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## AKC Introduces New AKC DNA + Health Test

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is excited to announce AKC® DNA + Health. This new test combines genetic health and traits testing with AKC DNA identification, creating a powerful tool for breeders.
"At the AKC, we're always looking for tools to help our responsible breeders in their journey to breed the best quality purebred dogs," said Gina DiNardo, AKC Executive Secretary. "The AKC® DNA + Health test is a great resource for breeders when planning a litter and working to better their breed."

The AKC® DNA + Health test, developed with trusted lab provider Neogen, offers an AKC DNA profile plus more than 328 markers for health and traits. Not only does it help to meet AKC registration and Breeder of Merit/Bred with H.E.A.R.T. requirements, but it also comes with lifetime access to canine genetic counselors to help breeders make informed breeding decisions.
AKC® DNA + Health can be purchased for $\$ 135.99$. Every purchase of this new test helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates, such as AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). For more information, visit shop.akc.org/ akcdnahealth.
https://caninechronicle.com/current-articles/akc-intro-duces-new-akc-dna-health-test/


## Session 5 classes now open for registration



## TATTLE TAILS

## NVDTC Newsletter

 July-August 2024
## Pawsidential Woofs and Tails




Some recent events and conversations have had me thinking about our role in the Napa community. Our mission says we "promote responsible pet ownership by offering classes for the community in dog obedience and handling" but is that where it ends? What should be our relationship with other nonprofits, especially dog related ones? Should we have relationships with other local dog trainers, non-profit and/or for profit? Are there places where we should be making our presence known that we are missing?
I am looking for your ideas and input! Please email me at president@nvdtc.org with your thoughts and ideas.

Also, the informal recognition that I started in the last newsletter has had absolutely no responses! Somebody has to be doing something worthy of recognition out there. All it takes is a quick email saying who did something worthy of recognition and what, and I will take it from
 there. Come on let me give your fellow club member a pat on the back!
Finally get ready for the August "Bring Your Dog To Meeting" and dog dancing with Judy Gamet. Should be lots of fun!

Take care and keep you and your dogs cool! Linda Wargo, President

## Join Judy Gamet for August's "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting" Night and discover how flow can enhance your training!

If you look up the word "flow" in the dictionary, you will find several related definitions. When it comes to the application of the word "flow" in the world of canine musical freestyle, I embrace the wording of "continuous progression" and "to move or progress freely." This is a component of dance in the animal world.
Energy flows. Movement is made up of energy. Dogs move with flow naturally. When a handler can tap into the animal's world of dance, flow is the key and the source of beauty and strength.
Flow can be demonstrated within the sport of freestyle in many ways. Here are three ways to seriously consider when attempting to learn and choreograph with flow:

1) Do the movements of the dog and handler flow seamlessly from one to the next within the phrase or do they feel disjointed?
2) Is the handler following through with cues in a natural manner or are they dropped off too quickly, are abrupt or totally unrelated?
3) Does one movement phrase set up naturally so there is flow from one section to the next?

A sensitivity and awareness of flow by the
handler/choreographer needs to apply to the dog's actions, the handler's body movement, and the total performance. When these three tools are applied, beauty is the result.
Have you ever watched a flock of birds fly? One of the birds is in the lead; the others are tapping into the flow in order to fly in formation. Have you ever watched horses play? A horse will dart into the circle and back out while the other horses pick up the patterned flow.
Allowing our dogs to demonstrate the best follow-through and flow, and incorporating this into our routines, helps us create a piece of art and beauty.

Judy Gamet, Dogs Can Dance

Visit link below to view video of examples of flow:
youtu.be/-G27zLRv5Ps



> Cheryl has been a long-standing, active, dependable, and positive member for decades.


