



July-August 2020



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NVDTC Newsletter

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THINGS AT NVDTC ARE DIFFERENT NOW

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about some changes at Napa Valley Dog Training Club. With classes going from six weeks to four weeks (due to COVID-19 factors), handling of first class orientations, shot records, and payments, all of which take up valuable time when puppy, adolescent, and good manners 1 classes first meet, made it necessary to come up with some new and different approaches.

- 1) Orientations will now be available online and viewing will be required by all puppy, adolescent, and good manners 1 students before attending their first class. Date videos will be viewable will be shown on our website
- 2) A copy of current shot records, as required by the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, **MUST** be sent to the club **BEFORE** attending your very first NVDTC lass. Shot records can be sent to the club via mail to P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA 94558 or sent via email to dogshots@nvdtc.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Mail is not to be sent to the club's street address as it will be returned by the post office.

- 3) Full class payment, either done directly through online registration or sent by check **MUST** arrive before first class. If payment is not received in time, spot in class will be forfeited.

Another change is the requirement for students to sign a waiver to agree to abide to Napa Valley Dog Training Club's COVID-19 procedures. This waiver is now included with the standard waiver when registering for a class.

NVDTC classes in scent work, freestyle, and rally are on track to start the week of July 6th followed by a full range of classes starting the week of August 3rd. See page 4 for days and times for specific session 4 classes.

Registration is now closed for session 3 classes and registration for session 4 classes will be announced on our website soon!

Only online registration is being accepted.

NOTE:
The July General Meeting IS scheduled to be held at the clubhouse on July 13th at 6:30 PM.

All COVID-19 Guidelines to be followed.

If you have any items for the agenda, please send to Sue at sue.osborn49@yahoo.com by July 10th.



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Virtual
>walk
for animals
A BENEFIT FOR NAPA HUMANE

**Aug 16 at 12 AM thru
Aug 22 at 4:59 AM**

**Napa Humane's
9th Annual Walk for Animals**

napahumane.org/

Join us for Napa Humane's first ever VIRTUAL Walk for Animals, a week-long fundraising event in support of companion animals throughout Napa Valley!

Start a fundraising team or go solo, then participate in any of our events going on throughout the week.

Create your own mile long route to walk with your family (or check out some dog-friendly routes on our resources page), visit our Dine & Donate partners, bid on our silent auction, and more!

*Pre-event fundraising is not required
but it is appreciated!*

Register to Walk or Donate



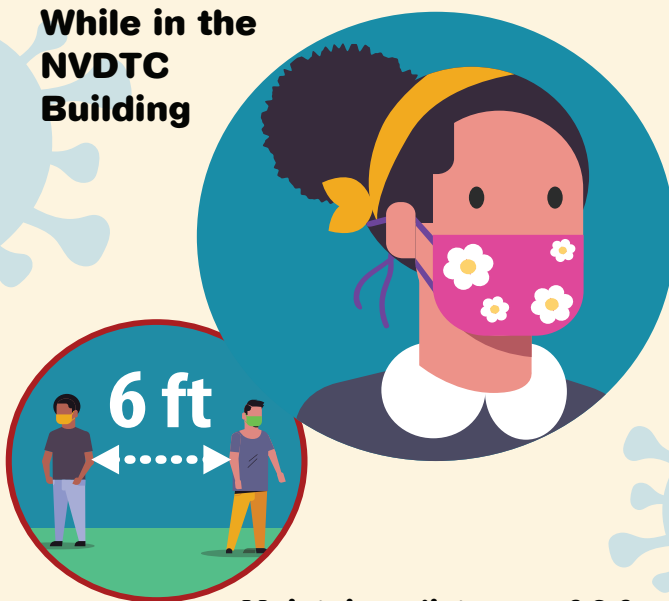
NVDTC CHANGES RELATED TO COVID-19

In light of the COVID-19 situation, the NVDTC Board and trainers have come up with the following changes that will be put in place now that classes are resuming:

1. Orientation will no longer be done at the first class, as it will be via online-viewing (required for puppy, adolescent & GM1 classes). Puppy, adolescent & GM1 dogs can now come to their first class. Online orientation videos will be available for viewing before registration opens for puppy, adolescent, and good manners classes.
2. Classes will be 45 minutes in length to allow time between classes to disinfect everything.
3. All classes will be limited to six students.
4. Classes will be set up in four-week sessions at a cost of \$100.
5. Discounts will not be accepted at this time.
6. No drop-ins.
7. Payment required before classes start.
8. At this time, vouchers are limited to \$40 per class.
9. Students must agree to terms of our waiver which will include viewing of orientation for puppy, adolescent, and good manners 1 classes if taking such classes.
10. Students must agree to abide to COVID-19 restrictions and that they have no COVID-19 symptoms

Face Masks are Mandatory

**While in the
NVDTC
Building**



**Maintain a distance of 6 feet
whenever possible.**



cdc.gov/coronavirus



Board Members & Instructors Display

A HUGE thank you to Debbie Hilton for moving forward setting up the display on the training floor to show off our club officers and instructors! Check out the display for names & positions held! Also take note of the many other changes she has made in the clubhouse! Be sure to tell Debbie thank you when you see her!



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REGISTER ONLINE:
nvdtc.org/registration.htm

Check our website
for registration date.

Classes will fill FAST
once registration opens.

Save time signing up for a class.
Create a registration account
ahead of time by visiting
our homepage on our website:

www.nvdtc.org

Questions?
email registration@nvdtc.org
or call 707-253-8666

FEES

FOR ALL CLASSES:
\$100

All fees must be received
BEFORE class starts.

