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The 10 dog breeds that enjoy cuddling the most

Skye Terrier—This compact canine isn't the typical terrier type. Give this dog his daily

walk and he will be content to curl up on the couch. As long as his human is close, the Skye Terrier is a happy non-camper.

Tibetan Spaniel—Bred for companionship, the Tibetan Spaniel needs a daily leg stretch (as all dogs do) before they reclaim their place on the sofa, next to a warm body of course.

Newfoundland—Weighing in between 150-175 pounds, the Newfoundland is an incredibly easy breed to keep happy. After a walk they're content to stretch out on a Lazy-boy next to their human. However, they may wonder why the human isn't so keen to share the furniture with them.

Basset Hound—These droopy eared canines are just as enjoyable to watch romp as they are to snuggle with. Bassetts are likely to share a companion's taste in movies, music and snacks provided they get first dibs on the snacks.

Whippet—Swifter than lions, the whippets feet may skim the ground as they fly around a dog park, working off the long night's sleep. By the time they get home, it's time for a long siesta,

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Deassa Binstock receives 2014 service award!

Deassa has been with NVDTTC for many years and is well known by all. She has served in a variety of capacities: Instructor for reactive dog classes, frequent assistant instructor for various puppy, adolescent dog and good manners classes, office worker, board member, our club's sunshine representative, and is our go-to person for situations concerning reactive dogs. She wrote a list of questions regarding reactive dogs for the office workers so they would know what information to request from dog owners to better aid the instructors in assessing such dogs.

Deassa is a positive trainer, she does canine rescue work and she genuinely cares about both dogs and their handlers. She presents a very positive, professional attitude of the training staff of this club and is both liked and respected by all who meet her.



The 2014 Service Award was presented by Jim Spiva.

TRAINING SESSION 2, 2015

February 23 – April 3

Week off: April 6

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of each month.

6:45 pm Jumpers/Foundation Skills* Laura

Tuesday

11:00 am Adolescent Dog** Sandy

4:30 pm Beginning Freestyle* Judy

5:30 pm Freestyle Drill Team* Judy

6:30 pm Musical Rally Challenge* Judy

RETURNING:

7:30 pm Sampler Class Laura, Mary & Judy

Wednesday

RETURNING:

9:00 am Beginning Novice Marlene

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Marlene

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog (Overflow) Lea

6:00 pm Puppy Lea

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane

8:00 pm Puppy (Overflow) Marilane

Thursday

Daytime Rally (all levels)* Mary

5:30 pm Rally (all levels)* Mary

7:00 pm Good Manners 1 Vange

8:00 pm Good Manners 2 Vange



TRAINING SESSION 3, 2015

April 13 – May 22

Week off: May 25

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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.

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Dog-human cooperation is based on social skills of wolves, scientists show

Dogs are man's best friend and partner. The origins of this dog-human relationship were subject of a study by behavioural scientists from the Messerli Research Institute at the Vetmeduni Vienna and the Wolf Science Center. They showed that the ancestors of dogs, the wolves, are at least as attentive to members of their species and to humans as dogs are. This social skill did not emerge during domestication, as has been suggested previously, but was already present in wolves.

The researchers have published a summary of their results and present their new theory in the journal *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Commonly accepted domestication hypotheses suggest: "Dogs have become tolerant and attentive as a result of humans actively selecting for these skills during the domestication process in order to make dogs cooperative partners."

Friederike Range and Zsófia Virányi from the Unit of Comparative Cognition at the Messerli Research Institute question the validity of this view and have developed the "Canine Cooperation Hypothesis." Their hypothesis states that since wolves already are tolerant, attentive and cooperative, the relationship of wolves to their pack mates could have provided the basis for today's human-dog relationship. An additional selection, at least for social attentiveness and tolerance, was not necessary during canine domestication.

Dogs accept humans as social partners

The researchers believe that wolves are not less socially attentive than dogs. Dogs however cooperate more easily with humans because they more readily accept people as social partners and more easily lose their fear of humans. To test their hypothesis, Range and Virányi examined the social



attentiveness and tolerance of wolves and dogs within their packs and toward humans.

Wolf performance in tests at least as good as dogs

Various behavioural tests showed that wolves and dogs have quite similar social skills. Among other things, the researchers tested how well wolves and dogs can find food that has been hidden by a conspecific or by a human. Both wolves and dogs used information provided by a human to find the hidden food.

In another study, they showed that wolves followed the gaze of humans. To solve the task, the animals may need to be capable of making a mental representation of the "looker's" perspective. Wolves can do this quite well.

Another experiment gave dogs and wolves the chance to observe conspecifics as they opened a box. When it was the observer's turn to do the same, the wolves proved to be the better imitators, successfully opening the box more often than dogs. "Overall, the tests showed that wolves are very attentive to humans and to each other.

Hypotheses which claim that wolves have limited social skills in this respect in comparison to dogs are therefore incorrect," Range points out.

