

JUNE 2010

# TATTLE TAILS



## Pet-Friendly Fourth of July Tips

As we prepare for barbecues and fireworks this Fourth of July, The American Kennel Club, a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, offers tips on how to keep your pets safe and calm during this Independence Day.

It is safer to keep your pets at home during Fourth of July celebrations instead of bringing him to your neighbor's party. Keep your pets in the house, rather than in your yard. He will be a lot happier indoors, and not tempted to leap over a fence to find you.

Dogs can be startled by the loud noise of fireworks. Once the festivities begin, keep your pet in a safe room where he can feel comfortable. If he is crate trained put him in his crate covered with a blanket to make him feel secure.

Block outside sights and sounds by lowering the blinds and turning on the television. Play soothing music in the background to counteract the cacophony during the "rockets' red glare.

If your pet seems overly anxious, spend some time with your pet, speaking soothingly to help them to relax.

Avoid scraps from



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the grill. While tempting to our pets, any sudden change to your pets' diet can cause stomach upset. In addition, some certain foods like onions, avocado, grapes and raisins can be toxic.

Human products can be dangerous to animals. Avoid spraying your pet with insect repellent and only use special sunscreen that is intended for animal use. Keep your pets away from matches and lighter fluid. They can be extremely irritating to the stomach, lungs and central nervous system, if ingested.

Should your dog get scared, escape and run away, help find him with microchip identification. Collars and tags can fall off so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit [www.akccar.org](http://www.akccar.org).

Additional tips on responsible dog ownership can be found online at the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



# TRAINING SESSIONS

Subject to Change

To view the 2010 schedule on a full year calendar, visit the classes page on the [napadogtraining.org](http://napadogtraining.org) website.

## Session 4 ~ 2010

June 28 through August 13, 2010

*Week off between sessions 3 & 4: June 14-25*

### Monday

|           |               |          |
|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 5:30 p.m. | Conformation* | Michelle |
|-----------|---------------|----------|

### Tuesday

|           |                |       |
|-----------|----------------|-------|
| 5:00 p.m. | Good Manners 1 | Lynda |
| 6:00 p.m. | Puppy          | Lynda |
| 7:00 p.m. | Puppy Star     | Laura |
| 8:00 p.m. | Good Manners 2 | Laura |

### Wednesday

|            |                     |           |
|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | CGC or Novice Obed. | Marlene   |
| 10:00 a.m. | Good Manners 1      | Marlene   |
| 11:00 a.m. | Good Manners 2      | Marlene   |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Advanced Agility    | Katherine |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Jumpers 3           | Joy       |

### Thursday

|            |       |      |
|------------|-------|------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Rally | Mary |
| 11:00 a.m. | Rally | Mary |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Rally | Mary |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Rally | Mary |

### Friday

|           |       |          |
|-----------|-------|----------|
| 6:30 p.m. | Puppy | Marilane |
| 7:30 p.m. | GM1   | Linda    |

*Week off between sessions 4 & 5: Aug 16-20*

### 2010 TRAINING SCHEDULE TO THE END OF THE YEAR:

Session 4: June 28 — August 13, 2010  
 Session 5: August 23 — October 8, 2010  
 Session 6: October 18 — December 10, 2010



### \*CONFORMATION CLASS

The Session 3 Conformation Class that is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of the month at 5:30 p.m will end with the May 31st class.

Conformation Classes will then resume again on **July 5th** at the same 5:30 time slot.

**Class Fees (7-weeks):**  
**Members\* & Non-Members \$115**  
**Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100**

All sessions run 7 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.

## AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy<sup>SM</sup> Program is an incentive program for loving dog owners who have taken the time to take their puppies through a basic training class.

### The Benefits of Training

Training classes teach you how to best communicate with your puppy. Organized training classes also provide an opportunity for your dog to socialize with other dogs. In classes aimed at earning the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy distinction, you'll be able to get information on all of your puppy-raising questions including housetraining, chewing, and the most effective way to teach practical skills such as coming when called. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training is a natural lead in to the AKC® Canine Good Citizen® Program.

### How It Works

When you complete a basic training class (taught by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator) with your puppy (up to 1 year old) your puppy is eligible to be enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program.

You'll attend any puppy or basic training class at least 6 weeks. Your instructor will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test at the end of the course. Upon passing the test, you'll get an application to send to AKC® for enrollment in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. All dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program including purebreds and mixed breeds.

Your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal (for display or memento purposes; not suitable as a collar tag). You and your puppy will be listed in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records. In addition, so that you can continue learning, you'll receive our AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package that includes:

- A frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records at AKC
- AKC Puppy Handbook, a valuable resource
- Discount to enroll in AKC Companion Animal Recovery Corporation, a 24-hour recovery service
- Ongoing Monthly Email Newsletter: Your AKC. This includes training tips and up-to-date information every dog owner needs to know. We want you and your puppy to continue learning beyond puppy classes.

