

MARCH 2011

TATTLE TAILS



club newsletter

www.NapaDogTraining.org

Critter Comforters Blanket One Dog at a Time

2000 cozy blankets have gone home with adopted dogs and cats from the Napa Animal Shelter over the past five years!

Thanks go to Napa Valley Dog Training club members and a few other volunteers. Each handmade blanket carries a label with the dog club's name and phone number, creating goodwill while advertising the Club and its mission throughout the community.

While the Club has generously funded the cost of the labels, Critter Comforters members generally purchase their own yarn or fabric.

You can help support our goal of providing every shelter animal with a blanket of his or her own when going home with a new family. We would welcome your donation of any of the following supplies:

- 4-Ply Acrylic Yarn
- "Polar" Fleece Material or Fleece
- Throws, Blankets
- Flannel Material or Flannel Bed Sheets
- Mattress Pads in Good Condition or New
- Fresh Batting

If you can donate any of these goods to Critter Comforters, please call the office at 253-8666 to contact Mary Joy Davis.

The "critters" thank you.



NVDTC'S Annual Celebration held at Chardonnay Golf Club

NVDTC holds its annual celebration 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. NVDTC'S annual dinner was held at Chardonnay Golf Club on February 26, 2011.

Laura Ecklin and Lynda Rhyno did an amazing job organizing the dinner. Lots of raffle prizes were handed out to anyone who had the correct answer on their ticket.

Linda Luchsinger did a wonderful job coordinating and presenting awards to all the members who did so much with their dogs in 2010!

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

Officers

President: Mary Ash
Vice President: Gerry Glantz
Treasurer: Lori Jackson
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members

Sandy Bonifield
Barrie Gordon
Teresa Russell
Beth Schutz

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

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





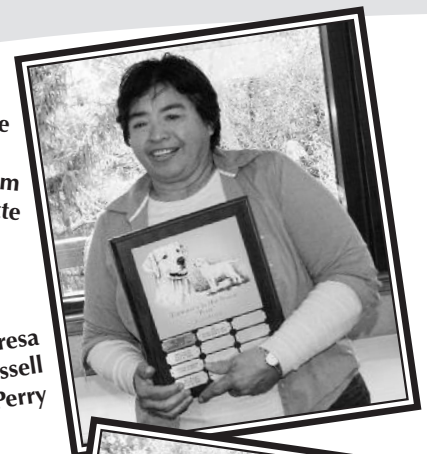
NVDTC'S ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!**

Pictured are just some of the photos from this year's awards celebration. Look for more in the next newsletter.



Katherine Rhyno with Storm & Bridgette



Teresa Russell with Perry



Mary Joy Davis with Amie



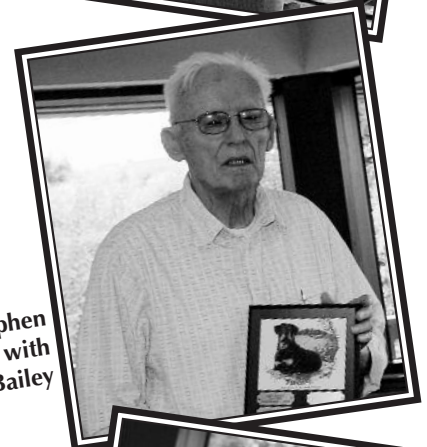
Marjorie Vulk with Rose



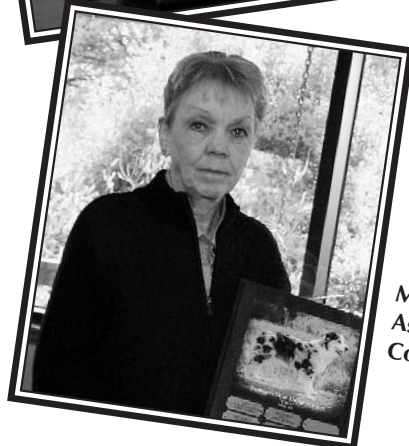
Karen Jackson with Maddie



Bobbie Sundred with Keiko



Stephen Ward with Bailey



Mary Ash with Cola



Christy Rose with Chudleigh & Zorro



Linda Wargo with Cruiser, Jive & Mike

Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.

