

# TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## How to Handle a Veterinarian Who Won't Let Up On the Yearly Vaccine Protocol

By Dr. Khuly  
[www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted](http://www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted)

I get this question all the time. Frustrated pet owners e-mail me asking how they might convince their veterinarian to go easy on their pets with the vaccines. After all, they tell me, everyone knows that every three years is more than enough. So why am I getting treated to the annual guilt trip?

What can I tell them? Some veterinarians — while they might be excellent practitioners in every other respect — are a little behind the times on the vaccine thing. But getting the guilt trip off your back is a no-brainer. All you have to do is the following:

Hand over the American Animal Hospital Association's vaccination guidelines along with the American Association of Feline Practitioners' vaccination guidelines. Both well-respected organizations recommend a limited selection of "core" vaccines at intervals no shorter than every three years (after the initial series).

(BTW, no other organizations I know of oppose these guidelines.)

These are your, "Get-out-of-guilt-free" cards anytime you're feeling pressured to



commit to a vaccination schedule you're not too sure about.

That's what I wish every pet owner knew so that (1) pets wouldn't get over-vaccinated, (2) people wouldn't get guilt-tripped, and (3) I wouldn't have to field at least three e-mails a week on the subject.

Now, I do recognize that some veterinarians recommend annual vaccines by way of ensuring their clients don't skimp on their pets' annual trip to the veterinarian. And I will admit to having recognized that a larger percentage of owners no longer show up yearly now that "shots" are no longer on a regularly scheduled menu.

I get it. And I do agree that for some patients the risk of not getting examined on a yearly basis is higher than the risk of over-vaccinating him/her. But that's no excuse to bend the truth. I don't think so, anyway. But for some the ends do justify the means. And if getting what's best for the pet is the goal, they might well side with the risk of too many vaccines. But it's ultimately your decision, right?

Which is why a well educated, responsible pet owner who comes bearing "what-about-this-Doc?" documents should be welcome at every well-intentioned, up-to-date hospital. But the truth is ... you don't really need an excuse. It's your job to educate yourself, take the medical advice and do with it what you will. And if anyone ever gives you a hard time about it ... you're always free to go elsewhere.



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**THANK YOU FROM CHRISTINA**

To all the folks who supported me during this time of my husband Louis passing. Also the kind donation of Frontline to our animal shelter in his name. My heartfelt thanks.

Christina Martin

**ATTS TEMPERAMENT TEST**

August 6 & 7, 2011 (tentative dates)(Saturday & Sunday) in Dixon, California.

Any breed dog can take this Annual All-Breed ATTS Temperament Test. A completed Entry Form is required and advance reservations are recommended. Dogs must be 18 months old by the day of the test. If your dog passes the test you will receive a Certificate within 90 days.

We recommend applicants pre-register for the Temperament Test and reserve a test slot. The fee for this year's Temperament Test is \$45.

For more details and an entry form go to ARF's website at [www.arfnc.com/events.html](http://www.arfnc.com/events.html) (Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California).

**CARDIOLOGY CLINIC**

ARF sponsored Cardiology Clinic (Saturday Only, August 6, 2011) in Dixon, California. This clinic tests your dog's heart health. After the test is completed, you will receive written test results, signed by the veterinarian. The veterinarians doing the test are Certified Cardiologists.

The Fee is \$40 per dog if you pre-register or \$50 for walk-ups. You can download an application (Application for Congenital Cardiac Database) & the instructions from [www.arfnc.com/events.html](http://www.arfnc.com/events.html) (Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California).



- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
  - B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, and Beth Schutz. Absent: Teresa Russell.
- II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn  
M/S/C to accept minutes from the May 9, 2011 general meeting posted online as indicated on postcard mailed to members.
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson
  - A. Rabobank CD: \$11,719.13
  - B. Rabobank Savings: \$10,675.53
  - C. Rabobank Checking: \$13,629.91
  - D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.
- IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash  
The medallions have been ordered, paid for and delivered.
- V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz  
If anyone has suggestions for speakers for meetings, let Gerry know.
- VI. BOARD REPORTS
  - A. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn  
Deadline to submit articles and information for the July/August newsletter is June 20.
  - B. OFFICE, Barrie Gordon  
If anyone is interested in working the office, a \$40 voucher position, see Barry.
  - C. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield
    - 1. Sandy will be emailing all trainers to pin down a meeting date for the next off week. All assistants are invited to attend.
    - 2. The GM2 Wednesday morning class, and Lynda's Thursday GM2 did not fill. Due to an overabundance of GM1 people, the Wednesday GM2 class will be changed to a GM1 class.
  - D. PUBLICITY, Beth Schutz
    - 1. Beth handed out brochures to members who have signed up to distribute them to vet offices.
    - 2. If anyone has ideas or knows about any events or places for NVDTTC to have a table or to extend publicity, let Beth know.
    - 3. Beth is looking at NVDTTC participating in the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day.
  - E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell  
No report from Teresa due to absence. Two hundred new dog toys, at a dollar each, have arrived.
  - F. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz
    - 1. The flyer for the next AOCNC July 9th meeting has been sent out. This meeting will be a big planning session. If anyone has any input on this, let Gerry know.
    - 2. The Joe Silverman Workshop  
There are openings for three working teams and three auditors per club for the Joe Silverman workshop that is scheduled for September.
- VII. HOSPITALITY  
Thank you to Tim Dack and Anne Moya for tonight's hospitality! Volunteers for July's hospitality are Anita Boyce and Marlene Soldavini.
- VIII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis  
No report.
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Agility Trial, Laura Ecklin—August 20 and 21,
    - 1. Two sign up sheets were passed around, one for working, the other for drinks. When bringing drinks in, indicate in writing they are for the agility trial.
    - 2. There is a box for raffle items in the foyer for donations. Anything can be donated; items do not need to be dog related. Gift cards and empty baskets are good choices.
    - 3. A decision has not been made whether or not to give out lunch tickets.
    - 4. There will more information in the upcoming newsletter about the agility trial.
  - B. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash  
November 5, 2011
    - 1. The contract has been received.
    - 2. The judge approval list needs to go to AKC by the end of the month.
    - 3. Debbie Best is preparing premium and catalog.
  - C. VST Match— July 17  
Premium is now on the NVDTTC website. This is a match due to AKC regulations.
  - D. CGC Test, June 4
    - 1. This was the first-ever quarterly make-up test. Jim thanked everyone who participated.
    - 2. Four dogs were tested, two passed.
    - 3. Based on this test, Jim is evaluating how often to hold future CGC tests.
    - 4. NVDTTC will also be doing the CGC tests at Sir Francis Drake on September 17 & 18. One hundred percent of proceeds go to NVDTTC.
    - 5. Jim is interested in recruiting two additional CGC examiners; let him know if you are interested.
  - X. NEW BUSINESS
    - A. May Madness Event  
The event will be moved to April in 2012 with possibly having one of the events competitive.
    - B. Dog Dancing Classes  
Mary Ash will make up a contract to present to Judy Gamet in person for classes she holds on Tuesday mornings at the clubhouse.
    - C. Social Event  
After Vange Leonis proposed a social fun night to be held during an off week and received such positive response from members, she is moving forward to organize such an event. She is looking at inviting an Elvis impersonator and the Napa Valley Register to come to the event to take photos.
  - XI. NEW MEMBERS!
    - A. Annette Barret with her German Shepherd, Bamse and her Schnoodle, Petunia.
    - B. Debbie Payton with her Labradoodle named Murphy Brown.
    - C. Maria Giaccio with Nelly, a Heeler/Terrier and Lexi, a Pitbull.
    - D. M/S/C to accept the new members.
- XII. BRAGS  
Vange Leonis, Tim Dack, Joy Wood and Mary Ash (Joy and Mary are fostering German Shepherd puppies)
- XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Osborn, Secretary  
Minutes posted at [www.napadogtraining.org/meeting](http://www.napadogtraining.org/meeting)

**WHO DOES WHAT:**

President,  
OBED & RALLY TRIAL CHAIR & AOCNC REP:  
Mary Ash

Vice President,  
MEMBERSHIP & AOCNC REP:  
Gerry Glantz

Treasurer:  
Lori Jackson

Secretary,  
NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE & AOCNC REP:  
Sue Osborn

