

TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MASSAGE NIGHT

by Vange Leonis

Massage Night was a HUGE success. We had 28 dogs attending with the Chihuahua being the most popular breed.



Jim Spiva played angelic music on the harp while Kay Lafranconi, certified SAMP, moved around the floor giving out words of wisdom to the human partners on massage techniques.

Kay was masterful and gave each attendee special attention like a conductor of an orchestra. Even the most anxious dog was spellbound by the serene magic and fell asleep to his or her owner's amazement.

The canine participants received a "loving" massage from their favorite human. We hit our goal, as advertised, a night that was refreshing, relaxing, and rejuvenating.

People stayed past the scheduled ending time for the refreshments and additional conversation. Napa Valley Dog Training Club was truly a microcosm of peace on earth.

See pages 6 & 7 for a just a few of the photos taken at this event. There are many more photos online through the NVDTTC website. Thank you to Jim Spiva for all the photos!



MEMBERS BANQUET

by Teresa Russell

Twenty-five members of the Dog Club and their guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Chardonnay Golf Club on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012.

This annual Members Banquet is held yearly to celebrate the accomplishments of those members who trained and competed their dogs toward titles offered by the AKC and other organizations.

There were 19 plaques awarded to dogs and their owner/handlers. There were even more titles awarded from Obedience to Agility to Conformation and breed specialties such as Water Dog.

Also, at this annual event, the NVDTTC awards a Club Service Certificate to recognize the many hours of service done by one of our members to help us fulfill our mission.

SERVICE AWARD GOES TO LORI JACKSON!

The 2011 Club Service Award was presented to Lori Jackson. Lori is in her third year as Treasurer of the club. She is also one of the main organizers of the popular May Madness events. Whenever there is a call for volunteers such as obedience or agility stewards, Lori is always available. Lori has been training her dogs at the Napa Valley Dog Club for years, including Rally, Obedience, Agility, Dog Dancing and more.

Congratulations to a very special member!

MARCH-APRIL 2012

DANCING FOR SMILES

“Dancing for Smiles: Freestyle for Therapy Dogs” was put on by Judy Gamet of Dogs Can Dance® on January 21, 2012. This event consisted of two workshops, was well attended and because of its popularity, Judy Gamet scheduled additional freestyle workshops once a month at the NVDTTC Clubhouse.

To learn more about dog dancing from Judy Gamet, visit DogsCanDance.com



2012 TRAINING SCHEDULE

All 2012 Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 2

February 27 — April 4, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 2 & 3

Session 3

April 16 — May 25, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 3 & 4

Session 4

June 4 — July 20, 2012
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
(No Classes July 2 - 6)
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 4 & 5

Session 5

July 30 — September 7, 2012
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 5 & 6

Session 6

September 17 — October 26, 2012
NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSION 6 & 7

Session 7

October 29 — December 14, 2012
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING

DOG TRIVIA

- The Basset Hound made famous in the Hush Puppies shoe ads was named Biggles.
- Biggles grandson, Mr Jeffries earned fame as the dog with the longest ears in the world. His ears measured 11 ½ inches each and he often tripped over them.
- Tia, a 2 year old Neopolitan Mastiff gave birth to the world’s largest litter in 2005. She delivered 24 puppies by caesarean section. 20 of them survived, setting another record of the most surviving puppies.
- The world’s tallest dog is a Great Dane from Sacramento, USA named Gibson. He measures 7 feet when standing upright.
- 12 veterinary science students from the University of Sydney set a record bathing dogs when they washed 848 dogs in 8 hours.
- The first search and rescue dog on the scene at the World Trade Centre 9/11 in 2001 was Bear, an 11 year old Golden Retriever. He began recovery efforts immediately working 18 hours days in the beginning.



TRAINING SESSION 3 2012

Subject to Change

April 16 — May 25, 2012

Monday

6:00 pm Competition OB - Advanced Teresa
Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

7:00 pm Competition OB - Beg Teresa
Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lea

7:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Lynda

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Jim

5:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Marilane

7:30 pm Beginning Agility Mary

Prerequisite: Completion Jumpers 3 or Equiv.

Thursday

9:00 am Rally* Mary

10:00 am Rally* Mary

11:00 am Rally* Mary

5:00 pm Rally* Mary

*Not Specified - Prerequisite Required

6:00 Introduction to Rally NEW! Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Teresa

Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

7:15 pm Scent Discrimination NEW! Teresa

Week off between Session 3 and 4:
May 28 to June 1

Class Fees:

Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at 707-253-8666
to check class availability and to register.