TRAINING SESSION 3

Subject to Change

April 11 through May 20, 2011

(6 Weeks)

Week off between sessions 3 & 4: May. 23-27

Monday

1st & 3rd Mondays unless noted otherwise

5:00 pm	Good Manners 2 (All Mondays)	Sandy
6:00 pm	Conformation	Michelle
7:00 pm	Advanced Agility	Katherine

Tuesday

5:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Lea
6:30 pm	Puppy	Kelly
7:30 pm	Adolescent Dogs	Kelly

Wednesday

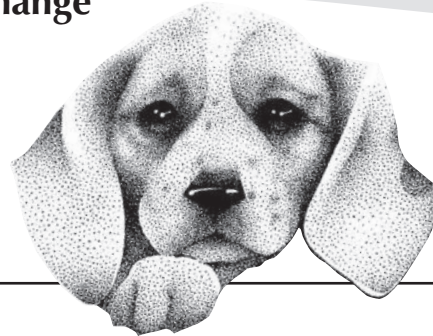
9:00 am	Novice/ Canine Good Citizen	Sandy
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Sandy
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Sandy
6:00 pm	Intermediate Agility	Katherine
7:00 pm	Beginning Agility	Laura
TBA	Clicker Target Stick	Mary

Thursday

10:00 am	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:30 pm	Rally	Mary
7:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Linda

Friday

5:30 pm	Advanced Obedience	Teresa
6:30 pm	Adolescent Puppy	Marilane
7:30 pm	Puppy	Marilane



TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULE

Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 2: February 21 — April 1, 2011

Session 3: April 11 — May 20, 2011

Session 4: May 30 — July 8, 2011

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

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 NVDTTC's clubhouse office. Sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at barrirelougordon@gmail.com/.

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

2/14/11 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, and Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the January 10, 2011 general meeting as published in the February 2011 newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Chase Savings: \$10,002.40
- B. Chase Checking: \$7,962.25
- C. Rabobank CD: \$11,706.14
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

No report.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

- A. Presentations:
Gerry is looking into obtaining someone from the Sheriff's Canine Unit for a presentation for the March meeting. If this doesn't work out, she is working on a couple of other possibilities. The Yellow Lab drug dog from Napa Sate Hospital was suggested.
- B. New Member Packets:
Packets will be given to each member and will include bylaws, class lists, membership list, and guidelines & procedures.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**, Sue Osborn
Deadline to submit articles and information for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.
- B. **OFFICE**, Barrie Gordon
Everything is running smoothly.
- C. **TRAINING**, Sandy Bonifield
 1. All classes are manned with trainers and assistants.
 2. There will be a training meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 at the dog club.
 3. Laura is teaching a session 2 class on clicker/target stick training from 8:15 to 8:45 pm on Wednesdays. Several people have signed up but she is looking for more.
- D. **PUBLICITY**, Beth Schutz
 1. Currently an ad is running in the Napa Valley Register, will be extended so it carries through to start of session 2. Beth also ran an ad on Craig's List.
 2. Beth passed around a list for members to write down which vet they go to and if they would be interested in taking brochures to them.
 3. Jim Spivs suggested a small size information card (like business card size) for posting on bulletin boards in vets' offices.
 4. If members see other places for brochures and cards, such as feed stores, let Beth know.
- E. **BUILDING**, Teresa Russell
 1. There is a leak near the office.
 2. Rich Smith will look into adding another bank of lights in

the corner of the room, check to see if light over shelving needs new ballast, and take a look at flickering bathroom light.