In reviewing the criteria for selection of this award, what comes to mind is "selfless service to others." She is an asset to our club who fits all the criteria for the award. She is an educated, skilled assistant who is always positive, understands dogs extremely well, and has great ideas and methods when it comes to training.
Cheryl has assisted most of our instructors for many years. This experience showcases her versatility and cooperation with others. She is always willing to step in to help when additional assistance is needed, or when other assistants are unexpectedly absent. It should be noted that other assistants enjoy working with her and feel that she supports them in their development.
She knows her way around the classroom and is keenly aware of each individual student and their dogs' needs. She knows when and how to step in to provide support and to set up everyone for success, including the instructor. She has an outstanding work ethic and always arrives early to help set up the room and stays late to put things away, sweep, etc. so that the club stays nice for everyone. She is always willing to stay over her shift to assist the next instructor with resetting the room. She is a true team player and is polite, respectful, and fun to work with.
The knowledge and experience she has accumulated through many years working at both NVDTC and the Napa County Animal Shelter is immeasurable. Her in-depth understanding of dog's body language, displacement and calming signals, redirection techniques, canine health and welfare, and polite and professional "people skills" make her a huge asset to our organization. She addresses and attends to students/dogs who are struggling and treats owners respectfully, answering their questions and concerns thoughtfully. She approaches each pet with care in moving deliberately to make it feel safe and waits patiently
before making another move. And when, after this effort, a nervous dog relaxes and begins to learn, the owner sees how special their dog truly is. This invaluable lesson is a gift, which Cheryl gives in every single class. She initiates helping these students without being asked and is very willing to work 1:1 to address difficult behaviors.
Her volunteer experience and fostering nearly 100 dogs has given her insight into the needs of pet dogs and their people in a way that is service minded, with an emphasis on pet dog/community relations. She often works with

families independently, helping dogs transition to their new homes. Many of these dogs and their owners come to our club because of her endorsements. She helps owners find the right class and supports them behind the scenes so that they can have good experiences with us.
Cheryl has volunteered to represent NVDTC at various community events and does a fantastic job as a club representative.

This piece was created by Lea Ronald from written nominations from NVDTC members.

## TATTLE TAILS

# Year End Award Requirements 



This was Harper's first scent work trial and she did great! Handlers could use a bit more training.

## Carol Coawette:



Louie did well at Lodi May 19th, considering it was only his second trial this year and his Mom hasn't practiced him much at all, he went home with 3 more legs towards his AKC Advanced Scent Work Title. Good Boy!

## Have BRAGS? Submit them to brags@nvdtc.org

HEADS UP regarding YEAR END AWARDS for 2024!
You only have until December of 2024 to fulfill all requirements! Now is the time to review what they are.
The requirements for receiving year end awards has been updated as shown below:
The Napa Valley Dog Training Club gives annual awards to recognize, support and encourage the competition activity of members.
Each year, active club members can apply for recognition by completing and submitting an award application form.
For the year you are being recognized, the minimum requirements for active member award qualification are as follows:
Must have attended a minimum of four (4) Club General Meetings
Must be a current member in Good Standing with the Napa Valley Dog Training Club (NVDTC) and American Kennel Club (AKC), and
Participate in at least one NVDTC sponsored activity (as listed below).
No later than the January general meeting, members are responsible for filling out and submitting award form (as shown at link below) to include desired picture/data and dates of approved sponsored activities completed (as listed below) and dates general meetings were attended.
NVDTC sponsored activities include:
a) Serve on Board of Directors
b) Volunteer as an approved assistant for 1 six-week session
c) Provide refreshments $\mathcal{E}$ drinks for a general meeting
d) Serve as Newsletter/Webmaster
e) Volunteer in office for one six-week session
f) Participate in the annual fiscal audit
g) Chair an activity or serve on a committee pre-approved by Board of Directors as follows:

- Annual Banquet
- Annual Awards Coordinator
- Annual BBQ or Pizza Party or other festivities,such as May Madness, March Luck of the Irish, Christmas Potluck, Booth at Walk for Animals, Club Clean-up Day
- Or any other activity approved by the Board of Directors

The above information is on the club's website: nvdtc.org/club-awards/.
Download Year End Award Form for 2024: http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/YearEndAwardsForm.pdf/.

