



January-February 2018



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NVDTTC Newsletter

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New Year's Resolutions for You and Your Dog

Goals Aren't Just for People

The start of a new year can also signal a fresh start for dogs needing a change in their routine. For example, with over 50 percent of pets in the U.S. classified as overweight, there's no better time for owners to commit to a new food and exercise regimen for their dogs. Need more ideas? Read on for some top resolutions to make this year your dog's healthiest year yet!

Measure Your Dog's Food - Every Time!

Many owners "eyeball" their dog's daily intake and pour that into a bowl, usually resulting in overfeeding and weight gain. It's important to use an 8-ounce measuring cup to ensure your dog isn't taking in more calories than they need. The recommended feeding guidelines on the bag are good place to start to figure out how much food Fido really needs. Older dogs and those who have been fixed usually have lower energy needs than young, intact animals.

Choose an Age-Appropriate Food

Growing dogs have very specific nutrient requirements to ensure their bodies grow healthy and strong. For example, some senior dogs may have lower energy requirements, but have other medical issues like degenerative joint disease that may be helped with the appropriate food. Choosing a food specifically tailored to your dog's life stage is a great way to keep them in optimal health.



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The YEAR of the DOG

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Don't miss NVDTTC's Annual Dinner

February 24, 2018

at

Compadres
505 Lincoln Avenue
Napa, California

Each year NVDTTC gives annual awards to recognize, support, and encourage the competition activity of its members by holding an annual dinner.

Be a part of this special night!
Join us for a fun filled evening!
Support your fellow members!

Download form at link
below for more details and to
make reservations:

nvdtc.org/pdfs/Dinner.pdf



Check out our Special Classes Coming Up in 2018!

We will continue to offer a variety of classes to fill out our standard line-up each session. Early sign-ups for these classes are accepted now. If you see something you like, don't hesitate to contact the office.

Session 1 (Jan 8 – Feb 17)

- Monday nights - Puppy Playtime, Small Dog Social & Delightful Distractions (2-week classes/pro-rated)
- Tuesdays - Scent Work - Call for Times
- Tuesday at 4:30pm - Beginning Freestyle
- Wednesday at 11:30am - Beyond Basics

Session 2 (Feb 26 – April 7)

- Monday nights - Puppy Playtime, Small Dog Social & Good Manners 2 (3-week classes/pro-rated)
- Tuesday at 4:30pm - Freestyle 2
- Tuesday at 5:30pm - Drill Team
- Wednesday at 11:30am - Intro to Rally

Session 3 (April 16 – May 26)

- Monday nights - Puppy Playtime, Small Dog Social & Good Manners 2 (4-week classes/pro-rated)
- Wednesday at 11:30am - Delightful Distractions
- Thursday at 7:00pm - Canine Good Citizen
- Friday at 7:00pm - Canine Fitness (4-week class / pro-rated)

Also, ongoing intermediate/advanced level classes accept students year-round. If interested in Rally (on Thursday, daytime and evening) or Musical Rally Challenge (Tuesday evening) please contact the office or speak with the instructors directly

See pages 4 & 5 for 2018 SESSIONS 1 & 2.
Dates & times for both our special classes as well as all of our regular classes are listed.

AKC Announces Achiever Dog Certificate Pilot Program

The American Kennel Club is excited to announce the launch of its new Achiever Dog certificate program. The AKC Achiever Dog certificate program is designed to recognize those exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when they have been awarded a placement or earned a qualifying score in three different sports. Dogs can start earning AKC Achiever Dog certificates December 1, 2017.



“Many exhibitors are interested in participating in different sports,” said Dr. Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board Member. “The AKC Achiever Dog program is designed to encourage owners to try a variety of sports, finding those they enjoy and realizing success. Both are winners!”

AKC is launching the Achiever Dog as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. Opportunities for improvement will be identified and could lead to a more refined program which recognizes these versatile dogs. The survey finding will help to shape the future of the AKC Achiever Dog certificate program. For more information on this program, visit www.akc.org/events/achiever-dog/ or email achieverdog@akc.org.



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CHECK OUT THESE "BRING YOUR DOG TO MEETING" NIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR 2018!

Mark *YOUR* Calendar!

Below are the following meeting nights currently scheduled wherein you can bring your dog to the clubhouse to enjoy lots of doggie fun and games:

February 12, 2108

May 14, 2018

August 13, 2018

**Tentatively October or
November meeting as well.**



The 2018 Dog Show Calendar is Now Available for Purchase!

Don't miss out!