*The Napa Valley Dog Training Club is offering a S.T.A.R. Puppy class in their next session of classes (Session 4). The class will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. Sign up today by calling 707-253-8666!*

**For upcoming events  
go to [nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)**

## NVDTTC Agility 2010 Trial August 21 & 22

Dixon

Closing date: July 30, 2009

## NVDTTC Obedience & Rally 2010 Trial November 6

Vallejo

More details at [nvdtc.org](http://nvdtc.org).



One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.

~Author Unknown

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

# MAY MADNESS REDUX by TERESA RUSSELL

A famous American once said, "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun!" All right, she was probably not a deep thinker, but Katherine Hepburn was a famous American. And she probably loved dogs! And so do we! We proved this at our May General Meeting when we sponsored May Madness—a chance for you and your best friend to get out and just have fun! There was lots of laughter and goofy dog nonsense such as the

Path of Peril—a Recall through a flood of soft toys and treats. The soft core agility is always a favorite. It's like taking your kid on the Monkey Bars at the park! New this year was the Find It! Game—a sort of shell game for pooches. The faster you find the treat, the faster you get to eat it! And we know how important it is to most dogs to eat their treats really FAST! Rally Uh-Oh proved an intellectual challenge for both (wo)man



A big thank you to  
Jim Spiva for all the photos!  
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[www.nvdtc.org/photos.htm](http://www.nvdtc.org/photos.htm)



and beast. And of course, there was the dancing. As another famous American said to Julia Roberts as she sat all alone in her beautiful lavender gown (My Best Friend's Wedding), "There may not be love, there may not be sex, (horrors) but there will be dancing!" (Oops, not an American, a Brit). Kudos to Vange Leonis and her everlasting optimism as she led her dog-handler teams in a rousing line dance to the tune "Bubba Can Dance!" And Karen and Lori Jackson deserve special recognition for acquiring the toys, the refreshments, the prizes, and the ribbons, and for all their effort in the set up for May Madness. Special thanks to the two teens (Taylor Russell and friend Shelby) who ran the Recall game. Credit also goes to Frances Harvey for monitoring agility. And many thanks to Vange Leonis (doing double duty) for running the Rally course. A special shout out to Laura Ecklin who videotaped the event. And most importantly, many thanks to the club members who supported May Madness, who took the risk of bringing their dogs down to a crowded event, and who had lots of fun. What's a party if nobody comes? LET'S DO IT AGAIN! YEAH!



# 5/10/2010 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Janet Davis.

## II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the April 12, 2010 general meeting as published in the May newsletter.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Checking: \$14,435.31
- B. CD: \$11,590.05
- C. Money Market: \$8,944.72
- D. M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

## IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Nothing to report.
  - B. SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS, Sandy Bonifield  
Sandy is looking into a speaker for July, no one lined up yet.
  - C. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn  
All is good.
  - D. OFFICE, Lynda Rhyno  
Office will need information to hand out for the AKC S.T.A.R. puppy class starting next session.
  - E. TRAINING, Teresa Russell  
Training committee has decided to pilot the AKC S.T.A.R. puppy class next session.
    - 1. Existing puppy curriculum will be adapted to incorporate the S.T.A.R. program.
    - 2. Program readies puppies for Good Manners 1 and is for puppies from 6 to 12 months.
    - 3. Laura Ecklin will be instructor for the first S.T.A.R. class on Tuesday at 7:00 (replacing Good Manners 1).
    - 4. A certificate is available from AKC; for more information visit AKC's site.
  - F. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis—No report due to Janet's absence.
  - G. BUILDING, Gerry Glantz
    - 1. The lights overhead and in the electrical room do not work yet.
    - 2. Lights are NVDTTC'S responsibility.
    - 3. Jim Spiva volunteered to take care of lights if a ladder is available.
- ## V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz
- Interclub Competition is June 13, 2010
- A. Entries for interclub are to be sent to Interclub Coordinator, Sue Osborn.
  - B. Deadline for entries is May 14.

- C. Let Gerry know if you are interested in volunteering as a steward.

## VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you to the May Madness Committee for tonight's goodies!
- B. June volunteers: Barrie Gordon & Pat Martin.

## VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

This month's sunshine report will be in newsletter.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash, **November 6, 2010**
  - 1. Gerry Glantz is working on judges, all applications done online.
  - 2. Old date for trial will continue to show up in June until new November application is finalized.
- B. Agility Trial, Mary Ash, **August 21-22, 2010**  
Sign-up sheets not up yet but will be as soon as possible.
- C. Medallions

All those who received an award for 2009 received either a stickpin or a hanging medallion. Key chains available for sale only.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nose Work Seminar, July 10 & 11
  - 1. Diane Parness and Mary Ash recently attended a seminar titled Fun Nose Scenting designed to develop dogs' natural scenting abilities (not tracking) and proposed NVDTTC put on a seminar.
    - a. There would be a limited number of working spots.
    - b. Amy Buchanan would put on the seminar. Cost is \$1000 per day for Amy herself. She would do seminar with Connie Tuft (who will not charge).
    - c. Two individual seminars; each entrant could only do one day.
    - d. No lunch would be provided.
    - e. Dogs have to be over six months.
    - f. Not an AKC recognized venue.
  - 2. MSC for NVDTTC to put on 2 one-day seminars on July 10 & 11 at a cost of \$100 per working spot and \$60 for an audit.
  - 3. Mary Ash passed around a club members' interest list.

## B. Seminar Re-imbusement

MSC to reimburse Marilane Bergfelt & Kelly Finn for attendance of aggressive dog seminar.

## X. NEW MEMBERS—No new members.

## XI. BRAGS—Tabled until next meeting.

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:07 p.m. followed by the grand May Madness event.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Osborn, Secretary



## World's Ugliest Dog Contest

### Sonoma-Marin Fair, Petaluma Fairgrounds

June 25, 2010

6:00 p.m.

175 Fairgrounds Dr., Petaluma, CA

707-283-3247

Don't miss the 22nd Annual World's Ugliest Dog Contest. The winner will be crowned at the Petaluma Fairgrounds at the Sonoma-Marin Fair on June 25, 2010.

World's Ugliest Dog wins \$1,000, a trophy and more.

Even if you can't attend in person, you can still vote for your favorite ugly dog on the fair's website, as well as watch video and see photos of past winners.

**Entry form and more information:**

[www.sonoma-marinfair.org](http://www.sonoma-marinfair.org)

or call: (707) 283-FAIR (3247)



## Canine Safety for Kids

- Always ask a dog's owner if you may pet the dog. Some dogs shouldn't be touched. He may be "on duty" as an assistance or service dog, or he may be injured, ill, or afraid of children.
- Approach a dog from the front or side—not from behind. Hold your hands low and speak softly. Do not surprise a dog, force him into a corner, wave your hands in the air or scream at her.
- If there's one place a dog may get defensive, it's at the food dish. Your dog should not growl when you get near his dish, but don't interfere when a dog is eating.
- Some dogs are very protective of their balls or chew toys. • Never take a bone or toy from a dog's mouth unless he's trained to drop it or give it to you.
- Avoid teasing, rough wrestling, or tug-of-war games. Dogs may get too enthusiastic in these sorts of games and forget you are not a dog. Fetch, frisbee, agility, and flyball are better outlets for your dog's energy.
- Respect a dog's space. Dogs naturally defend their territo-

ries. Do not stick your hand inside a strange dog's pen or car window. A dog may feel afraid and may react to protect himself or his territory.

- Never try to break up a dogfight. While most fights end quickly, call an adult for help. Trying to separate fighting dogs or yelling at them may make them more excited, and they might turn on you or accidentally bite you.
- Observe canine body language. Beware of a dog that is barking, growling, or showing his teeth. Stay away if his ears are back, tail is up, or his hair is standing up on his back. Say "NO" firmly and slowly walk away with your arms by your side. Do not scream, stare into his eyes, or run away.
- Tell your friends what you know.



When friends come to your house, introduce them to your dog and explain the house rules.

- Share your knowledge. The more everyone knows about dogs, the better world it will be for dogs and people.

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**Next General Membership Meeting:  
Monday, June 14, 2010  
6:30 p.m. at the club • NO DOGS!**



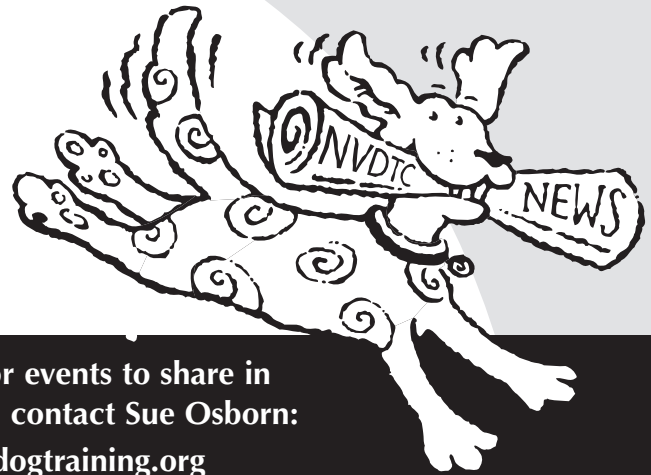
Except for December, Board meetings, open to all interested members, are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting.

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