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# Napa Valley Dog Training 68 Coombs St. Bldg. N • Napa, CA 707-253-8666• nvdtc.org <br> <br> July 22nd thru August 31 st 

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Standard Classes run for 6 weeks for $\$ 150.00$ unless noted otherwise. Class payment \& shot records DUE July 15th.
Registration for Session 5, 2024 classes is ONLY accepted between June 17th \& July 8th. Except for continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY: 707-253-8666


For all Dogs Can Dance (Freestyle) Tuesday classes, register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com•(707) 449-1715

June 10, 2024 General Meeting

## MINUTES ${ }_{\text {(unopporoved) }}$

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


- Dena Parrish was voted in as a new trainer.
- Introducing platform training into the classes.
- Rattlesnake aversion training will definitely be put off until next year. Looking for a location, and asked members to contact her with any possibilities.


## F. PUBLICITY

- Debbie Hilton reported that she entered the Napa Valley Dog Training Club in the Napa's Finest Nominations. We are located under services and best local nonprofit. Voting runs from July 2nd - 18th, and individuals can vote once per day. Winners will be announced on August 17th. Let's get out the vote; you can vote every day.
- Linda Wargo is going to finish the list of local businesses to post our rack cards and our schedules for next general meeting.
- Linda Wargo noted that there are events in Napa we should probably have a presence at and perhaps we need to keep a calendar of those type of events. Dena Parrish mentioned we should perhaps put events that we want to attend in the newsletter.
G. BUILDING -

1. Lori Jackson noted the switch to Rescue for building cleaning will start this Friday.
2. Linda Wargo went over how to use Poof to clean up a dog accident
H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE
3. Deadline for July -August newsletter submissions is June 22nd.
4. Donna Golemon suggested we include a local dog events section in our newsletter.
I. HOSPITALITY
5. Tonight: Chris Mayer and Roxann Gracia

- The ice cream bar was delicious - Thank You

2. July 8, 2024: Dena Parrish and Marilane Bergfelt
J. SUNSHINE—Debbie Hilton
3. Kaye Hall, a lifetime member of the club passed away recently. For many years Kaye volunteered her time to teach tracking classes, serve as a member

## Remembering Kaye Hall

Our club recently learned of the passing of a beloved and respected member, Kaye Hall. She was our club's first Lifetime Member and shared her love of dogs, nature and art freely. Kaye lit up the room with her enthusiasm and contagious smile.
Kaye enjoyed many canine activities including obedience and freestyle, but she found her home with tracking. This sport combined her love of the outdoors and her passion for dogs. Kaye not only taught tracking classes with her friend, Debbie Crain, but she was also an AKC judge for Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) and Variable Surface Tracking (VST). She volunteered her time on the club's behalf in both roles, helping people start in the sport and, often, fulfilling their goal of titling with their dog. Kaye also enjoyed competing in tracking, having many successes. She and Julot received three highly respected AKC titles and Julot received the prestigious AKC performance title of 'Champion Tracker.'
Kaye began Julot's training as a puppy, focusing on scent specific trailing. By the time he was two years old, Kaye and Julot became Mission Ready for the California Rescue Dog Association and the Napa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. They excelled as a Search and Rescue Team and were dispatched on dozens of searches. Kaye loved to share stories of the different things they encountered, and she was proud of their service together. They were an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime team.
Upon retirement as a psychotherapist, Kaye earned an Associates of Studio Arts Degree with an emphasis on painting and drawing from Napa Valley College. Her work was selected by local and regional organizations and displayed frequently. Kaye's shared these thoughts on her website:
> "I love being outdoors in nature, and I love dogs. Both nourish me, relax me, and bring me tranquility. Both are varied and full of endless surprises. Both have motion and
action. This movement - whether from shadows, light, wind or muscle - is something I attempt to capture in my art."
In 2010, Kaye wrote and illustrated the children's book, Stop and Stay Put: A Guide to SAFER Adventures Outdoors which included the song 'S.A.F.E.R. (the link is included at the end of this article). Kaye donated copies of this book to numerous organizations. Here is the description from the inside cover:

This book will: Keep children from getting lost. Help children make good decisions once they are lost, scared or tired. Help children to trust searching adults and dogs. Help encourage family and law enforcers to report and start searches quickly. This story teaches basic wilderness skills. It is designed as a read aloud book for children and adults. With nature as its setting, Colin and Katy embark on an adventure. They learn how to keep from getting lost and how to be safe if lost in the woods.