3. Doorknob at front door continually works loose causing screws to come out so periodically needs tightening.
4. Building Usage
 - a. M/S/C to approve use of building by Mini Schnauzer Club for grooming on April 3, 2011.
 - b. Board approved charging \$25 for any reason the building is used; this will cover heat, utilities, paper towels, and toilet paper. This applies to whatever event it is no matter what time of year.

VIII. AONACH, Gerry Glantz

- A. Thank you from Luane Vidak of AOCNC was read to members. Luane heartily thanked everyone for his or her contribution and help at the recent AOCNC February 6 Workshop.
- B. AOCNC Annual Seminar
 1. Joel Silverman will be presenting the seminar. Silverman is the author of "What Color is Your Dog?"
 2. \$100 for use of building waived since NVDTTC is a member club.
 3. M/S/C for AOCNC to use building on September 25, 2011 for seminar and to waive the \$25 fee (see VI-E-4b above). AOCNC usually makes a \$50 to \$100 donation to club hosting seminar.

VIII. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Laura Ecklin for tonight's Valentine goodies! Marcie Neller and Teresa Russell will provide hospitality for the March meeting.

IX. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

- A. Sunshine was extended to Lori Jackson, Bobbie Honsvick, and Christina Martin.
- B. Labels for Critter Comforter blankets have been ordered.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Year End Banquet, Laura Ecklin and Lynda Rhyno
 1. Banquet will be held on February 26, 2011 at the Chardonnay Golf Club.
 2. Reservations can still be made as of today.
 3. Linda Luchsinger is coordinating all the awards.
 4. No-host bar.
 5. To date, there are 30 attendees signed up.
- B. May Madness
Consensus by members is to hold the May Madness event at the main meeting in May as before.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

XII. WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER!

M/S/C to accept Tim Dack as a returning member. Tim has two Scottish Terriers: Macpherson and Lucy.

XIII. BRAGS

Linda Luchsinger.

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary

PUPPY PROGRAM

By Kelly Finn

In an effort to provide puppies and their handlers with the best foundation possible, we have revised our puppy program over the last few months and those changes have recently been implemented. The new program breaks puppies up into two categories; Puppies up to 6 months and Adolescent Dogs 6-12 months.

In the Puppy to 6 month category, the class is based on a behaviorist/socialization model. We recognize the importance of early, safe, socialization. Basic obedience skills are also included in the class, but the emphasis is on proper socialization skills, communication, body language, bonding, proper play, desensitization, problem solving issues for this age group and having fun with your puppy.

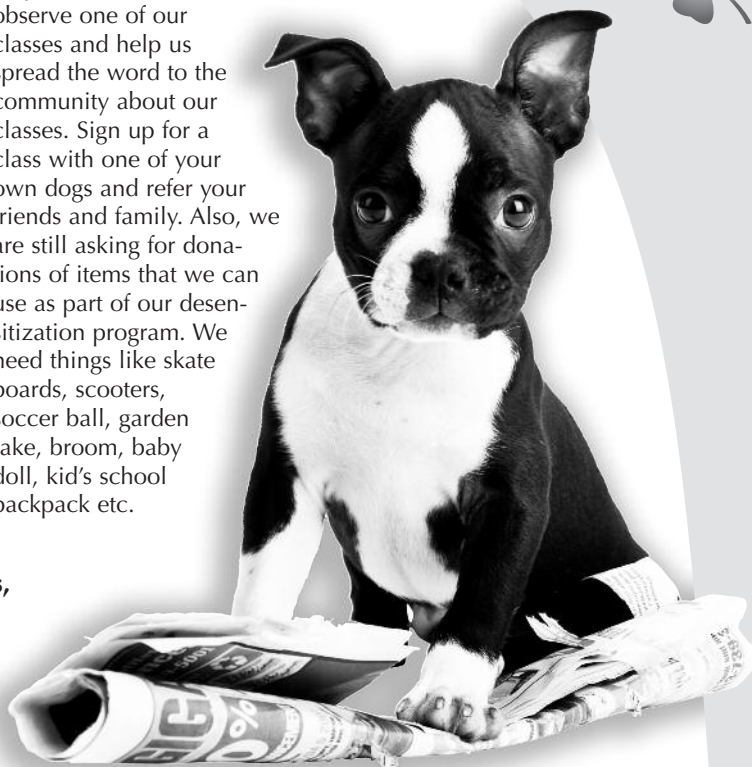
You may have noticed that adolescent dogs, between 6 and 12 months of age, can be somewhat similar to teenagers. One week they seem perfect and give you their undivided attention and then suddenly they become little terrors and have become very independent, with a mind of their own. Some days you think they have forgotten all that you previously taught them. What happened? Well, they hit that wonderful age and you need your patience more than ever. In our new Adolescent Dog class we will work on obedience skills, proper socialization, proper greetings, body language, handling by others and dealing with the issues of the adolescent dog. For a few sessions we tried the AKC STAR program, and while STAR is a good program we have decided to proceed without the STAR certification. This decision was due to the fact that we wanted more flexibility to tailor the class to the participants and the STAR program was quite rigid on a

