Please get your nominations turned into Karen Jackson by February 17, 2014.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The board approved the requested LAPS dates (Feb - Mar) and (Oct - Nov). M/S/C to approve the requested dates for LAPS use of the building.
- B. Feb. 9 Mini Schnauzer Club requests use the building. M/S/C to approve the Feb. 9 building rental for the Mini Schnauzer Club.

X. NEW MEMBERS

No new members.

XI. BRAGS

No brags tonight.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Rhyno

Sandy's Deuce



This is the winning picture of my boy (Deuce) at Wine Country Kennel Club. He is now, CH. Jubilees Double Down for BoniRose. We won all his points from the Bred by Exhibitor class. I have been awarded Breeder of Merit from AKC. Really proud of this boy. Now he starts his obedience career.

—Sandy Bonifield

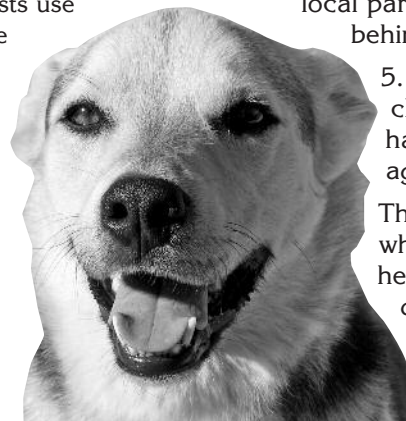
It's a NEW year. Make a resolution with your dog.

Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Commit to a 15-30 minute brisk walk each day. You can both reach your exercise goals.
- 2. Commit to spending five minutes a day teaching your dog a trick. Roll over and play dead are easy to teach and fun for your dog.
- 3. Help support a local rescue group. You can offer to foster a dog, walk a dog or even help do a fundraiser for a group.
- 4. Be a good neighbor. Spend a morning at the local park and clean up the poop others left behind.
- 5. Be a conscious consumer. When traveling choose pet friendly hotels, whether you have your dog with you or not. Let the management know too. They will appreciate it.

These few things can easily become habits which can be incorporated into your life and help make the world better for you and your dog.

Source: ridgewood.patch.com



WHO DOES WHAT:

President:
Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:
Sandy Bonifield

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary & Past President:
Gerry Glantz

At Large Board Members:

Office:
Sue Osborn

Office Assistant/Reproduction:
Karen Jackson

Publicity & Office Assistant:

Deassa Binstock

Building:
Debbie Payton

Training:
Marilane Bergfelt

AOCNC
Representatives:

Mary Ash

Gerry Glantz

Sue Osborn

SUNSHINE:

Bobbie Honsvick

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

CGC:

Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:
Sue Osborn



Drawing by S Osborn

“Animals, like us, are living souls. They are not things. They are not objects. Neither are they human. Yet they mourn. They love. They dance. They suffer. They know the peaks and chasms of being.”

Gary Kowalski, author of The Souls of Animals

In a perfect world every dog would have a home and every home would have a dog.

**FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS
GO TO
nvdtc.org/events**

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

TRAINING SESSION 1, 2014

**Subject to Change
Jan. 6 – Feb. 14, 2014
Week off February 17**

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of month

3:30 pm	Treibball Foundations	Marcia
4:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball	Marcia
5:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball	Marcia
6:30 pm	Advanced Agility	Laura
7:45-8:30 pm	Clicker Basics	Laura

Tuesday

4:30 pm	Paws 4 Fitness	Judy
5:30 pm	Dogs Can Dance/Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Overflow	

Wednesday

10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Jim
12:00 pm	Canine Good Citizen	Jim

5:00 pm	Overflow	
6:00 pm	Puppy	Sandy
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Overflow	

Thursday

11:00 am	Rally	Mary
5:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	TBA
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	TBA

Friday

TBA

See 2014 Session Schedule on back cover.
Class & Session schedules available
online: napadogtraining.org/classes.htm

If there are other classes you are
interested in, sign up on an interest list. Visit or
call the NVDTC office to have your name added.

New AKC “Community Canine” Title

Giving responsible dog owners a whole new level of achievement for their dogs, the American Kennel Club®



(AKC®) has developed a new advanced level title – AKC Community Canine – as part of the Canine Good Citizen® (CGC®) training program. Since 1989, the CGC program has rewarded more than 600,000 dogs and their owners who have passed the test, which recognizes the dogs’ good manners at home and in the community.

With the introduction of AKC Community Canine, the AKC’s CGC program now provides a compre-

hensive three- level training program for you and your dog. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen and now to AKC Community Canine, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life to be well behaved in society.

“AKC Community Canine expands on CGC skills and lays the beginning foundation for obedience, rally and therapy dog work,” Director of the Canine Good Citizen program Mary Burch, PhD, said. “While Canine Good Citizen tests are simulations of real world skills, the goal of AKC Community Canine is to test the dog’s abilities in

a natural setting. Rather than the test being administered in a ring, certain elements will involve the dog walking through a real crowd, whether at a dog show or on a busy sidewalk.”

As with CGC, AKC Community Canine requires a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Community Canine title:

- Dog sits or lies down and waits under control
- Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring) and does not pull
- Walks on a loose leash through a crowd
- Dog walks past distraction dogs present and does not pull
- Sit-stay in small group (3 other people with dogs)
- Dog allows person who is carrying something to approach and pet it
- Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, “Leave it”
- Down or sit stay-distance (owner’s choice)
- Recall (coming when called) with distractions present
- Dog will enter/exit a doorway or passageway with owner and remain under control

Eligible dogs for the AKC Community Canine title must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Community Canine test will earn the “CGCA” (advanced CGC) title.

Instructors can learn more about the program and begin training their students on AKC Community Canine skills by visiting the AKC Community Canine page. Beginning last October, AKC Community Canine testing is now administered by approved AKC CGC evaluators nationwide.

Carob Crunchers: A little carob love for a wheat sensitive doggy.

- 1 cup White Rice Flour
- 1/2 cup Carob Powder
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 3/4 cup Water

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl and knead until dough is formed and smooth, you may need to add

a little more water as the dough tends to be on the dry side.
3. Roll onto a heavily floured surface 1/4 inch thick and cut with small cookie cutter of your choice. Place on prepared baking sheet.

4. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or the cookies start to crackle. Cool and refrigerate.

Tips: Make sure you knead the dough very well, it may take some work to get the dough to come together. To make it easy on yourself it might be better to just cut it into squares with a pizza cutter.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Leave your dog
 at home.

**Next
 General Meeting
 Monday
 January 13, 2014
 6:30 p.m.**

2014 SESSION SCHEDULE

Jan 6 - Feb 14 — Week off: Feb 17

Feb 24 - April 4 — Week off: April 7

April 14-May 23 — Week off: May 26

June 2-July 18 — Week off: June 30
 (Fourth of July week mid session)

No week off between session 4 and 5

July 21-Aug 29 —Week off: Sept 1

Sept 8 - Oct 17 — Week off: Oct 20

Oct 27 - Dec 12 — Week off: Nov 24
 (Thanksgiving week mid session)

**Congratulations to recent
 Board Award Recipients!**

NOVEMBER: MARILANE BERGFELT

DECEMBER: VANGE LEONIS

The Board Award recognizes a member on a monthly basis; someone who has been paramount in making the club a better place by what they have done latterly. Unlike the annual Service Award wherein recipients are selected by general club members, Board members make the choice for Board Award recipients—hence the name, **Board Award**.



Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the **THIRD** 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.

**Submission deadline for the Mar/Apr
 2014 newsletter is February 20.**

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 the latest news & photos:
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