Testing dogs and wolves in packs

At the Wolf Science Center in Ernstbrunn in Lower Austria, Range and Virányi investigated the social behaviour of dogs and wolves that grew up with members of their species and with humans. "The animals are socialized both with conspecifics and with humans. To be able to compare the behaviour of dogs and wolves and to investigate the effects of domestication, it is important that the animals live in the same conditions," Virányi explains.

The above story is based on materials provided by Veterinärmedizinische Universität Wien.





The 2015 Dog Show Calendar is now available for purchase for only \$8.

Limited supply.

Pick yours up at the office today!



It's not too soon to start thinking about gathering together **RAFFLE ITEMS** for our trials!

There are boxes in the foyer at the clubhouse where you can drop off your raffle donations.

View and read the February 9, 2015 minutes for approval by going to: nvdtc.org/meeting or scan QR Code below.

Dance & Move to the Music!

2 SPECIAL WORKSHOPS from Judy Gamet!

Musical Dynamic Rally Challenge - \$30

Saturday, March 7, 2015 2:00-4:30 pm

Follow rally obedience & freestyle signs set into a fun course with music. If you love rally you'll enjoy combining the 2 disciplines.

Dancing For Smiles - \$30

Freestyle for Therapy Dog Teams

Saturday, May 2, 2015 10:00-12:30 pm

Develop ideas for entertaining freestyle routines that can be used in a small space during therapy dog visits. You do not have to be a registered therapy dog team to participate.

REGISTER for Judy Gamet's workshops by visiting www.DogsCanDance.com/. Questions?

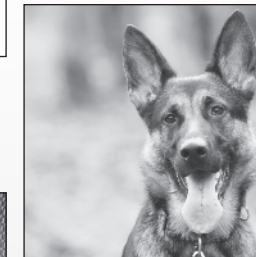
Contact Judy Gamet (707) 449-1715 or Judy@DogsCanDance.com

Workshops are held at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

2014 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.



1. LABRADOR RETRIEVER



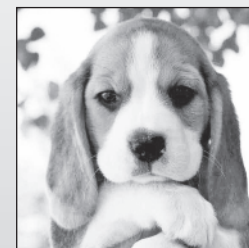
2. GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG



3. GOLDEN RETRIEVER



4. BULLDOG



5. BEAGLE



6. YORKSHIRE TERRIER



7. POODLE



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

WHO DOES WHAT:

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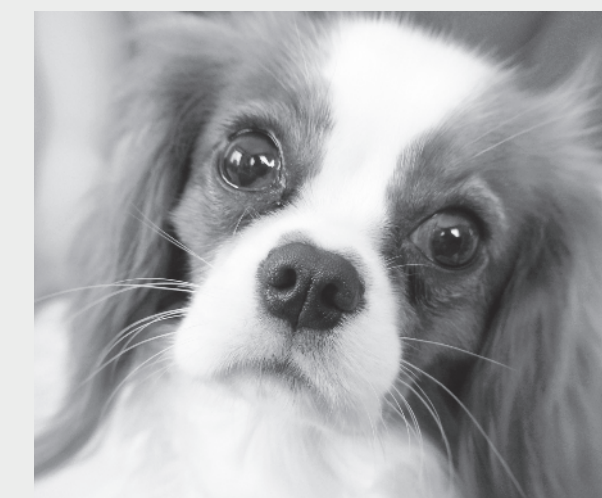
If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Deassa know!

CGC:

Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:

Sue Osborn



Check out this new training class and these workshops coming up!

by Vange Leonis

NEW TRAINING CLASS: Out and About To be held in Session 6

This 6-week training class is designed for people interested in traveling with their dog or simply enjoying all a dog friendly community offers. All classes are taught inside the dog club with mock settings. Classes include the following:

- Proofing your dog to common situations that may be found in a neighborhood.
- Learning etiquette for outdoor dining at dog friendly restaurants.
- Shopping at dog friendly retail stores or sidewalk displays or just window shopping.
- Understanding the difference between a service dog, a therapy dog, and a pet dog.
- How to transport your dog in the car or on a plane.
- And Much More



NEW WORKSHOP – Pet First Aid and CPR scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at 9 a.m. This is a 4-hour hands-on workshop.

NO DOGS ALLOWED – MANNEQUINS ARE PROVIDED

This workshop teaches:

- Basic lifesaving techniques.
- Disaster preparedness.
- Basic First Aid and CPR
- Rescue breathing
- Restraint and muzzling
- Choking management
- Poison response
- And Much More

NEW WORKSHOP – Parade Team

This is a 2-hour workshop. Date TBA

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Holiday Parade in the community? With this workshop you and your dog/people friendly animal can join the Napa Valley Dog Training Club Parade Team. The workshop will be taught by Judy Gamet from Dogs Can Dance. Dogs and handlers will learn basic marching skills and have fun being part of a dog team representing the club at holiday parades and events.

AOCNC Winter Workshop well represented

This year's AOCNC Winter Workshop was once again held at the Cow Palace in Daly City.

February 1, the day of the workshop, turned out to be a beautiful day for a drive to the Cow Palace.