weekly basis and didn't allow us to stop and deal with anything that might be specific to that group of dogs and handlers.

What can you do to help?

There are several ways in which you can help. First, feel free to come down and observe one of our classes and help us spread the word to the community about our classes. Sign up for a class with one of your own dogs and refer your friends and family. Also, we are still asking for donations of items that we can use as part of our desensitization program. We need things like skate boards, scooters, soccer ball, garden rake, broom, baby doll, kid's school backpack etc.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up for a class, call the club at (707) 253-8666. A list of ongoing puppy classes can be found online at <http://www.napadogtraining.org/classes.htm/>.



NVDTTC member Dee McNeil has something to brag about! On February 14, 2011, 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 & Kelli Watkins



BASIC RULES FOR DOGS

NEWSPAPERS

If you have to go to the bathroom while playing in the front yard, always use the newspaper that's placed in the driveway every morning for that purpose.

VISITORS

Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room, barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.

BARKING

Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark.

LICKING

Always take a BIG drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.

HOLES

Rather than digging a BIG hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

DOORS

The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.

THE ART OF SNIFFING

Humans like to be sniffed—Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.

DINING ETIQUETTE

Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are

guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.

HOUSEBREAKING

Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.



GOING FOR WALKS

Rules of the road; when out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.

COUCHES

It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

PLAYING

If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, use the flower bed to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself.


CHASING CATS

When chasing cats, make sure you never quite catch them. It spoils all the fun.

CHEWING

Make a contribution to the fashion industry. Eat a shoe.

A Big Thank You From AOCNC

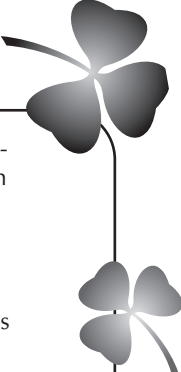


In an email received on February 12, 2011, Luane Vidak, the Event Coordinator for the Annual Workshop, which is held at the Cow Palace, expressed her appreciation for the help and support of all the AOCNC clubs and their workers this year.

"I don't think many organizations can get so many people together to work so fast in building ring standards, setup up rings, taking down and returning equipment and still give the exhibitors all the time they need to have a good experience in the rings. Pretty amazing!

You all worked like troopers, but I need to mention a few names of people who really focused on helping the Event Coordinator. Noelle Pilat, Registration; Sue Osborn, Web Master; Gerry Glantz, Treasurer; and four ladies, Tiffany Stutzke, Cathy Dutra, Ann Ghiorso and Alice Hansmann, who stayed to the VERY END loading the two vans with all the equipment needed to make the event happen.

Again....thank you for your part, I appreciate all the effort very much."



What is the Most Toxic “Human Food” for Dogs on the Market?

By Elaine Furst For Dog Files

It's found in everything from cupcakes to toothpastes to nicotine gum. And it's considered the most canine-toxic “human food” on the planet.