Past President,  
AGILITY TRIAL CHAIR:  
Laura Ecklin

At Large Board Member,  
TRAINING:  
Sandy Bonifield

At Large Board Member,  
OFFICE:  
Barrie Gordon

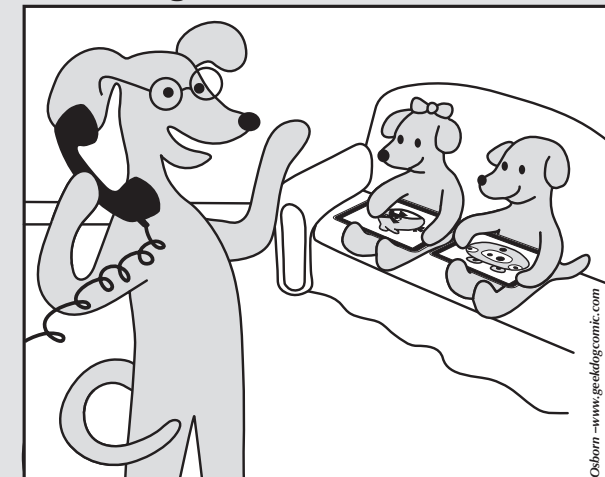
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BUILDING:  
Teresa Russel

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PUBLICITY:  
Beth Schutz

SUNSHINE:  
Mary Joy Davis

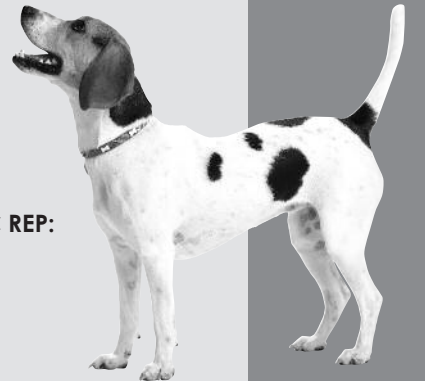
CGC:  
Jim Spiva

**Geek Dog**



"No Sis, the pups are not tearing the house up. I gave them Angry Birds."

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## SAVE THESE DATES!

The NVDTC is again sponsoring an agility trial at the Dixon Fairgrounds. The dates are August 20 and 21.

As always, we are looking for donations of drinks and raffle prizes. But, most importantly, we need volunteers to work the event, either one or both days.

The trial is a lot of fun, despite the work involved. Specifically, volunteers might set bars when they drop, straighten the collapsed tunnel (chute) after dogs run through it, take score sheets to the scoring table, take leashes from the start line to the finish line (leash run, but running is not required, just walking), and a few other jobs. You will be trained, so there is no need to worry about being new to agility.

Please sign up on the sheets at the clubhouse to both volunteer and donate drinks; you may also email Laura Ecklin at [lecklin@att.net](mailto:lecklin@att.net) to volunteer. By the way, family members can also volunteer, but younger children do need adult supervision. Club members receive vouchers, as well as raffle tickets for working.

Thank you in advance for helping. It's a great way to learn about dog agility, spend time with other club members, and help the club financially. Look forward to working with you on August 20 and 21!

Laura Ecklin, Agility Trial Chair



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## TRAINING SESSION 5

### Subject to Change

July 18 to August 26, 2011

#### Monday (7-18 to 8-22)

5:00 p.m.	Good Manners 2 ALL Mondays	Sandy
6:00 p.m.	Beg Comp Obed July 18 (Last Planned Class)	Linda L.
7:15 p.m.	Advanced Agility 1st and 3rd Mondays only	Katherine

#### Tuesday (7-19 to 8-23)

5:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Jim
6:30 p.m.	Adolescent Dog (6 - 12 months)	Laura
7:30 p.m.	Puppy (0 - 6 months)	Laura

#### Wednesday (7-27 to 8-24)

10:00 a.m.	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners 2/CGC	Marlene

6:00 p.m.	Intermediate Agility 2	Katherine (w/Laura)
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7:00 p.m.	Intermediate Agility 1	Katherine (w/Laura)
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8:00 p.m.	Foundation Agility Skills	Laura & Katherine
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#### Thursday (7-28 to 8-25)

10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary

6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
7:30 p.m.	Good Manners 2	Linda L.

