



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote responsible pet ownership by offering classes for the community in dog obedience and handling; to educate our members about responsible ownership of dogs; to advocate for the protection and well-being of all dogs; and to adhere to the guidelines of the American Kennel Club in our activities

VISION

To provide dogs and their owners with the best possible training in an atmosphere of courtesy and respect



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Mailing Address: 68 Coombs #7, Napa CA 94559 • www.napadogtraining.org

ANNUAL WORK PARTY DAY!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

10AM -1PM

**AS A MEMBER, YOU CAN
EARN A \$10 VOUCHER**

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose...”
And so, let’s get ready for the new year of classes at Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Now is a good time to refresh our props and equipment that we and our students enjoy using.



Take **PRIDE** in our clubhouse, there are all types of jobs that can be accomplished that day. The cleaning supplies will be provided by the club, but if you can bring a plastic bucket or wash tub that would be helpful.

Come, enjoy some camaraderie and we could order a pizza lunch afterwards. Hope to see you there!

Contact Debbie Hilton by email or text to RSVP or if you have questions, contact Debbie at DebbieHilton@nvdtc.org / (510) 847-2620



An AKC article

A Dog’s New Year’s Resolutions for 2022

This is going to be the year I become a genuinely good dog. I’ve made New Year’s resolutions before, but I’m going to stick to them this time. My humans deserve a properly behaved dog. After all, they spoil me with fresh water in the toilet bowl and a soft Queen-sized bed for napping. It’s not fair that I dig holes in the yard and chew the sofa. If they can make resolutions, then I can turn over a new bone too. This year I hereby resolve to:

1. Ignore the Mail Carrier

It’s not my fault that pesky mail carrier invades my territory every day. You would think my humans would appreciate my warning barks. After all, every time I bark at the mail carrier, it chases them away. That kind of power is hard to resist! But I’m supposed to silently accept the intruder. That

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BRAGS

Carol Coawette



In Lodi on December 11th:

Jacques won 3rd place and his first leg in AKC Excellent Handler Discrimination Scent Work.

He also won his 2nd leg in both AKC Master Scent work Interior and also Exterior and his 1st leg in MasterContainer.

Pierre won 4th place and his first leg in AKC Excellent Handler Discrimination Scent Work.

October 31st in Lodi AND November 6th & 7th in Apto

Jacques was successful 2 weeks in a row! What a good boy.

He won:

4th Place in AKC Scent Work Excellent Buried

His AKC Scent Work Excellent Buried Title

His AKC SCENT WORK EXCELLENT TITLE

His first leg in AKC Scent Work Master Exterior AND he took 3rd Place.

Pierre was successful 2 weeks in a row! What a good boy.

He won:

His AKC Scent Work Excellent Container Title and took 4th Place

His AKC Scent Work Excellent Exterior Title

He also took 4th Place in AKC Scent Work Excellent Interior

Very proud of this young boy!

A huge shout out to Carol for all she has accomplished with Jacques and Pierre. Her dedication and determination are an inspiration to all of us. Jacques (May 2012-December 2021) was a shining example of the very intelligent Standard Poodle breed giving Carol her start in training from beginning /advanced classes to freestyle classes, receiving his CGC title and going onto scent work where he excelled and became the one who laid down perfect footsteps for Pierre to follow. Jacques even could read, picking up this ability like a wizard at an AOCNC Bergin University seminar.

Such an impressive boy!

Pierre, you could not have asked for a finer brother!



Roxann Gracia

Tanner, my little 13-month-old smooth coated Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, finished Novice Titles in Scent Work Exterior, Buried and Containers on December 11th.

The following week on December 19th he finished his Novice Interior Title and his overall Novice Title. He just so happened to finish this on the anniversary of Zena's passing last year. She was guiding him I'm sure!

Sue Osborn

Brooklyn is now a Grand Champion! Two weeks after I broke my foot, Robert was willing to take her in the ring on November 9th for her to receive the last major she needed. So grateful for him!





Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



The Magic of Training with Music

Music, such a powerful tool. Research has shown that listening to music can reduce anxiety, blood pressure, and pain as well as improve sleep quality, mood, mental alertness, and memory.”—Google search.

Although we have memories associated with certain songs, our dogs respond on a different level. They definitely have preferences. Dogs tend to engage with their handler, become more animated, and move with their best gait when they are inspired by music. How can this be, I've wondered.

During a workshop I was teaching in Virginia, a music therapist was present with her dog. She explained much of the mystery. When she provides music therapy in hospitals or nursing homes, certain chords she hits will result in a sigh or deep exhale release of her patients. That chord touched something deep inside to bring about a feeling

of peace. Our dogs are no different. They respond to sound as well.

But let's take this a bit further. “Dogs are the masters of rhythm and flow”—my own quote. When a rhythm matches their own internal rhythm and the key of the song touches that “nerve,” it inspires them to move. It makes them feel “alive.” That's exactly what we want to see in the sports of conformation, agility, obedience, rally, disco dog, and freestyle.

The next time you are training your dog, put on some music. Watch how your dog changes depending on the song that's playing! You might just find your next favorite training tool!

If you love music and dog training, consider my Dogs Can Dance classes. Upcoming classes are listed on the website.

Questions?
Judy@DogsCanDance.com



Those Little Puppy Bones

When you get your 8 to 10 week old puppies, please keep this image in mind. Their bones do not even touch yet. They plod around so cutely with big floppy paws and wobbly movement because their joints are entirely made up of muscle, tendons, ligaments with skin covering. Nothing is fitting tightly together or has a true socket yet.

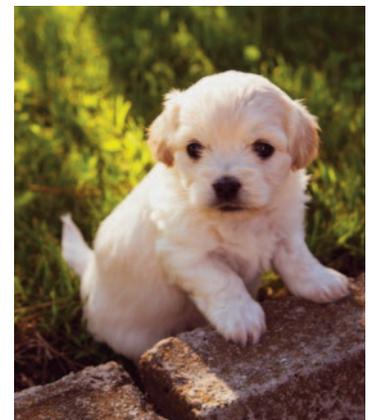
When you run them excessively or don't restrict their exercise to stop them from overdoing it during this period you don't give them a chance to grow properly. Every big jump or excited bouncing run causes impacts between the bones. In reasonable amounts this is not problematic and is the normal wear and tear that every animal will engage in.

But when you're letting puppy jump up and down off the lounge or bed, take them for long walks/hikes, you are damaging that forming joint. When you let the puppy scramble on tile with no traction you are damaging the joint.

You only get the chance to grow them once. A well built body is something that comes from excellent breeding and a great upbringing-BOTH, not just one.

Once grown you will have the rest of their life to spend playing and engaging in higher impact exercise. So keep it calm while they're still little baby puppies and give the gift that can only be given once.

A bit of back-story: These x-rays are from a baby puppy who had a knock to his elbow and wasn't using it properly, so he was taken to the vet. There is nothing wrong in these x-rays, thankfully it is a soft tissue injury and he is expected to be fine.





2022 Training Session 2

February 28th through April 9, 2022

All classes run for 6 weeks.

Monday

9:00 am
Scent Work 4
Donna (continued class)

10:00 am
Scent Work 5
Donna (continued class)

11:00 am
Scent Work 4
Donna (continued class)

12:30 pm
Scent Work 3
Donna (continued class)

1:30 pm
Scent Work 2
Donna (continued class)

3:00 pm
Scent Work 1
Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm
Scent Work 1
Donna (continued class)

5:30 pm
Scent Work 5
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary

12:00 Noon
Advanced Obedience
Mary

Wednesday

9:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

10:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

11:00 am
Adolescent Dog
Sandy

12:00 NOON
Adolescent Dog
Sandy

5:00 pm
Adolescent Dog
Lea

6:00 pm
Puppy
Lea

SPECIALTY CLASSES from Judy Gamet*

www.dogscandance.com

Tuesday 3:30 pm
Private Coaching – DCD

Tuesday 4:15 pm
Musical Rally Challenge

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Drill Team Skills

Tuesday 6:30 pm
Better Heeling with Music 2

Tuesday 7:30 pm
Musical Rally Challenge



Schedule
subject
to change

Session 2 online registration for standard classes
opens January 24th at 8 AM & closes February 14th at 10 PM.

