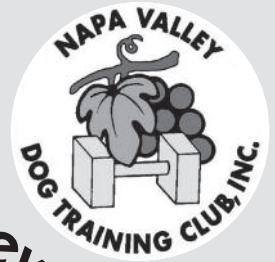


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club newsletter
www.NapaDogTraining.org



Congratulations to Lynda Rhyno, 2009 Club Service Award Recipient!

Each year the club recognizes club members who are in good standing, members who follow and uphold the club's bylaws and rules, members who have contributed to the overall well being and growth of the club and represent the club in a professional, positive way.

Congratulations to Lynda Rhyno, NVDTTC's 2009 Club Service Award recipient!

As an assistant and an office worker, Lynda is always willing and available to assist in a class or take care of the office whenever needed. If an instructor cannot find an assistant, she will step in to help. If there is office work no one is available to do, she will do it.

She also works both agility trials and obedience rally trials in any capacity.

She has served on the board and has done an outstanding job as secretary.

She is well rounded, always agreeable, open, and has a positive attitude. Her work has impacted all areas of the club. She is always striving to make the club a better place to train.

The club service award was presented to Lynda by Sue Osborn at NVDTTC's annual dinner held February 20, 2010 at Compadres.



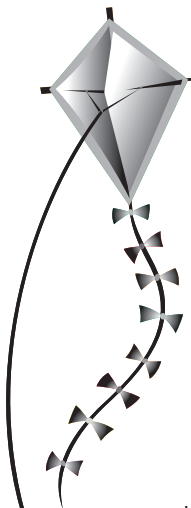
NVDTTC'S Annual Dinner held at Compadres

NVDTTC holds its annual dinner each year to celebrate the successes of members and their dogs. Awards are given out. A great meal is served. This is always a great opportunity to meet other dog lovers and have lots of fun. NVDTTC'S annual dinner was held at Compadres on February 20, 2010.

Laura Ecklin and Joy Wood did an amazing job organizing the dinner. Lots of raffle prizes and a fun game called "Dog Pack Feud" made for an entertaining night out.

Linda Luchsinger did a wonderful job coordinating and presenting awards to all the members who did so much with their dogs in 2009!

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Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

Officers

President: Mary Ash
Vice President: Sandy Bonifield
Treasurer: Lori Jackson
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members

Janet Davis
Gerry Glantz
Lynda Rhyno
Teresa Russell

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

Session 2 ~ 2010

Mar. 1, 2010 through April. 16, 2010

Week off between sessions 1 & 2: Feb. 22-26

Monday

5:30 p.m.	Conformation	Michelle
March 1, 15, 29, April 5—drop-in/\$10 per class		
7:00 p.m.	Puppy Playtime	Lea & Laura
March 1, 15, 29, April 5—drop-in/\$10 per class		

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.	Puppy	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Lea
6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
7:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Teresa
8:00 p.m.	Good Manners II	Teresa

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene
10:00 a.m.	Good Manners I	Marlene
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners II	Marlene
6:00 p.m.	Agility Advanced	Katherine
7:00 p.m.	Agility Intermediate	Joy
8:00 p.m.	Jumpers I	Joy

Thursday

10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
8:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary

Friday

5:30 p.m.	Competition Obedience	Teresa
6:30 p.m.	Puppy	TBA
7:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	TBA

Week off between sessions 2 & 3: April. 19-23



PUPPY PLAYTIME

March 1, 15, 29, & April 5

Lea and Laura will hold puppy playtime classes on a drop-in basis. Cost is \$10.00 per class meeting.

Puppies will need at least two DHLPPs.
Age limit: 5 months.

Puppies from puppy class, the public or puppies waiting to get into session 3 are welcome!

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.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Session 2: March 1 — April 16, 2010

Session 3: April 26 — June 11, 2010

Session 4: June 28 — August 13, 2010

Session 5: August 23 — October 8, 2010

Session 6: October 18 — December 10, 2010

**Members have the opportunity to earn vouchers to offset cost of classes.*

Rub My Belly Please...



NVDTC had the pleasure of a special guest speaker at the February general meeting!