#### Friday (7-29 to 8-26)

5:00 p.m.	SPECIALITY CLASS	TBA
6:00 p.m.	Puppy (0 - 6 months)	Lynda R.
7:00 p.m.	Adolescent Dog (6 - 12 months)	Lynda R.

Week off between sessions: Aug. 29 - Sept. 2

### SESSION SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Session 5:  
July 18 — August 26, 2011

Session 6:  
September 5 — October 14, 2011

Session 7:  
October 24 — December 9, 2011

### Class Fees:

Members\* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions run 6 weeks, one time per week at the day & time shown for 50 minutes.

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

\*Members can earn vouchers to offset the cost of classes.

Details: [www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm](http://www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm)



## What types of classes are you interested in?

Following are classes that have interest lists. If any of these classes are something you would like to enroll in, the lists are available in the NVDTC's clubhouse office. Sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at [barrielougordon@gmail.com](mailto:barrielougordon@gmail.com).

Agility • Animal-Assisted Therapy Skills • Canine Good Citizen • Clicker Training • Competition Obedience  
Conformation • Freestyle/Dog Dancing • Rally • Tracking • Tricks & Games

## GRATITUDE FOR MY DARCY

By Lori Jackson

Gratitude that the sweetest little four-week-old puppy came up to me as if to say "hi" and I as I sat by him, started to play with my shoelaces and the buttons on my sweater.

Gratitude that the breeder said we could only have one Golden Retriever when we wanted two. However we could have a Lab puppy with the Golden.

Oil and water don't mix, but Darcy and water sure did. He had to be rescued from a fiberglass fishpond as a 10-week-old puppy when he fell in walking around it. Ever since he loved all bodies of water: Alston Park, Vallejo's boat ramp, plastic play pools, Cal State East Bay's fountain, and Monte Rio beach. He was strong enough to pull me back to the beach when we were both swimming. At Golden Gate Park, before a dog dancing event, he jumped in the pond and came back all green from the algae! At 12-years-old he could still run and climb the rocks at Point Isabel to swim in the canal. Seeing Darcy swim was a wonderful gift.

Gratitude that the shy little guy, with Judy and Rachele's help, finally bonded to me and not Maddie though he was still very protective of his sister when at a dog park or a training class. Darcy playfully ran other dogs away from Maddie as if he were a Border Collie herding sheep. With Judy and Rachele's guidance and our vet's care, he could do dog dancing events and compete in rally.

There is such gratitude that my darling Darcy learned agility. Thank you Rachele. If a dog's heart and soul was meant for a dog sport, it was agility for Darcy. No matter two ACL surgeries or 100-degree weather, he was willing to jump and weave with abandon. Since he loved agility, I did not care about the dropped bars when we tri-

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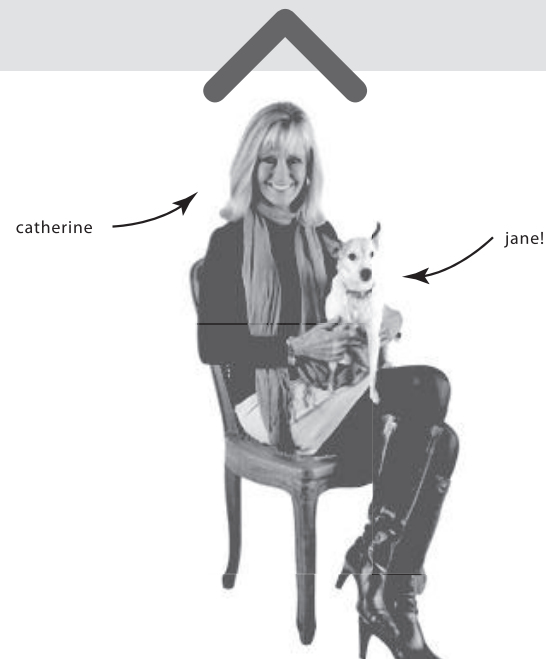


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# CAUSE FOR THE PAWS

A BENEFIT FOR NAPA HUMANE

HOSTED BY CATHERINE BERGEN, JANE! AND THE TEAM OF...