Thursday

10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary (continued class)

11:30 am
Rally
Mary (continued class)

5:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)

6:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)

7:00 pm
Good Manners 1
Mary

Saturday

10:00 am
Mighty Mights
Vange

12:00 Noon
Out and About
Vange

Visit our
website for
links on
home page to
flyers for special
classes and for
class descriptions:
nvdttc.org

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 1/2 months
Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year
Good Manners: 1 year+

MEMBERS RECEIVE
ONE \$10 DISCOUNT
PER CLASS

Email memberdiscount@nvdttc.org
for code.

6 Weeks of Standard Classes:
\$125 (\$60 max in vouchers)

*6 Weeks of Specialty Classes:
\$135 (\$40 max in vouchers)

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For standard & special classes, register online: nvdttc.org/registration.htm

QUESTIONS? registration@nvdttc.org / 707-253-8666

*For all specialty classes, register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715

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SESSION 6 & 7 PUPPY & ADOLESCENT WEDNESDAY GRADUATES

Congratulations to all these new graduates and to all our other graduates from Sessions Six and Seven in 2021.



Session 7



Session 7



Session 7



Session 7



Session 6
ADOLESCENT



Session 6
PUPPY



Session 6
ADOLESCENT

SESSION 7 COMMUNITY WALKS & FUN GAMES GRADUATES

Teams in the Community Walks class practiced being polite in public while working with distractions (The Grinch was only one of many fun and unexpected activities in this class.)

Saturday's Fun Games class gave people and their pups a chance to polish skills in a entertaining way. The class included Distraction Ally, Tic Tac Toe, Find Me, Bowling, Treat Search and much more.

Yes, the pups were tired at the end of each class but they also had tons of fun!



Community Walks



FUN Games

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December 13, 2021 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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



www.nvdc.org/meeting

Train Your Dog to Give Kisses:

thesprucepets.com/train-a-dog-to-give-kisses-1117291



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MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION IS
ONLINE!
Renew today!

2022 Membership

The club's membership renewal application is now available.

Deadline for dues is February 1st.

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

- I. Call to order at 6:32 PM
 - a. Special thank you to Debbie and her volunteers for tonight's Christmas setup! At end of meeting, Sandy commented that Debbie is a godsend to the club and presented her with a plant.
 - b. All in attendance introduced themselves
- II. Call for additions or charges to Agenda
- III. Treasury Report as of November 30, 2021
 - a. Checking: \$42,682.25
 - b. Savings: Same as last month
 - c. PayPal: \$2,767.88
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 8, 2021, General Meeting
 - i. Debbie called out that Donation was made to Middleburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp, not to the Fire Department as noted in Minutes. Amendment approved.
 - ii. Amended Minutes from last meeting approved, and motion passed.
- V. Board, Committee & Chair Reports
 - a. President – Sue Osborn
 - i. No update
 - b. Vice-President – Sandy Bonifield
 - i. Holiday party is this evening
 - c. Membership / Vouchers – Carol Coawette
 - i. Invite to non-members in attendance to join
 - ii. New Membership Applications (All voted into membership):
 - 1. Bee Mayes-Buchanan
 - a. Belgian Malinois named Storm
 - 2. Heather Azenado accompanied by 2 daughters and husband Willy
 - a. Daughters each have a dog
 - i. Emelia: Chihuahua, April, recent good citizen recipient
 - ii. Alissa: French Bulldog/Maltese, Honey
 - 3. Patricia Hyatt
 - a. Two puppies: German Shepherd Dog & Border Collie – Corgi Mix
 - 4. Annika Sabella
 - a. Beauceron Puppy in conformation and puppy classes.
 - d. Office – Mary Ash
 - i. No Update
 - e. Training
 - i. Email from a student expressing gratitude and thanks was shared
 - ii. Scheduling of the next meeting (for sessions 3 & 4)
 - 1. Tentative date of January 28, 2022, for planning
 - 2. Want to have meeting also be a meet & greet for David

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would be a lot easier if my humans distracted me with a puzzle toy or food-stuffed chew toy. Or they could close the blinds to block my view. Better yet, teach me that being quiet is more rewarding than nuisance barking.

