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Sandy Bonifield, Vice President
Stefanie Meinhardt, Treasurer
Roxann Gracia, Secretary
Linda Luchsinger, Past President

At Large Board Members:

Mary Ash, Office
Carol Coawette, Membership
Debbie Hilton, Building

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Sue Osborn

AOCNC REPS:

Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

BUILDING USE COORDINATOR:

Sue Osborn

nvdtc.org/buildingcalendar.htm

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information for above members

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January-February 2021



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Pet-Positive New Year's Resolutions for 2021

Resolution #1 Measure your pet's food.... every time!

As with us humans, it's all too easy for a pet's weight to gradually creep up over time. An estimated 54% of Dogs in the US are classified as overweight or obese. Consequently, tackling your pet's bulging waistline should be a number one goal for the New Year ahead. Measuring your pet's food accurately is the first step to take to prevent overfeeding. Make sure you read the instructions on your pet food carefully and accurately measure your pet's daily allowance.

Resolution #2 Grooming time

Not only does grooming your pet remove excess fur from the coat and thus reduce the amount you find on your clothes and furniture, it also helps to distribute oils from the skin to the fur, keeping the coat shiny and healthy. But that's not all... the vast majority of pets love to be groomed and it's a bonding activity that demonstrates to your pet how much you love them by taking care

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Letter from the President

Despite the challenges of the past months, the club has made it through some hard times dealing with having to shelter in place while still providing dog classes for our community, which I must say, we have been successful doing! With the arrival of 2021, we are still facing challenges with COVID-19 cases on the rise. As your new president, with the help of the board and club members, and my passion for the dog club, I hope we can all take them on with gusto and positivity.

Give a warm welcome to our two new board members, Mary Ash and Roxann Gracia, two very dedicated club members. I appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work our abbreviated board has done in the past and with new members on board, those activities will now be supplemented.

On another note, sadly, Marion Sigel has decided to step down as a board member and publicity chair for 2021. Her appreciable insight, her sense of humor, and her dedication to the board will be greatly missed. She expressed it has been her pleasure to be on the 2020 NVDTC Board, even with the COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainty. She is looking forward to seeing everyone in person soon.

One more note, don't forget to submit your nomination for the 2020 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award to Marilane by January 15th. This award will recognize an exemplary individual who demonstrates tireless passion and vision in promoting the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at (916) 384-7006 or by email at president@nvdtc.org.

Best Regards,

Sue Osborn, 2021 NVDTC President





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Roxann Gracia
Secretary



Stefanie Meinhardt
Treasurer



Mary Ash
At Large Board Member



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Debbie Hilton
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Linda Luchsinger
Past President

YOUR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Communication between board members has recently become more efficient with the introduction of SLACK. And now with meetings being conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19, there is a new appreciation for the flexibility to hold meetings from home and not needing to wear a mask!

Other than meeting twice monthly and sometimes in between for special board meetings, members on the board take on different jobs and put in many behind-the-scenes hours to for their part running the club.

Jobs include, but are not limited to, returning phone calls, logging in payments, balancing books, picking up mail from the post office, issuing vouchers, tracking membership applications, writing up minutes, publishing a newsletter, generating financial records and reports, club beautification projects, making sure supplies are stocked & everything in the building is in good working order, setting up pest spraying, managing groups for use of building, sending out email notifications about classes and other pertinent club informa-

tion to our student data base (now up to more than 1,000 names), communicating with instructors to schedule classes and sessions via training meetings...the list goes on.

What the board is involved in is just part of what goes on. There are many members who also dedicate a lot of their time to the running of the club, running DogBizPro takes a huge chunk of time and thanks to Donna Golemon, registering for classes is easier for students now that it can be done online.

Special thanks go to members Anne Stanley and Chelsea Murdock, both of whom have stepped up to help via DogBizPro by logging in payments and shot records and contacting students who are delinquent about providing what needs to be sent in before classes start.

Plus, there are many members who step up to help out with awards, setting up of events, publicity, volunteering at trials, work parties, office duties, and assisting in classes and supporting the board when and where needed.



Recognizing a Special Instructor

Donna Golemon's students gave her a gift certificate to *All Hounds Apparel* in appreciation for all the extra things she does for her classes—Donna likes to shop at *All Hounds Apparel* for special collars and leashes (also helps a small business in Crockett).

Some of us have been with her for three years now, and have we ever come a long way! Neanna Gracia painted the special picture Donna is holding of her dog and what a beautiful picture it is! Donna was in tears over the gifts and the kind thoughts! Thank You Donna!

Roxann Gracia



Lea Ronald's Session
7, 2020 Wednesday
Night Puppy Class!

2021 Membership

The club's membership renewal application is available online.

Hardcopies are at the clubhouse and the digital version is on our website under "Membership."

2021
(2 Page)
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION IS
ONLINE!
Renew today!



A Letter From Your Dog

I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear; I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The grey hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle. You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask; To slow down, if even for a few minutes to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land. I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week.