TRAINING SESSION 4 2012

Subject to Change

June 4 — July 20, 2012

No Classes July 2 - July 6

Monday

6:00 pm Competition OB - Advanced Teresa
Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

7:00 pm Competition OB - Beg Teresa
Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Sandy

6:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Lynda

7:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lynda

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Jim

5:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Teresa

7:30 pm Beginning Agility Mary

Prerequisite: Completion Jumpers 3 or Equiv.

Thursday

9:00 am Rally* Mary

10:00 am Rally* Mary

11:00 am Rally* Mary

5:00 pm Rally* Mary

*Not Specified - Prerequisite Required

6:00 Introduction to Rally Continuing Class Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Linda

Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

7:15 pm Retrieving for Competition NEW! Teresa

Week off between Session 4 and 5:
July 23 to 27

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list by visiting the NVDTTC clubhouse office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Linda Luchsinger, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Beth Schutz, Christy Rose, Heather Kern, Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhyno, Sandy Bonifield, Mary Ash

II. MINUTES, Lynda Rhyno

- A. M/S/C to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2012 general meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank, CD: \$11,758.91
- B. Savings \$7,682.55
- C. Checking, \$3,843.64
- D. CD renewed 1 year

IV. BUILDING, Beth Schutz

- A. Ballasts will be fixed next week at no cost to the dog club by Ross Mini.
- M/S/C to provide a free class to Ross Mini for his help with lights.

V. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield

- A. We will put an ad in the paper by this Wednesday to advertise for next session.
- B. Enough sign-ups to make a class for all beginning classes.
- C. Training meeting on February 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- D. A GM2 dog went in heat and asked for a refund of class fee of \$100. M/S/C to refund class fee.
- E. Tracking: scheduled for March 10 & 11-- one student signed up at this time.

VI. AOCNC, Sue Osborn

- A. Enjoyed working the AOCNC booth for Golden Gate Kennel Club .
- B. The rally ring at the AOCNC workshop went well.

VII. Office, Heather Kern

- A. Mary has been helping set up the office. Heather will then take over.

VIII. Newsletter, Sue Osborn

- A. Newsletter will be either really early or late. Sue is leaving but will have email access.
- B. Brochures showing 7 weeks-- needs to be corrected.

IX. Sunshine

- A. Mary Joy absent-- no sunshine.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Obedience Trial, Linda L.:
 - 1. We made a profit of \$146.29 (not including vouchers).
- B. Dogs Can Dance Marilane Bergfelt
 - 1. Final report Jan21 workshop netted \$445.77
 - 2. Now offering a 1-day per month class
- C. Year-end Banquet, Teresa Russell, February 25.
 - 1. Cost \$33.00 per person.

- 2. People need to sign up.
- 3. Want head count by Friday
- 4. Plaques-- Linda Wargo
- D. Canine Massage Night, Vange Leonis
 - 1. Thursday, Feb. 23, Jim Spiva will arrive early to help set up.
 - 2. Need a cashier to collect money (\$5.00)
 - 3. Trainers can announce event to classes. There are flyers available.
- E. Rally Signs, Mary Ash
 - 1. Reported last meeting
- F. Agility Trial,
 - 1. Laura will mentor a new person.
 - 2. Linda Wargo and Lynda Rhyno need to discuss and speak with Laura Ecklin.
 - a) The more people that work from the dog club the more you don't have to give in free runs for people running their dog that are non-NVDTC people. Discussion about how people get vouchers for working and how it costs the club. Free runs can add up to money from our club.
 - b) Make a decision on agility trial by next board meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Profit/Loss for 2011, Linda L.
 - 1. We had a net loss for the operation of the club of \$4188.
 - 2. Purchased matting (\$6,226) which accounted for the loss
 - 3. Trials and classes all made money.
 - 4. Class fees were up in 2011.
- B. Club Building Use
 - 1. LAPS wants to rent the building for \$25/day on Sat.or Sun. in March or April. M/S/C to let LAPS use the building.
 - 2. Irish Terrier club to use building March 18 for \$25/day M/S/C to let Irish Terrier club use building
- C. Club Move, Linda Luchsinger
 - a) American Canyon has a building available for \$5,000/month with 10,000 square feet of floor space.