It is xylitol, a sugar substitute that is used in many products that we use everyday

According to the ASPCA's Poison Control Center, more dogs than ever are being poisoned by products containing xylitol. That's partly because xylitol use is more widespread than ever and also because of low awareness of its harmfulness among pet owners.

So just how dangerous is xylitol? A few sugar-free Tic Tacs, a pack of Trident gum, a spilled tin of Starbucks mints, a sugar-free Jell-O dessert cup. All it takes is just a tiny amount of this toxin to send a dog into hypoglycemia-induced seizures and sometimes fatal liver failure. All dogs are susceptible, some more than others. It has been calculated that as little as a gram of sweetener can kill a 10-pound dog.

What is very unnerving however, is that xylitol is being added to many pediatric medicines that our veterinarians use to treat our dogs with. And it is only just recently that veterinarians have become aware of this new change.

Now it would be easy to say that all dog owners should speak to their vets about xylitol and carefully read all ingredient labels before purchasing products, yet it seems that will still not solve the problem.

It appears that not all consumer product manufacturers are willing to list xylitol on their ingredient labels.

The morale of the story? Let's keep human food away from our dog for now, keep your eyes on the ingredient listings and always question your vet about drugs you have to give your dogs.

We have a new “chocolate” to contend with and it's called Xylitol.

source: www.thedogfiles.com



13 Ways to Keep Yourself Free of Dog Shedding Misery

Do you arrive at the office looking like you rolled over with your dog? Do your dinner guests politely pick dog hair from their food before eating it? Nothing says “I have a dog” more than hair clinging to our clothing, hair wafting through the air in our homes, or hair burrowing into the butter.

Frequent vacuuming is one of the best ways to cut down on hair buildup, but if you don't always have time to drag out the vacuum cleaner, try some of these quick and dirty suggestions for cleaning up the piles of pet hair.

1. To sweep up loose dog hair from hardwood or vinyl floors, use a dampened mop.
2. Wall-to-wall carpeting holds down the hair more than hardwood or vinyl floors, so adding a carpet to a room may help keep dog hair from wafting through your house.
3. To pick up loose dog hair that is attached to upholstered furniture, wear a dampened rubber glove or use a damp sponge.
4. Use a sticky roller to lift dog hair from fabrics and upholstery. Washable sticky rollers enable you to recycle instead of dispose of the product.
5. Purchase a washable Furniture Magnet Pet Hair Remover to help you wipe off the dog hair from clothing, furniture, or pillows. Place it under your furniture cushions for easy access.
6. To pick up dog hair from your carpet, use a window squeegee.

7. Choose furniture made from smooth fabrics such as leather, faux leather, or other fabric to which loose hair won't stick as readily.

8. Place a washable towel or blanket over your dog's favorite sleeping spot to keep hair from clinging to cushions.

9. Use washable window coverings if your dog likes to watch the world go by from the floor in front of a picture window or patio doors.

10. Draperies made of smooth fabrics won't attract as much hair as heavy textured ones, so if you're in the market for some new window furnishings, purchase ones that are less likely to become filled with your dog's hair.

11. Keep a lint brush near your favorite easy chair. Then, after your dog sits on your lap, you can roll off the hair before you get up.

12. Use a feather duster or device to clean between slats of mini-blinds to remove deposited hair.

13. Change the furnace and air conditioner filters more often during shedding season to prevent blockage.



source: www.dogmagazine.net

**Next General Meeting at the Club:
Monday, March 14, 2011
6:30 p.m.**



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Scheduling of Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are posted at the club.

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

**Deadline for newsletter submissions is
the 20th of each month.
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

**NVDTC's 2011
OBEDIENCE & RALLY
TRIALS
NOVEMBER 5th**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

- Agility Trial Chair:** Laura Ecklin
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- Training:** Sandy Bonifield
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- Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis
- Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn
- Membership:** Gerry Glantz
- Publicity:** Beth Schutz
- CGC:** Jim Spiva

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