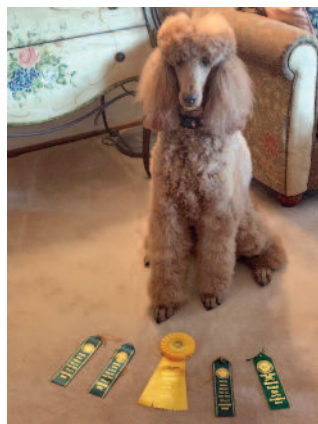
Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me.

We have NOW, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" -- I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper to my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short. So please... come sit with me now and let us share the precious moments we have together. —Author Unknown

BRAGS

If you have a brag you'd like to share in the newsletter or on the club's facebook page email to brags@nvdtc.org



Carol Coawette

Top Left: In November, Jacques took 3rd place in AKC Scentwork Excellent Interior search. He now has 1 leg in each of the 4 elements toward his Excellent Title.

Top Right: November 7th, Pierre—Following his older “brother”—won high in Trial in Advanced AKC Scentwork. He took 3rd place in Exterior and Interior and 4th place in Buried searches that day, and also received his AKC Scentwork Advanced Exterior and Interior Titles. He only needs one more leg in Container and Buried to receive those Titles and his Advanced Scentwork Title.

Bottom Left: In October, Jacques received his Advanced Container Title, Advanced buried Title and completed his AKC Advanced Title.

Pierre qualified for 2 legs each toward his Advanced Interior and Exterior Titles and took 4th place in Advanced Exterior.

Roxann Gracia

Bottom Right: Zena received High in Trial in Advanced Scent Work on Sunday, November 22, 2020. The trial was put on by the Mensona Kennel Club and held at Flying Cloud Farm in Petaluma. She worked great that day and we both had fun in spite of me being in a thigh to ankle solid brace from my knee surgery! Good dog Zena!.

(Zena passed away December 19th. She was 7 years old.)



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November 7, 2020 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are
available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

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of them in a very soothing manner. Go on...
schedule in some daily grooming time for the New
Year ahead.

Resolution #3 Create a Safe, Happy Home and Garden for Your Dog

Since our pets spend most time at home or in the
garden, we should do our best to build them safe,
entertaining places to rest and play. Make sure all
potentially harmful substances (such as cleaning
products and medications) are kept in cabinets
that your pet cannot easily reach and access. And
why not consider introducing some pet-friendly
home creations to help keep your home clean and
tidy as well as introducing some fabulous hidey
places and vertical territory for your pets to enjoy
and explore?



FYI The U.S. Department of Transportation (De-
partment or DOT) is issuing a final rule to amend the
Department's Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regula-
tion on the transport of service animals by air. This
final rule is intended to ensure that our air transporta-
tion system is safe for the traveling public and accessi-
ble to individuals with disabilities.

Read more on the AKC site by going to:

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/breaking-news-u-s-dept-transportation-revises-airline-service-animals-rules/>

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Secretary, Sue Osborn, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
- B. Board members present: Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton,, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Marion Sigel. Absent: Sandy Bonifield and Linda Luchsinger
- C. Zoom Attendees: Sandy Bonifield, Roxann Gracia, Chris Mayer, and Linda Wargo.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. As of October 2nd:
 - 1. Savings: \$33,934.25
 - 2. Checking: \$22,342.19
 - 3. Paypal: \$549.09
- B. Net loss for year is approximately \$12,300.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Sue Osborn

MSC to approve October 12, 2020 General Meeting Min-
utes as published.

IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT—Linda Luchsinger

1. Property Manager's Written Agreement:

Sandy will follow up with Linda about contacting
Sawyer Properties once she is back from New York.

2. Board Meeting Report:

- a. MSC by board to **not** give out vouchers for Zoom attendance of meetings.
- b. Year End Awards chair will be Linda Wargo. In order for a member to receive an award, they must have attended at least one club meeting in 2020—MSC by board.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT—Sandy Bonifield

No Report

C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS—Carol Coawette

- 1. Carol will be mailing out hardcopies of membership application which will include a reminder flyer created by Sue.

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2. Member Distribution of Membership Packets:

Thanks to Debbie Hilton, membership packets have been updated! A 2020 version will be given to new members until the end of the year and a 2021 version will be given to all members (to replace outdated versions members now have). These packets will not be mailed out, they will be given to members who attend meetings.

D. OFFICE—Sandy Bonifield

Sandy thanked Marilane and Mary for their help in the office.

E. TRAINING—Linda Luchsinger

1. 2021 Session schedules for first three sessions of 2021 are set except for some instructors are still needed to teach classes.
2. Members Anne Stanley and Chelsea Murdock are willing to help with DogBizPro payments and shot records. Meeting to be set up to work out details.
3. Next training meeting: **Saturday, December 5th at 1:00 PM at clubhouse.** The original 11:00 time was changed because of morning classes now scheduled for Saturdays.
4. Session 1, 2021 now online. Registration opens Dec. 7th and closes Dec 21st.
5. Donna will be posting registration guidelines for instructors in the office.