- b) Biggest drawback is that it is in American Canyon. It's a great building.
- c) There would not be a Ross Mini to help us out with mats.
- d) We would have to be very careful about when classes are scheduled.
- e) Jim Spiva expressed concern about heating and lighting costs.
- f) Discussion about neighbors of the building.
- g) Request dog club members give this some thought.
- D. Buster update, Deassa
 - 1. Buster flying to Minnesota to a rescue group. Taking donations to cover the cost
 - 2. Jim Spiva passed a hat for donations for Buster from members.
 - 3. Sandy suggests the dog club donate money to help Buster M/S/C for the dog club to give \$100 to help Buster relocate.
- E. May Madness , Karen Jackson
 - 1. May Madness event will be changed to April.

XII. NEW MEMBERS:

- A. Kristina Harvey, has a golden retriever, Amber, who just finished Marilane's puppy class.
- B. Laurie Morris, has three labs, Harley, Murphy, and Madison and all are taking classes.
- C. Debbie Taylor, has three dogs, Yogi, Tango, and Mar and has taken many dog classes.
- D. M/S/C to approve new members.

XIII. BRAGS

- A. Stephen Ward, Margretha Lane, Linda Wargo, Karen & Lori Jackson

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Rhyno, Secretary

FUN DOG FACTS:

- Rin Tin Tin was the first American dog movie star and signed his own contracts for 22 movies with a pawprint.
- Toto's role in The Wizard of Oz was played by a female Cairn Terrier named Terry.
- In the late 1800s, Lassie type Collies were known as Scottish Sheepdogs.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the smallest dog on record was a Yorkshire Terrier in Great Britain, who weighed just 4 ounces.

- The longest lived dog, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, was an Australian Cattle Dog named Bluey, who lived to be 29.
- The first living being to travel in space was a small mixed breed dog named Laika. She was sent into space in an artificial earth satellite in 1957 by the Russian government.
- Dogs do not have an appendix.
- An adult dog has 42 teeth.
- If a dog isn't spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate and their offspring can product 67,000 dogs in 6 years.

WHO DOES WHAT:

President & AOCNC REP:
Gerry Glantz

Vice President & MEMBERSHIP
Linda Luchsinger

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary,
Lynda Rhyno

Past President & AOCNC REP:
Mary Ash

At Large Board Members:

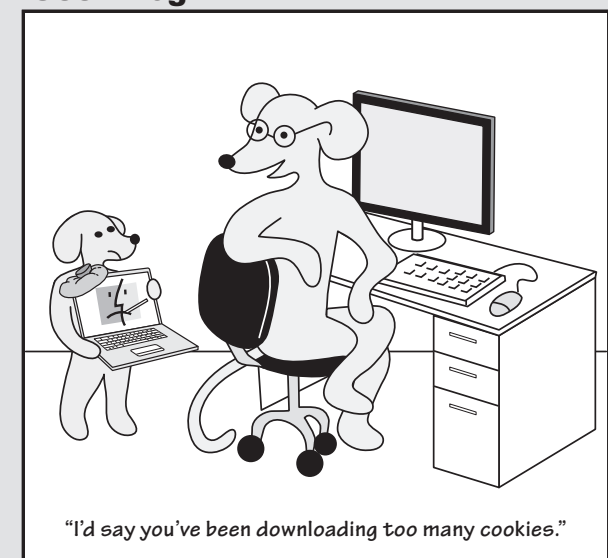
Sandy Bonifield, Training
Heather Kern, Office
Christy Rose, Publicity
Beth Schutz, Building

NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE & AOCNC REP:
Sue Osborn

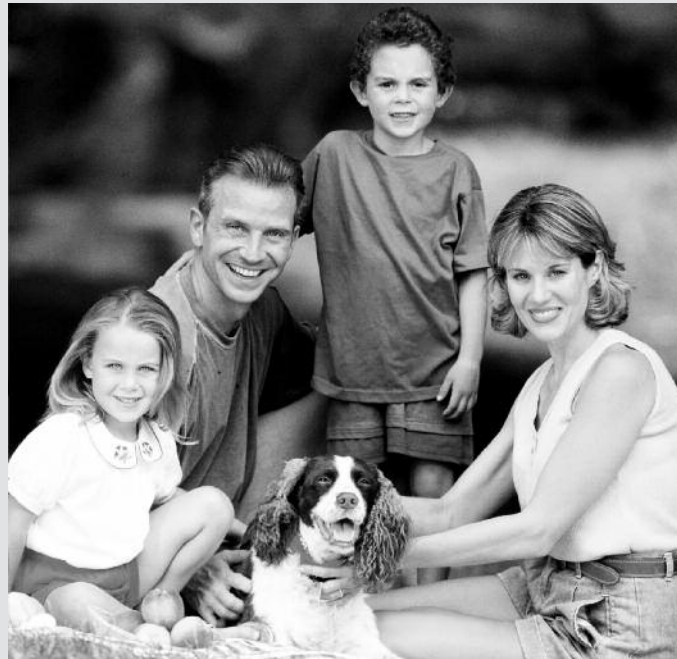
SUNSHINE:
Mary Joy Davis

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Geek Dog



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Do you have some room in your heart and in your home to help an animal temporarily?