2. Stop Digging in the Yard

Digging in the yard is as much a part of my personality as tail wagging. So, why do my humans think their grass and garden are more important than following my bliss? Plus, where else am I supposed to hide my bones? If they really want me to stop, they should redirect me with a toy or game every time I try to dig. And don't leave me alone in the yard to make my own fun. But my favorite solution is a special digging spot baited with rubber toys and bones. That would limit my digging to only one part of the yard.

3. Stop Eating Cat Poop From the Litter Box

The litter box is like a buffet table of delicious morsels of cat poop. But for some reason, when I sample the little delicacies, it grosses out my humans. I wish they understood that poop eating, or coprophagia as the vet calls it, is totally normal for dogs. We evolved as scavengers and enjoy eating anything with a strong smell. For this resolution to stick, I need my humans to block my access to the box either with baby gates or a covered/top-entry litter box. The cat would appreciate the privacy too.

4. Stop Begging for Food

My humans can't resist my puppy-dog eyes when I beg from the table. If I stare at them long enough, a tidbit of their dinner finds its way to my mouth. And that encourages me to beg again at the next meal. If my humans really want me to give up begging, they should feed me first. Or teach me to go to my place while they eat. If they give me something else to do during mealtimes, like eating my meal from a puzzle toy, it will keep me occupied so they can eat in peace.

5. Chew My Toys Instead of the Furniture

As far as I'm concerned, anything chewable is fair game, even if it's the sofa. I have sharp teeth for a reason, you know. Unfortunately, my humans want me to learn appropriate chewing habits which is tricky when all the choices offer the same enjoyment. It would be easier if they provided options that were more rewarding than the furniture, like food-stuffed chew toys or edible chews such as bully sticks. Then I would get the fun of chewing with the bonus of a treat. That choice is a no-brainer.

6. Stop Herding the Kids

Since I don't have access to sheep, I express my instincts by herding the kids. It taps into my predatory heritage, and like all dogs in the Herding Group, controlling the movement of others is one of my strongest skills. But my hu-

mans wish I'd find another hobby. If only they understood that moving objects are tough to resist. Teaching me impulse control and the "watch me" and "leave it" cues would help. Or they could let me channel my instincts into a dog sport like herding, treibball, or agility.

7. Stop Rolling in Smelly Stuff

I want to smell like a dog – the stinkier the better! That's why I roll in glorious piles of reeking stuff, like poop or dead animals. And it's all the better for sneaking up on prey or sharing information about my environment with my pack. However, even with their second-rate noses, my humans want to keep me smelling like dog shampoo. I'll do my best to avoid rolling in my favorite cologne this year, but it would help to keep me on leash, practice my recall, and distract me with a fun game or toy before I start to roll.

8. Stop Chasing Squirrels

There's nothing I like better than chasing squirrels because their speed and movement trigger my predatory instincts. Plus, it's so rewarding when they play with me. But my humans would rather I ignore my furry friends and focus on them instead. I'll try, but if they taught me to handle distractions it would go a long way. They could also reward me for watching them instead of the environment. We could also find other ways for me to chase like fetch, hide-and-seek, lure coursing, or Fast CAT.

Woof! That's so many resolutions. I'm worried what will happen if I stick to them all. The mail carrier will get too comfortable on our property for one. And what will the squirrels do for fun if I stop playing with them? I don't think I can neglect my canine commitments like that. Thank goodness my humans love me enough to accept my dog-gish ways in 2022 too. Now, if you don't mind, I have some litter box hors d'oeuvres to snack on while I ring in the new year.