You can pick up yours at the NVDTTC office. This calendar shows upcoming trials, matches, and other dog events scheduled throughout the next year in California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon.

**Cost: \$8 each
while quantities last.**

Cleaning & Organizing the Clubhouse Day 1 of 2

Thank you to all of you who took time from your busy Christmas season schedules to show up for one of two days set aside to clean up and reorganize space at the clubhouse on December 23rd: Marilane Bergfelt, Linda Luchsinger, Marlene Soldavini, Debbie Crain, Sue Osborn, Maria Giaccio, Kim Leslie and friend, Jim!

Clean up and Reorganize Day #2 is scheduled for January 6th. If you are available to help out, please contact Marilane Bergfelt: through the club: (707) 253-8666.

Many hands make light work.



Painting Help Needed

Plans are in the works to paint the walls at the clubhouse. If enough members volunteer, NVDTTC won't need to pay outside help to do the entire job. The goal is to have members help by painting the lower part of the walls.

If you are available to help paint, please contact Marilane Bergfelt through the club at (707) 253-8666.



Please call

707-253-8666

to check class availability
and to register.

CLASS FEES for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility,
Rally, Tricks & Games, & Sampler Class:
\$125

Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount
Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

CLASS FEES

for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle
and Musical Rally):

\$135

No Discounts

**Classes less than 6 weeks are
prorated for cost and vouchers.
Please call the club for details.**

Download Class Registration and more:

<http://www.napadogtraining.org/index.htm#classinfo>

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 months
Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year
Good Manners: 1 year+

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offset the cost of classes.

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Training Session 1

January 8 – February 17, 2018

(6 Weeks - Unless noted otherwise.)

OFF February 19 - 24

Monday

(2-Week Classes held 1-22 & 1-29)

5:30pm
6:30pm
7:30pm

Puppy Playtime (up to 5 ½ months of age)
Small Dog Social
Delightful Distractions

Vange
Vange
Vange

(Returning)

Tuesday

8:30am
10:00am
11:00am
12:00 / noon

Scent Work (continued class)
Adolescent Dog
Puppy
Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow)

Donna
Kim / Sandy
Kim / Sandy
Kim / Sandy

2:00pm
4:30 pm
5:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching
Beginning Freestyle
Creating Your Routine
Musical Rally Challenge
Scent Work (continued class)

Judy
Judy
Judy
Judy
Donna

(Returning)

Wednesday

9:30am
10:30am
11:30am

Good Manners 1
Good Manners 2
Beyond Basics

Kim
Marlene
Marlene / Kim

(Returning)

5:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

Adolescent Dog (overflow)
Puppy
Adolescent Dog
Puppy (overflow)

Donna
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Thursday

10:30 am

10:00 – 1:00pm

Rally (all levels - continued class)

Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates

Mary

5:00 pm
7:00 pm

Rally (all levels - continued class)
Good Manners 1

Mary
Mary

Friday

7:00 pm

Good Manners 1 (overflow)

TBA

11/2/17-sao

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run 6 weeks, one time per week at the
day & time shown for 50 minutes.

If there are other classes you are interested in,
sign up on an interest list.

Visit or call the NVDTTC office to
have your name added.

**Receive a \$10 discount for a regular
class if you are a senior (60 and
over), a junior (10 to 17) or if your
dog is a rescue.**

**(A rescue discount can only be used
once. One discount per class.)**

Schedule subject to change.



Training Session 2

February 26 – April 7, 2018

(6 Weeks - Unless noted otherwise.)

OFF April 9 - 14

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| Monday | | |
| (3-Week Classes held 2-26, 3-19 & 3-26) | | |
| 5:30pm | Puppy Playtime (up to 5 ½ months of age) | Vange |
| 6:30pm | Small Dog Social | Vange |
| 7:30pm | Good Manners 2 | Vange |
| Tuesday | | |
| 8:30am | Scent Work (continued class) | Donna |
| 10:00am | Adolescent Dog | Sandy / Kim |
| 11:00am | Puppy | Sandy / Kim |
| 12:00 / noon | Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow) | Sandy / Kim |
| 2:00pm | Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching | Judy |
| 4:30 pm | Freestyle 2 | Judy <i>(Returning)</i> |
| 5:30 pm | Drill Team | Judy <i>(Returning)</i> |
| 6:30 pm | Musical Rally Challenge | Judy |
| 7:30 pm | Scent Work (continued class) | Donna |
| Wednesday | | |
| 9:30am | Good Manners 2 | Kim / Marlene |
| 10:30am | Good Manners 1 | Kim / Marlene |
| 11:30am | Intro to Rally | Marlene <i>(Returning)</i> |
| 5:00 pm | Adolescent Dog (overflow) | Mary |
| 6:00 pm | Puppy | Mary |
| 7:00 pm | Adolescent Dog | Lea |
| 8:00 pm | Puppy (overflow) | Lea |
| Thursday | | |
| 10:30 am | Rally (all levels - continued class) | Mary |
| 10:00 – 1:00pm | Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates | |
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| 7:00 pm | Good Manners 1 | Mary |
| Friday | | |
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Did someone say
winter is here?