\$40 MAX IN VOUCHERS

NO DISCOUNTS AT THIS TIME

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FEES & VOUCHER ALLOWANCES  
FOR SHORTENED CLASSES:

3-Week Session: \$75.00 class fee  
Vouchers: \$30.00 (max)

2-Week Session: \$50.00 class fee  
Vouchers: \$20.00 (max)

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

Members can earn vouchers to  
offset the cost of classes.

Details:

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



## 2020 Session 4

Aug. 3rd thru Aug. 29th, 2020

### Monday

|          |                         |       |                   |
|----------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 8:30 am  | Scent Work Intermediate | Donna | (continued class) |
| 10:00 am | Scent Work Advanced     | Donna | (continued class) |
| 12:00 pm | Scent Work Beginning    | Donna | (continued class) |

|         |                                    |       |                   |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 6:00 pm | Handler Discrimination             | Donna | (continued class) |
| 7:00 pm | Scent Work Intermediate / Advanced | Donna | (continued class) |

### Tuesday

|          |                |              |  |
|----------|----------------|--------------|--|
| 10:00 am | Good Manners 1 | Kim/Marilane |  |
| 11:00 am | Good Manners 2 | Kim/Marilane |  |

|         |                                        |      |     |
|---------|----------------------------------------|------|-----|
| 2:00 pm | Private Coaching – Dogs Can Dancy      | Judy |     |
| 4:30 pm | Intermediate Freestyle / Musical Rally | Judy |     |
| 5:30 pm | Freestyle Drill Team                   | Judy |     |
| 6:30 pm | Beginning Freestyle                    | Judy | NEW |

### Wednesday

|          |                  |       |  |
|----------|------------------|-------|--|
| 9:00am   | Puppy - overflow | Sandy |  |
| 10:00 am | Puppy            | Sandy |  |
| 11:00 am | Adolescent Dog   | Sandy |  |
| 12:00 am | Adolescent Dog   | Sandy |  |

|         |                |          |  |
|---------|----------------|----------|--|
| 4:00 pm | Puppy          | Donna    |  |
| 5:00 pm | Adolescent Dog | Donna    |  |
| 6:00 pm | Puppy          | De / Lea |  |
| 7:00 pm | Adolescent Dog | De / Lea |  |

### Thursday

|                 |                                                                                                                        |      |                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 10:30 am        | Rally (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks of each month)                                                        | Mary | (all levels - continued class) |
| 10:00 – 1:00 pm | Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month) |      |                                |

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|---------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:30 pm | Rally                              | Mary     | (all levels - continued class)                                                                      |
| 7:00 pm | Agility Foundation for Competition | Stefanie | (Part 1 of 4) RETURNING<br>(This class will run for Four, 4-week sessions for a total of 16 weeks.) |

### Friday

|         |                |       |  |
|---------|----------------|-------|--|
| 6:00 pm | Good Manners 1 | Linda |  |
| 7:00 pm | Good Manners 2 | Linda |  |

Instructors are working on adding  
additional classes for session 4.

Schedule  
subject  
to change

7/3/20-sao

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions  
run 4 weeks, one time per week at the  
day & time shown for 45 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.





## Check out NVDTC's new business card design!



Thanks to Publicity Chair Marion Sigel, we now have new and colorful business cards to represent our club!

These cards will be given out to members at meetings and by trainers to their students to encourage distribution to those they meet in the community to let them know about our club and the training opportunities we offer.

Cards are available in the office for anyone to share with their friends, neighbors, and others in the community.

## Dog Breeding in the Neolithic Age

*Fossils and modern DNA show the ancient roots of Arctic sled dogs.*

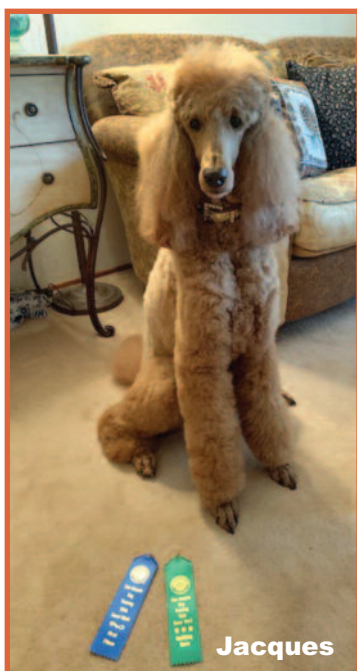
Stories about dogs and humans cover two broad perspectives, there is the one about deep, meaningful collaboration between both for survival and a second about dogs being scavengers as they followed camps to live off man's garbage.

Truth for both of these exist however there are still mysteries behind the very early roots of dogs and humans.

To read more, go to the full article on the New York Times website ([nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)) and search on the words, "Dog Breeding in the Neolithic Age"



## BRAG from Carol Coawette!



Last weekend my boys gave me an exciting surprise. Without any Scent Training classes (or home schooling by me either) since early March, they both aced their day at an AKC Scent Work show in Lodi.

Jacques is in Advanced and they only offered one element in Advanced competition that day. He took first place and was the fastest dog in Advanced Interior search.

Pierre was offered to compete in 3 of the 4 elements in Novice.

He took 1st place in Buried search; 2nd place in Exterior search; and 8th in Container search (no ribbon).

So he now has his Novice Scent Work Title in all three elements.

*And*

Pierre has a huge ribbon for High in Trial that day as fastest dog overall in Novice.

They were both relaxed ( yet excited) and very focused.

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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 COVID-19 updates or an upcoming event?

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  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020 newsletter  
is August 20, 2020.

Send to: [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto: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.*



Visit NVDTTC on the web for  
the latest news & photos:  
[www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)