Kaye was truly a kind person who shared her knowledge, time, smiles, and laughter effortlessly. We thank her for everything she did for our club, the difference she made in our lives, and the service she gave to others. We will miss her deeply.

Hear the featured song S.A.F.E.R, written by two time Emmy Award winner Rita Abrams with Kaye Hall, and sung by Mike Shapiro, Ryan Lee Nelson, Sebastian Gonzalez, Juan Cerda and Jayson Solais from the Companion CD that comes with each book.

> YouTube: "Search and Rescue, kids, lost in the woods, SAFER, Stop and Stay Put"
> www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ilX2X WJfCI


## TATTLE TAILS

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## Vote to make NVDTC Napa Valley's Finest for 2024!

Thank you to Debbie Hilton who nominated the Napa Valley Dog Training in the Napa's Finest for this year in "Best in Services, Best Local Mon-Profit."


Voting runs from July 2nd through July 18th. Individuals can vote once per day. Winners will be an nounced on August 17th.

To find Napa Valley Dog Training to cast your vote, first select the category "Best in Services." Next select "Best Local Non-Profit," then select "Napa Valley Dog Training Club."

Encourage your family members and friends to vote on their own devices on a daily basis starting July2nd.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club was voted as the number one local nonprofit in the past. Let's make our club number one again for 2024 !


VISIT napavalleyregister.com/exclusive/readerschoice/ballot-2024/ TO VOTE.


## TATTLE TAILS

## Minutes continued from page 6

of our tracking test committee, and judge our tracking tests. Members shared their memories of Kaye.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates to Guidelines and Procedures

- Status of subcommittee to revamp Section XXX-F Instructor Pay Raises. (Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Roxann Gracia) Mary Ash absent so tabled until next meeting.

2. Musical freestyle "bring your dog" meeting with Judy Gamet tentatively planned for August - Linda Wargo

- Linda Wargo asked members what they would like to see for this event. Suggestions ranged from beginning moves, to square dancing, to establishing good teamwork with your dog.
- Music suggestions included country, inspiring songs, dance music, but nixed heavy metal and opera

3. November meeting "Bring Your Dog" for Holiday pictures. - Donna Golemon $\mathcal{E}$ Linda Wargo - nothing new to report
4. RD Winery Event Saturday September 28th - Marilane Bergfelt

- Right now, just planning on an info table.

5. Caring Canines Support -

- Event will be held on July 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donna Golemon reported that NVDTC folks will be available to sign up individuals for classes for the upcoming session that are still open.

6. Gerry Glantz Memorial Service Award Update - Roxann Gracia and Dena Parrish

- Roxann Gracia and Dena Parrish reviewed the final improvements to the award process and answered members questions.

7. Dog Item Garage Sale discussion - Linda Wargo

- Linda Wargo presented Donna Golemon's suggestion to the board to hold a Dog Item Garage Sale. Debbie Hilton has volunteered to help work on this.
- We discussed possible dates such as Artists Open Studios, the Napa City-wide garage sale date, or in conjunction with an open house. Debbie will research.
- Also had a short discussion on whether we would rent tables to individuals or if we would take donations to sell as a club. No decision was made.
- Another thought was to combine it with an open house. It was decided this would be too complicated and Donna Golemon proposed that we just do an information table and a looping video of what we offer.

8. September BBQ or Picnic discussion - Linda Wargo

- Linda Wargo asked members if they wanted to continue the tradition of a September BBQ or a pot luck
picnic. Membership thought a picnic would be nice. Perhaps at one of the local parks.
- Asked the membership for someone to step up and lead the charge on getting this going.