Kay Lafranconi, a certified SAMP, small animal massage practitioner, from Belly Rub talked about dog massage. She demonstrated these skills for everyone and answered questions.

Belly Rub provides massage services for dogs and cats in the Napa Valley and travels to your home or office to massage your dog or cat in the comfort of familiar surroundings.

Massage is great for all dogs and cats—from puppies and kittens to geriatric dogs and cats and all ages in between. Dog and cat massage offers physical and mental benefits. A pet's behavior and emotional state are directly influenced by how they feel physically.

The benefits of massage include:

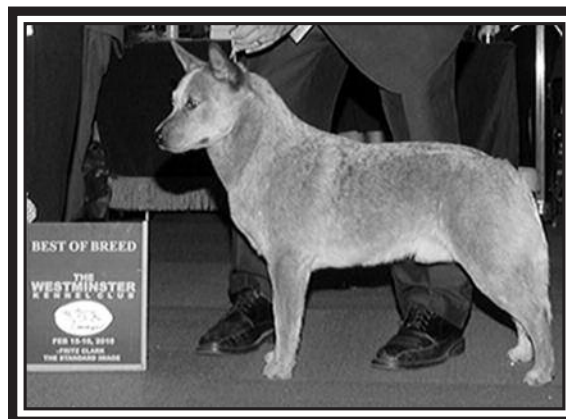
- Improved muscle tone
- Shinier coat and healthier skin
- Improved levels of performance at events such as herding, agility, or obedience training
- Stimulation of circulation and release of endorphins
- Improved joint flexibility and range of motion
- Reduction of inflammation and swelling (and pain) in joints
- Assists in recovery and rehabilitation after surgery or illness
- Mitigate age-related issues such as arthritis
- Helps calm anxious animals
- General physical and psychological well-being

Massage techniques used on animals are the same as those used on people, but with a lighter touch. Since animals cannot give the same feedback that people can, close attention must be paid to the animal's clues and behaviors, which provide valuable information as to what areas of the body may need special attention.

Visit Kay's website for more information: www.belly-rub.com/.

NVDTC member Dee McNeil has something to brag about! Her dog, Brick, took Best of Breed (Australian Cattle Dog) at Westminster!

Ch Carben Copy's If The Shoe Fits
Breed: Australian Cattle Dog
Date of Birth: July 06, 2007
Breeder: Heather Warn & Tracy Carlton
Sire: Ch Kurpas' Hunker Down
Dam: Ch CC's Hard On The Ticker
Owner: Joyce Rowland & Dee McNeil



2/08/10 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandra Bonifield, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, and Lynda Rhyno.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the January 11, 2010 general meeting as published in the February newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Checking: \$12,549.73
- B. Money Market: \$8,943.84
- C. CD: No Change—CD has been renewed for 12 months.
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Fee schedule to handle classes other than seven weeks was approved at board meeting and will be posted in the office.
- B. Board approved use of building by Irish Terrier Club for March 21 at a cost of \$100.
- C. Use of a credit debit machine was not approved by board. The fees are around \$1000 a year after renting the machine plus there is a cost per transaction, both of which cannot be tacked onto class fees.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SPEAKERS, Sandy Bonifield

Tonight Kay Lafranconi with Belly Rub is presenting after tonight's meeting. In April, Kay Hall will do a presentation on tracking and search and rescue.

B. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

If anyone has a change in their email address be sure to tell Linda Luchsinger. Linda will forward email changes to Sue Osborn for use in future email notifications when needed.

C. OFFICE/CASHIERS, Lynda Rhyno

Barrie Gordon volunteered to work in the office on Wednesday night.

D. TRAINING, Teresa Russell

1. A training meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 6:30, open to both trainers and assistants.
2. Teresa volunteered to instruct the puppy and good manners one classes on Friday night. However if there are any trainers willing to teach these classes, let Teresa know.

E. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis

No report.

F. BUILDING, Gerry Glantz

1. A sign in sheet will be posted for entry of any building issues. Gerry is to be notified at which time she will call Gary Walker or Jim Spiva when needed.
2. Sandy Bonifield, Eva Johnson, Jim Spiva and Karen Jackson volunteered to work on floor taping on Wednesday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m.
3. The large dog crates and water bowl situation has been resolved by installing plywood and moving bowls. Thank you to Jim Spiva for installing the plywood!

G. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

1. Since Gerry was absent, Teresa Russell reported on the February 8th AOCNC workshop at the Cow Palace.
2. Napa sponsored 2 rings: rally novice and obedience at the AOCNC workshop. Mary Ash, Teresa Russell, Gerry Glantz, Karen Jackson and Lynda Rhyno all volunteered.

H. HOSPITALITY

1. Thank you to Christina Martin and Mary Ash (who stepped in for Lynda Rhyno) for tonight's hospitality!
2. Lynda Rhyno and Marilane Bergfelt volunteered to provide hospitality for the March 8th meeting.

I. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Sunshine was extended to Gerry Glantz and Patti Mattera.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL DINNER, Laura Ecklin, Joy Wood

1. Dinner will be held February 20, 2010.
2. Reservations will be taken up until next Monday, February 15th.
3. There will be a slide show, games, door prizes and award presentations.
4. Linda Luchsinger: All awards have been turned in.
5. Joy Wood is starting a memory board at the dinner. Board will be displayed at the club after the dinner event. Photos can be emailed to Joy or put in her box, make them about 5 x 7 for the board
6. There is a \$10 corkage fee; each person is responsible for paying his or her own corkage. Joy will double check on this.

B. CLUB SERVICE AWARD, Sue Osborn

The recipient for the 2009 Club Service Award has been selected.

C. JUDIE HOWARD SEMINAR

1. There were 32 people in attendance both days.
2. The seminar made about a \$125 profit
3. Trainers and assistants attended for free giving them skills to use in classes.
4. As a local, Judie Howard will answer questions by email at no charge.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. USE OF BUILDING by LAPS

M/S/C for use of building by LAPS on Sunday, August 29, 2010 and Sunday, October 17, 2010.

B. DOG FUN TIME, Vange Leonis, Teresa Russell

1. Club will be open on Tuesday, February 23rd from 6 to 8 for members to bring their dog for some dog dancing fun.
2. There will be no cost to members unless Judie Gamet has a charge.

VIII. BRAGS: Christy Rose and Lori Jackson.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:10 p.m. followed by a very interesting presentation on dog massage given by Kay Lafranconi of Belly Rub.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary

NVDTC'S ANNUAL DINNER



Pictured are just some of the many NVDTC's proud 2009 awardees!



The game of the night was "Dog Pack Feud." It was a hit! Teams were formed and given questions Joy and Laura asked in a survey of non-dog owners; questions like: "What is the most popular name for male dogs?" and "What breed of dog is the hardest to train?" and "What are the three best ways to pick up dog poop?"

The winning team was "Shed Happens." The lucky winners walked away with a basketful of bounty!



Photos by
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**NVDTC
2010
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More Info:
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**Tracking Test
Angwin
March 14, 2010
*Closes: 3/4/2010***

**Obedience/
Rally Trial
To Be
Determined**

**Agility Trial
Dixon
August 21-22,
2010**

Ways To Keep Ticks From Feeding On Your Dog

Below are seven suggestions to keep ticks at bay:

1. Before they get into their victims, ticks like to stay several feet off the ground on top of vegetation along roadsides and paths. They patiently remain there waiting for your dog to come along. In order to give the ticks fewer chances to hop and attach themselves to your dog, always keep your grass and weeds trimmed to below ankle height.
2. Generally, mature ticks look for large victims, such as your dog. On the other hand, younger ticks usually feed on mice and other rodents until they are old enough to go after bigger prey. To help eliminate both old ticks as well as young ticks, make sure your yard is uninviting to rodents. Secure your trash cans with strong lids and take out any rock piles and brushy cover.
3. When hiking with your pet, stay on the trails and make sure that your pet remains with you. Avoid wooded areas and long grasses where ticks are waiting.
4. Before going to an area where ticks are standing by, protect your pet's coat by spraying it with insecticides that can kill ticks on contact. Consult with your vet before you administer the insecticide.
5. If you happen to see ticks, lightly spray your dog with a tick insecticide and then comb his coat using a fine-toothed comb. There are some pet stores that sell combs which are used specifically for ticks. They are also great for catching fleas.
6. Sometimes you can actually see the tick while it's feeding on your dog. In this case, quickly remove the tick. The longer the tick feeds on your dog, the more likely it will transmit Lyme disease and other types of illness.
7. When removing the tick, never use a match or anything that can burn your dog. Making the tick back out using fire does not work and could only cause harm for you and your pet. The most effective way of removing a tick is by using a pair of tweezers and aiming for the tick's head, while gently pulling it out. This way, the tick comes out in one piece and leaves no mess on your pet. For additional protection after removing the tick, rub the infected area with an antibiotic ointment or topical antiseptic.