**Sunday, July 24, 2011**  
**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**The Grove at Silverado Resort**  
**1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa**

Tastings offered by animal-loving wineries and breweries

Culinary Delights from the Valley's premier restaurants, chefs, and food purveyors

Live Music by Johnny Smith Group

Live and Silent Auctions featuring premium wines, fine dining, spa experiences, getaways, boutique pet items, art, and more

Adorable, Adoptable Animals

Tickets - \$60.00 in advance, \$70.00 at the door

For tickets and information call 707.255.8118 x204 or visit [www.napahumane.org](http://www.napahumane.org)



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# SOCK and PAWS HOP

**September 1st**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**  
**at the NVDTC**  
**clubhouse**

Entrance fee: \$10.00 with dog  
 \$5.00 without dog

Well mannered non-reactive dogs and their human partners

**First hour:**

Learn & practice freestyle dog dance moves

**Second hour:**

ROCK & ROLL with Rick Torres, Elvis Presley impersonator

Finish up with pictures of you, your dog, and Elvis.

**Raffle:**

4 winners ride (following the Sock Hop) with Elvis in his 1963 Pink Cadillac  
 \$3.00 each raffle ticket or two for \$5.00

Participants recommended to bring:

- 2 ft. or 4 ft. Leash
- Lots of Treats
- Comfortable Chair
- Dog Blanket
- Sense of Adventure

HELP NEEDED FOR:

- Cashier
- Soda Jerk—coke/root beer floats
- Security Person
- Photographer for Elvis pictures
- Raffle Person

## SOCK AND PAWS HOP SPECIAL GUEST STAR!

Top Bay Area Elvis Entertainer  
 Award Winning Elvis Tribute Artist

PLUS

## “The Pink Caddy Cruise”

Purchase tickets for drawing to WIN A RIDE WITH ELVIS at the SOCK HOP

**SEPTEMBER 1st!**

**Elvis sings songs live!**  
**In the caddy!**



Rick Torres was featured in the motion picture “The Doggie Boogie Movie” coming to theatres in Summer 2011. This is the motion picture our own Judy Gamet, founder of Dogs Can Dance, did the choreographing for the dog dancers.

View Rick Torres’ website at [www.kingcreoleentertainment.net](http://www.kingcreoleentertainment.net)

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when we trialed. Even with his fused back he still made time and received the bonus for a November novice fast class. Nothing fazed him; he was so agility driven. For May Madness, Darcy proved time and time again he loved agility with all his heart.

Gratitude as he learned to fetch his water toy, while joyfully swimming, in the river at Monte Rio. With the magic word, “treat” he would retrieve, with great speed, balls I threw. My beautiful Darcy was always rewarded, as was I when watching him run.

Gratitude when Darcy got up on my bed by himself or with my help to sleep with me. His wet kisses brightened my day.

Gratitude that we had Darcy as long as we did. This December, as always, Darcy was a puppy stealing all toys with relish and loving all his holiday treats. He loved Christmas. Now Christmas will be sadder without him.

In April 2011, he romped, ran, and splashed in puddles with Maddie at Alston Park. He also went swimming at Monte Rio. Our three dogs also walked and sniffed their way through Armstrong Woods. Darcy did the agility jumpers course at Sharon’s Fall with a teeter. It was a joy to see Darcy still able to run as he had in the fall. It was so wonderful we were a team again. People were amazed how Darcy could weave so fast at the age of 12. Rachele once said if I asked Darcy to jump through a hoop of fire, he would. That is the connection we had. On May 1st, Penny, who kept Darcy even younger, chased him around the Napa Club, both playing happily. Those memories I will always cherish.

Darcy was all heart and love till the day he left us and he will always be in our hearts.

Bark, jump, weave in heaven and as has been said before, “Save the last dance for me.” I love you and miss you so much Fitzwilliam Darcy.





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NVDTC'S ANNUAL BARBECUE IS SEPTEMBER 12!



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UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
GO  
TO  
[nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)

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

**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.

*Next General  
Membership Meeting  
Monday,  
July 11, 2011  
6:30 p.m.  
at the clubhouse*

No dogs at the meeting.



NVDTC's 2011  
AGILITY TRIAL  
AUGUST 20th and 21st

Submission deadline for the  
September/October newsletter is  
October 20.  
[NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org](mailto:NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org)

NVDTC's 2011  
OBEDIENCE & RALLY  
TRIALS  
NOVEMBER 5th