9. Halloween meeting will be a bring your dog costume contest. Linda Wargo looking into a reasonably priced backdrop for picture taking.
VII. NEW BUSINESS
10. Survey for potential participation in events and new ideas for classes - Donna Golemon

- Donna Golemon reported on the results of the survey sent to member and folks in our database
- Several people mentioned they would be interested in classes on general dog grooming. Looking for someone to conduct the training, and how best to present the class. Please contact Donna with ideas for this. Roxann Gracia mentioned it would be good to learn about available tools.
- We also discussed the possibility of someday offering cooperative care classes.
- Marilane Bergfelt mentioned having the survey comments available to members. Donna Golemon replied that she will make the binder available to anyone who asks.
VIII. BRAGS

1. Dena Parrish reported that she and Tzoey completed their rally excellent title.
2. Sandy Bonifield reported that at Woofstock, she entered her 6 month old miniature schnauzer, Maggie in her first show. After learning the ropes for a couple of days she went Reserve Winners Bitch.
3. Roxann Gracia reported that Tanner qualified in his scent work excellent interior search
4. Carol Coawette reported that at a May 19th scent work trial, Pierre Qualified in all four Masters odors and took fourth place in the Matsers Interior search.
5. Carol coawette reported that at the same trial, Louie qualified in three out four of his advanced searches.
6. Marilane Bergfelt Reported that her son and his fiancé are now living on the West coast, and that his fiancé has completed her PhD in Family Counseling.
7. Donna Golemon reported that her granddaughter was coming home from Korea
8. Linda Luchsinger reported that her twin granddaughters graduated high school and one is enlisting in the Air force and the other will be attending the University of Merced
IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50 pm

## For Your Dog: Interests, Events, Activities Caring Canines

The Caring Canines event will be held on July 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is a FREE preliminary screening for owners and dogs to identify their potential for future animal-assisted therapy work and is sponsored by Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS). Note: This is not a qualification to become certified; it is an educational opportunity to learn what animal-assisted therapy is all about and to see if you and your dog are a good fit for LAPS. For more information visit LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org/
ALSO, NVDTC folks will be on hand to sign up individuals for classes that are still open for the upcoming session.

## 2024 AKC Virtual Trick Dog National Competition



Submit a video to AKC of your dog's trick dog routine. The routine must be no longer than 6 minutes and may include props and music. The 6 minutes includes the time for moving props during the routine and performing the tricks. If you choose to give a speech at
the beginning of your routine, this is counted in the 6 minutes.
You may use a new video, or a video previously submitted to AKC for review to earn your title. Videos that were entered in previous AKC Virtual Tricks competitions may not be submitted again.
As is the case with all Elite Performer routines, there must be a theme or story. For this virtual competition, an audience is not required.
If you have more than one great routine, you may submit up to two videos (per dog) to the competition.
When: To enter, submit your video between Thursday, August 1, 2024, and Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Three judges will judge the submissions and the winner will be announced in November 2024.
The winner and two semi-finalists of the 2024 AKC Trick Dog Competition will receive trophies.
There will also be breed prizes, qualifying rosettes, and a beautiful 2024 AKC National Trick Dog competition medal for every qualifying entry.
Entry forms will be posted August 1, 2024. Competition rules and details are posted at akc.org/sports/trick-dog/. For questions, email: trickdog@akc.org

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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 an upcoming presentation or workshop?
You can access recent emails sent out from NVDTC via MailChimp by CLICKING HERE or by scanning the QR code below.


Submission deadline for the SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 newsletter is AUGUST 22, 2024.

Send submissions to: editor@nvdtc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the FOURTH Tuesday of the month at $4: 30$ p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are available online $\mathcal{E}$ at the club.

# Next Meeting: July 8, 2024 

 6:30 PM at ClubhouseLeave dogs at home


Toby taking a break at NVDTC Scent Work class at Napa College. Submitted by Chriss Bradley.
Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share? If you send a photo of YOUR dog ( $\mathcal{E}$ name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter! Email to: editor@nvdtc.org/


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