**For upcoming
trials/shows
go to nvdtc.org/events**

***Also visit www.infodog.com, www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com, and www.k9cpe.com
for information on conformation
shows, obedience and agility trials,
tracking tests, field trials, etc.***

"It's not easy being brown!"



It's a well known fact that dog enthusiasts are obsessive. During a recent hunting retriever training session in the Suisun marsh, NVDC members Frances Harvey and Teresa Russell, and friend Teresa Ortenburger took some time out to rest their hard working Labs by practicing Obedience Sits and Downs. Paco, the big yellow Lab has a propensity toward sniffing his neighbors during this exercise so the other Labs are helping him learn to keep his nose to himself. As you might imagine, the black Labs are taking their role seriously. But the chocolate girl has a different agenda. If only we humans could figure out what that is, we'd be geniuses!

From left to right: Hula (on the ground), Paco, Remy, Cairo, Chief

As reported in the December 24, 2009 edition of Britain's *Daily Mail*, the colossal canine pictured at right is George, a 4-year-old Blue Great Dane, who weighs 245 pounds, measures seven feet, three inches from nose to tail, and stands three-and-a-half feet tall at the shoulder. His owners, Dave and Christine Nassar of Tucson, Arizona, say George gobbles up 110 pounds of food per month and sleeps in his own queen-size bed.

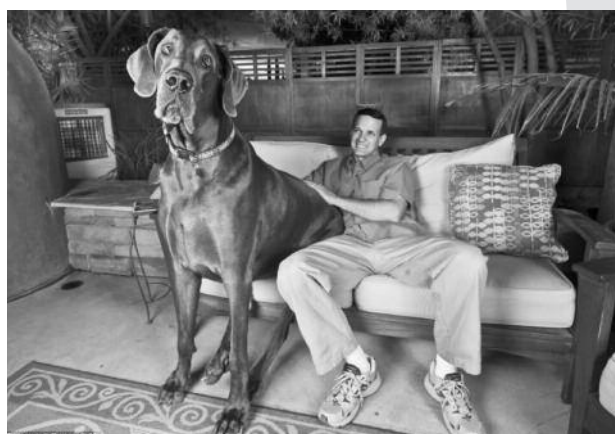
George could be a prime contender to take the title from the former record holder, Gibson, a harlequin Great Dane who passed away from cancer last August. George's owners are now awaiting confirmation from Guinness World Records to see if he has achieved the lofty heights.

David and Christine raised George from when he was seven weeks old, but never expected him to grow so big.

Giant George has his own website, Facebook page and Twitter account. For more information and video of George go to:
<http://www.snopes.com/photos/animals/giantgeorge.asp>



Meet 'Giant George' the 7ft-long blue great dane who could be the world's tallest dog





**Next General
Membership
Meeting:
Monday,
March 8, 2010
6:30 p.m.
At the Club**

No Dogs!



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

Since board meetings are subject to change, call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting.

**If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDTTC
Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Obedience and Rally Trial Chair: Mary Ash

Tracking: Debbie Crain

AOCNC: Gerry Glantz

Training: Teresa Russell

Building: Gerry Glantz

Office: Lynda Rhyno

Sunshine: Mary Joy Davis

Newsletter/Website: Sue Osborn

Membership: Linda Luchsinger

Publicity: Janet Davis

CGC: Jim Spiva

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