YEAR END AWARDS

A PDF of year end awards application can be downloaded from napadogtraining.org/awards.htm

Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2017

You have until December 31, 2017 to have completed your titles.

Please fill out all information below. Fill out a separate application for each individual award.

If you competed in a non-AKC event, it must require that you receive at least three legs (or equivalent) in order to title. The official application for year end awards is below, is available in the office and online. If you have any questions please contact Linda Wargo at 707-253-8666.

Your Name _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dog's Registered Name (if applicable) _____

Dog's Call Name _____

Dog's Breed _____ Variety/Color _____

Date/Title Received _____

Title Received (i.e.: AKC Agility Novice Jumper, AKC Champion, CD (Companion Dog))

Do you already have a plaque? _____

Do you only need a new engraving for your existing plaque? _____

Include a separate sheet of paper to tell us about your dog.

To receive your year end award you must have attended at least 3 meetings in 2017—no exceptions. See Carol Coawette if in doubt about whether you have fulfilled this requirement.

This form and plaques can be left at the club in a bag or envelope with Linda Wargo's name on it no later than January 5, 2018. Forms and plaques can also be personally turned into Linda Wargo at the January 8th general meeting.



RESOLUTIONS continued from page 1

Try a New Activity with Your Dog

From yoga to hiking, skijoring to kayaking, it's easier than ever for people to incorporate their dog into a new exercise routine. It's a great way to bond, it'll get you both out of the house, and both owner and dog will reap the rewards of a healthy physical activity. Meet-up groups are a great way to find like-minded dog owners to join you in your exercise, too!

Make a Date with Your Vet

Yearly examinations by the veterinarian are a key component of good preventive care. Many medical conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, or obesity are common in aging pets and



much easier to manage when detected in the early stages of the disease process. Veterinary visits are also the perfect time to ask for advice, update your pet's

food, or get an expert opinion on any behavioral issues that may be affecting your bonding with your pet.

Groom Your Pet Daily

Brushing your pet serves many purposes. It removes excess fur from the coat, reducing the amount you find on your clothes and furniture. It helps distribute oils from the skin to the fur, keeping the coat shiny and healthy. Lastly, daily grooming is a bonding activity that demonstrates to your pet how much you love them by taking care of them in a very soothing manner.

Teach an Old Dog a New Trick

Studies show that mental stimulation can help reduce cognitive deterioration in aging animals. In other words, keeping your senior pet's brain active can actually make it healthier! Teaching your pet new tricks and practicing those they already know are a great way to keep those neurons firing. Puzzle feeders, which force a pet to think through a task in order to be rewarded with a treat, are also an excellent way to keep a pet's mind engaged.

For more resolutions for you and your dog, visit www.hillspet.com

Napa Valley Dog Training 2017 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong since 1970. 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, 2017.

Leave completed form in club office in envelope with Donna Golemon's name by January 15, 2018. Questions? Contact Donna through the club at (707) 253-8666.

Voting:

The Selection Committee is made up of past Service Award Recipients:

Donna Golemon, Linda Wargo, Deassa Binstock, Sue Osborn, and Marlene Soldavini. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

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.

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 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.

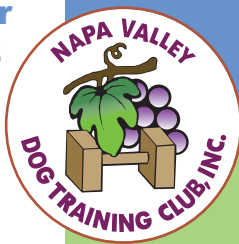


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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters? Missed that announcement about rattlesnake aversion or an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access past emails sent out from NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
MARCH/APRIL 2018 newsletter
is February 20, 2018.

Send to: news@napadogtraining.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FIRST* Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m except for the month of December.

Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are available at the club.

Next Meeting:
January 8, 2018
6:30 PM

Leave YOUR dog at home.



This cute photo submitted by Sandy Bonifield

Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share?

If you send a photo of YOUR dog (& name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!

Email to:
sueann@napadog-training.org



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