We are seeking Napa County residents that are willing to assist the shelter by providing a foster home for dogs, cats or rabbits. This is a unique volunteer position in that the responsibilities are off-site in your home. A foster period can range from one week to a month or more, depending on the need.

Responsibilities: Provide temporary care in your home for animals who are in need of medical or behavioral rehabilitation, or are too young to stay in a shelter environment. They would preferably be cared for in a separate area away from your other animals if possible, however this is not required. Be available for trips to the shelter for supplies, testing, or vaccinations.

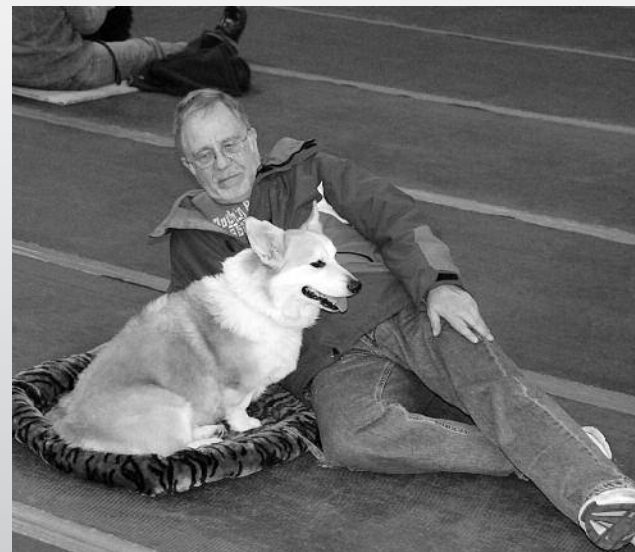
After the animal is rehabilitated you would bring them back to the shelter for adoption and placement.

Contact Kristen or Kelly at the shelter.

Napa County Animal Shelter
 942 Hartle Court, Napa, CA 94559
 707.253.4382

MASSAGE NIGHT PHOTOS

Courtesy of Jim Spiva



UPDATE on Gary Walker's Buddy, Buster

by Marilane Bergfelt

On February 17th Buster arrived in Minnesota safely and into warm, loving arms of **Midwest Animal Rescue**. Volunteers there have been communicating with Deassa via email. Amy Swensen, the group's Intake and Adoptions Director recently wrote:

"Wanted to let everyone know that Buster arrived yesterday, and is safe and sound in his foster home. He has three GSD buddies with him and he is doing great. He was the talk of the rescue all day yesterday, and he loved everyone who met him. We all in turn adored him. What a great dog."

"He is meeting his potential forever home this weekend. The gentleman is a paramedic, and his wife works for Chuck and Don's Dog food outlet. They just lost their GSD and want another one. Their GSD had seizures so they want to give Buster a forever home, cause they know they can deal with the seizures and the meds."

"Thank you for working so diligently on saving him. He is so worth it. He is a great dog and has a wonderful personality."

To the NVDTTC and all the members who donated funds to help fly Buster directly to Midwest Animal Rescue - Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your support !!

On February 24, we heard the best news of all, word was received Buster was indeed adopted by the couple in the letter!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next
General Membership
Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse**



**No dogs
at the meeting.**

**FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS
GO
TO
nvdtc.org/events**

Also check out
www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com,
www.aocnc.org and
www.k9cpe.com for additional
details on listings and for
information on additional
conformation shows, obedience
and agility trials, tracking tests,
field trials, etc.

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and, except for December, are scheduled the
fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date
and location of meeting. Minutes from board
meetings are posted at the club.

NEW CLASSES STARTING MARCH/APRIL!
Introduction to Rally on Thursday Nights
and
Scent Discrimination & Retrieving on Friday Nights
Call the office today and let them know
you and your dog want to be part of the fun!

**Submission deadline for the
May/June newsletter is April 20.**
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