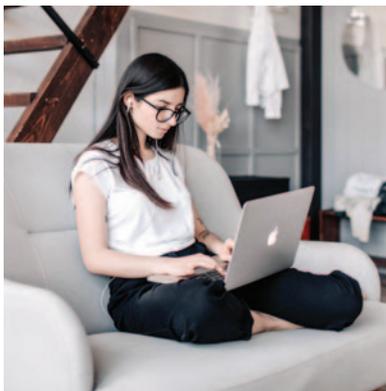
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3. Will include a potluck of sorts. Sue volunteered to make Spaghetti bake and requested volunteers to provide sides
 - a. Sandy volunteered to help
 - iii. Session 1
 1. Classes close tonight (11/13/2021) at 10pm
 2. Classes filled very fast, and additional class occurrences were added
 - iv. Sessions 2
 1. There are still slots that need to be filled by instructors
 2. Sue has schedule of openings
 - v. Vouchers were distributed to members in attendance
 - f. Publicity – Marilane Bergfelt
 - i. Still doing Facebook photos, including some from classes
 - ii. Stepping down as Publicity Chair
 - g. Building – Debbie Hilton
 - i. Directed attendees to review the Naughty & Nice Board of dog photos
 - ii. Announcements from Building Management
 1. Request to be mindful of parking
 - a. Note additional spaces behind the NVDTTC building
 - b. Please do not park behind building P
 - c. Parallel parking is acceptable, so long as entry to other tenants is not blocked
 - d. Please do not permit dogs to relieve themselves in the grassy area by the street that has lime trees and mature tree, instead use the area around the corner with the Fig tree
 - h. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn
 - i. Cutoff for submissions to the newsletter is December 20, 2021
 - i. Hospitality –
 - i. Request for January meeting Hospitality
 1. Marilane and Else Nutter volunteered
 - j. Sunshine – Debbie Hilton
 - i. A few members recently had surgery (Roxann & Chris)
 1. Will be sending plants or flowers
 - ii. Carol has a surgery coming up. Debbie presented a plant to her.
- VI. Old Business
- a. 2022 Membership Applications

- i. 2022 Memberships are available in the clubhouse and on the website
 - ii. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2022
- b. 2021 Service Awards
- i. Chair: Debbie Hilton
 - ii. Award is to recognize someone who has been a high contributor to the club
 - iii. Form available in the clubhouse and online
 - iv. Submissions due by January 15, 2022
- c. Year End Awards
- i. Chair: Linda Wargo
 - ii. Deadline for submission is January 6, 2022
 - iii. If an award or plaque requires update, please leave them in the office
- d. January 8th Work Party – Debbie Hilton
- i. Work party will be used to deep clean the space and all the props
 - ii. Will run from 10am-1pm, followed by Pizza
 - iii. Each volunteer will receive \$10 voucher
- VII. New Business
- a. Judy Gamet Announcement
 - i. Dog Dance classes, can be registered for on the DogsCanDance.com website
 - ii. \$10 off for NVDTTC members
 - iii. Up to \$40 in Vouchers can be used
 - iv. Any follow-up questions can be sent to Judy@DogsCanDance.com
- VIII. Brags
- a. Carol bragged about her son, Josh, doing masters scent work. Jacque and Pierre did great! Of the 4 scents they got them all except water/sand, mostly due to bad weather
 - b. Kim Leslie: Conformation for Bixby in Lodi last week. It was a very good session. Dog stood well, and ears were lovely. This is notable given they have only taken 6 classes so far.
 - c. Anne Stanley / Elsa Nutter: Their rescue dog Gershwin just submitted first leg of novice rally title, and achieved 97 score.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 PM

Minutes submitted by Jessica Troianello

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPENDS for Club Instructors and Assistants



NVDTTC encourages and supports professional development for club instructors and assistants to ensure quality instruction and the use of modern techniques in all classes offered by the club. To that end, NVDTTC will assist club instructors and assistants with expenses related to conferences, seminars, and/or advanced training, up to \$200.00 for calendar year for club instructors and up to \$100.00 per calendar for assistants.