F. PUBLICITY—Marion Sigel

1. Marion will be distributing a newly designed poster/flyer advertising our club to pet stores, groomers and, where possible, vets. This piece will be available in letter size and 2-up online at nvdtc.org/flyers/.
2. A procedural guide for creation of flyers for classes has been set up by Marion, Marilane, and Sue, and has been sent to all instructors by both email and by USPS.
3. Mary Ash will look into static clings for use in promoting the club.

G. BUILDING—Debbie Hilton

1. MSC to give a key to Anne Stanley to have access to building to pick up records for entering

into DogBizPro.

2. Free access to WiFi is available for anyone through Xfinity by virtue of NVDTC now having WIFI service. Private access has been provided to board members and office staff only. Thank you to Debbie Hilton for her work on getting the WIFI up and going!
3. Reminder: Pest spraying will be done on November 24th.

H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

1. November 20th is deadline for news items for the December 14th Meeting Announcement.
2. Forms for year end awards and service award now online.
3. Session 1 for 2021 is now online as a printer ready PDF.
4. Website posting of agendas:
Deadline for submission of agenda items will be noted on website where past minutes are posted, as follows: ***"Submit agenda items by 12 noon the Friday before a scheduled board or general meeting. Agendas will be posted at nvdtc.org/agendas a day or two before a meeting."*** Agenda items can be submitted to: agendas@nvdtc.org/.

I. AOCNC—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash

AOCNC's 2021 Winter Workshop will not be held.

J. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Debbie Hilton for the watermelon!

K. SUNSHINE

Debbie Hilton is now the Sunshine Chair.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. April 17 & 18, 2021 Scent Work Trial—Chair Mary Ash.

1. A committee meeting was held on November 7th with committee members Mary Ash, Donna Golemon, De Brilz, Sandy Bonifield, and Sue Osborn in attendance. Committee member Roxann Gracia was unable to attend due to surgery.
2. Ann Wendland is JMD's volunteer coordinator; a club member is also needed to be club's



'til the Season FOR PUPPIES



Setting Schedules And Developing A Routine For Your New Puppy

There are so many new experiences and things to think about when you bring home your puppy that you may forget one of the most important parts of puppy homecoming: establishing a routine. Structure will help your new canine family member feel secure and know what's expected of him. The best way to do this is to create a schedule and stick to it. The first few weeks with your new puppy is the time to start establishing good behaviors. By the way, the puppy is not the only one who benefits from a schedule; it also makes life easier for the human members of the family. You won't have to plan out every moment of your pup's day, but there are a few important areas where a schedule can make the difference between a well-adjusted dog and chaos.

[READ MORE.](#)

Full article on AKC's website

Puppy Exercise Guidelines

If you have a puppy or plan to get one, it's important that you let them exercise on a regular basis. The amount of safe puppy exercise can however be a balancing act. You want to keep your puppy safe from growth plate injuries, but at the same time, their bones are living tissue and become stronger because of the stresses placed on them. [READ MORE.](#)

Full article can be found at the-balanced-dog.com

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contact person signing up club member volunteers and to work with Ann. Sue will send out an email blast to ask for someone to fill this role.

3. Judges Pat Moffitt and Kelly Boyer have been secured.
4. Trial will be held at PSI and all guidelines for County and for PSI will be followed.
5. All committee members must be on site April 16th, Friday, for set up and during the entire trial days on April 17th and April 18th.

B. **Joy Wood Memorial Ideas**—Tabled.

C. **AB5 and instructors being classified as independent contractors:**

Marion and Marilane are working on the wording to insure they are compatible with AB5 in our 2021 instructor contracts.

D. **Awards Banquet:**

Sandy Bonifield and Mary Ash volunteered to be on committee with Sandy as chair.

E. Forms for the Gerry Glantz Club Memorial Service Award (chaired by Marilane) and Year End Awards (chaired by Linda Wargo) are available in the office as well as online.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Election of 2021 Board of Directors:**

The following members were voted in as follows: President, Sue Osborn, Vice President: Sandy Bonifield, Secretary: Roxann Gracia, Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt, Members at Large: Mary Ash, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Marion Sigel, Past President: Linda Luchsinger.

B. **Conformation Practice Sessions:**

1. Michelle Chaney has requested use of our building for conformation practice sessions and to make them available for anyone who wants to work on conformation skills.
2. Michelle would like to start conformation practice sessions in January 2021.
3. Marilane will give Michelle our session 1 schedule for availability of days/time slots.
4. Once Michelle receives schedule, Mary Ash will talk to her about board working on guidelines for holding such conformation practice sessions.

VII. BRAGS

Carol Coawette and Sandy Bonifield

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45`PM.

Minutes formatted from Mary Ash's notes and respectively submitted by Sue Osborn, NVDTC Secretary

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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTC 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 NVDTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
MARCH/APRIL 2021 newsletter
is February 20, 2021.

Send to: sueann@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.

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



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Next Meeting:

January 11, 2021 • 6:30 PM

*Watch your email for details
for agenda and ZOOM meeting link.
Agenda will be posted at nvdtc.org/agendas
a day or so before the meeting*



Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share? If you send a photo of YOUR dog to the newsletter editor, he or she could -appear in a future newsletter, on club PR materials or on NVDTC's facebook page!

email to:

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