In order to receive a professional develop-

ment stipend, instructors and assistants must make a request to the board in writing via the president. Request forms are available on the NVDTTC website under "Resources." After downloading, the form is a fillable PDF and once filled out, can be printed for submittal.

The board will review and discuss the request at a regular meeting and notify the requestor whether or not the stipend has been approved. If approved, the treasurer will make the payment.



Tips On Brushing Your Dog's Teeth

An AKC article by Kathy Santo

Many things can contribute to a dog's fear of having his teeth brushed, starting with the plastic thing you're trying to stick in his mouth, the weird-smelling paste you put on the plastic thing, and the way you're trying to force his mouth open to get the plastic thing with the weird-smelling paste in! This problem can be solved by using a desensitization program and lots of patience. Here's how:



Tips On Brushing Your Dog's Teeth:

Select a Location

Pick a tooth-brushing place (like the bathroom) and start by making that room a place where fun things happen. As many times a day as you can, take your dog into the bathroom, armed with his favorite toys and treats. If he's particularly food-driven, you can even start feeding him meals in the bathroom. By doing this for 10–15 minutes multiple times a day, you should see him relaxing and even enjoying his time in the bathroom with you.

Get Him Used to the Brush

The next step, done the same day but in a different session, is to desensitize your dog to the toothbrush with the toothpaste on it. Instead of keeping it in a cabinet, start moving it around the house. You can put it on the kitchen counter, on the floor next to his toys, even near his food bowl (with supervision). Eventually the smell and sight of the toothbrush and paste will become commonplace to him, alleviating his stress

Touching the Teeth

Next, let's work on your dog being OK with having his mouth handled. Note: If your dog has shown aggression when you've tried to handle his mouth, or is extremely fearful, seek the advice of a vet or behaviorist.

For this, sit on the floor with your dog on a leash. Make sure he's hungry, and have a stash of his favorite treats. Start by petting him and slowly migrate the petting to under his chin. Feed him the treat, and repeat two or three more times. If your dog is relaxed and still interested, repeat, but after you've petted him under his chin run your hand up and over the top of his muzzle and feed. Repeat two or three times and end the session. Once your dog is calm and happy with you opening his mouth, the final step is pairing the toothbrush and the handling. Go slowly; don't be afraid to go back a step if your dog looks concerned or frightened.

There's so much more to the process than "open mouth, brush teeth." With patience and great treats, you'll eventually have your dog happily open wide—the saying ahhh part may take a little more time.

REMINDERS

Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award

Any member is welcome to make a nomination to recognize those who have made significant contribution to the club in 2021. A member may nominate multiple people each year. Nominations must be given in writing and must include the contributions of the nominee.

Forms for nominating a member for the Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award are online <nvdtc.org/awards.htm> and at the clubhouse.

Return completed form by **January 15, 2022** by mailing to Debbie Hilton, 625 Stonehouse Drive. Napa, CA 94558 OR leaving in the Building Manager's mailbox in the NVDTC office OR scanning and emailing to mhphelps@sbcglobal.net/.

Year End Awards

The club gives annual awards to recognize, support and encourage the competition activity of members, which is to be completed by end of the year.

Each year, active club members can apply for recognition by completing and submitting an award application form.

Forms are available online <nvdtc.org/awards.htm> and at the clubhouse and must be returned to Linda Wargo, 230 James Road, American Canyon, CA 94503 OR forms and plaques can be left at the club in a bag or envelope with Linda Wargo's name on it no later than **January 6, 2022**.

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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 2022 newsletter
is February 20, 2022.

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.

Next Meeting:
January 10, 2022
6:30 PM at Clubhouse

Leave dogs at home.



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

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

Email to:
sueann@napadog-training.org



Visit NVDTC on the web for the latest news & photos:
www.napadogtraining.org