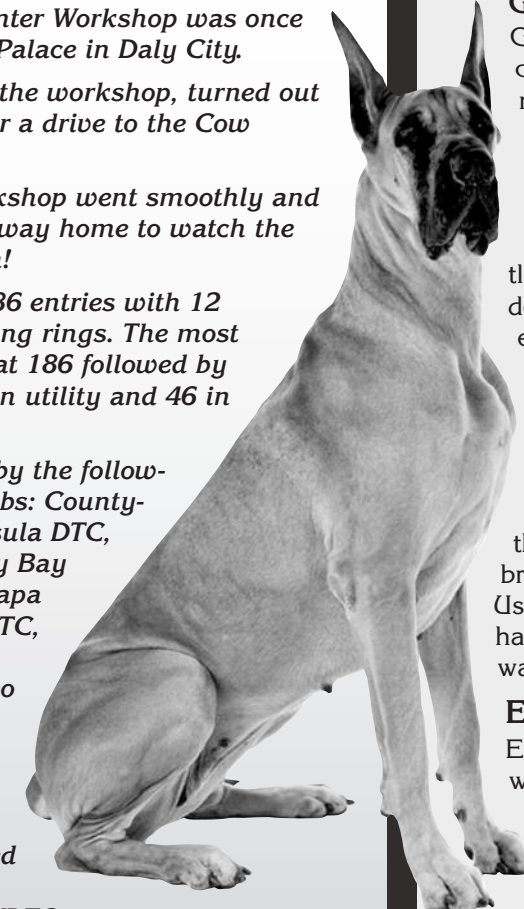
This year's winter workshop went smoothly and everyone was on their way home to watch the Super bowl by 2:00 pm!

There were a total of 286 entries with 12 member clubs sponsoring rings. The most entries were in novice at 186 followed by 69 entries in open, 77 in utility and 46 in rally.

Rings were sponsored by the following 12 dog training clubs: County-Wide DTC, Deep Peninsula DTC, Fremont DTC, Monterey Bay DTC, Mt Diablo DTC, Napa Valley DTC, Oakland DTC, Sacramento DTC, San Lorenzo DTC, San Mateo DTC, Santa Clara DTC, and Vallejo DTC!

The Napa Valley Dog Training Club sponsored the rally ring. A huge thank you to all the NVDTTC members, who took time out of their busy schedules to help: Mary Ash and Jim Spiva, old hands who volunteer at many events like this and then Alysha Munoz, Carol Coawette, and Donna Seaman, all new faces to AOCNC's winter workshop. It is refreshing to see new members volunteer for this annual workshop, an event which is open to all clubs and their members and students, an event facilitating opportunities to work teams in a show-like environment!

Gerry Glantz, AOCNC Event Coordinator



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and some good old fashioned snuggle time.

Great Dane—Don't let the size fool you, Great Danes are incredibly laid back and content to bask in the warmth of the sun, next to the person they love most. Snacks are optional, but should be considered. Daily walks are encouraged, to rev up the appetite.

Havanese—Cheerful, loyal, happy, gentle are a few of the adjectives used to describe the Havanese. They are considered playful, a rousing game of fetch in the living room, a daily walk and hours of cuddles, this dog would continue to be cheerful and happy.

Chinese Crested—Whether it is decided to live with the "powder puff" or the "hairless" variety, the Chinese Crested breed is considered charming and friendly. Use the couch time to knit a sweater for the hairless one it may need a little extra warmth on those chilly morning walks.

English Mastiff—Belly scratches. English Mastiffs love a good belly scratch, while stretched out across the sofa, watching Dog TV. The dog may seem reluctant to go on his daily walk, that is only because the couch cushions are finally where he wants them.

Greyhound—Laid back and devoted, two words greyhound owners use to describe this breed. These racing dogs have earned their spots on the couch. With a daily walk about town, there is nothing better than circling a cushion three times and plopping down for a spell.

Source: <http://theilovedogssite.com/the-10-breeds-that-enjoy-cuddling-the-most/>



Save these dates!

Obedience-Rally Trial

AM and PM

Obedience & Rally Trials will be held

June 20, 2015

Closing Date June 3, 2015

Agility Trial

August 15 & 16, 2015

NVDTC's annual awards banquet was held at Filippi's on February 21, 2015.



Italian food, good conversation, awards given, applause, cheer, drawings for potted roses, laughter, certificates for serving on the board, celebration cake, colorful bags filled with doggie cookies and people cookies for each and every attendee. If you missed it, you missed a whole lot of out-right fun!



Where's Rawldo?

He's hiding somewhere in the clubhouse. Be the first to find Rawldo and turn him into Sue Osborn for a PRIZE! Look for a clue in this newsletter to find out where he is.

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Next General Meeting:
March 9, 2015
6:30 AM

Leave YOUR dog at home.

**BE THE PERSON
YOUR DOG
THINKS YOU
ARE.**

2015 SESSION SCHEDULE

SESSION 2: Feb 23 - April 3 — Week off: April 6

SESSION 3: April 13 - May 22 — Week off: May 25

SESSION 4: June 1-July 10 — Week off: July 13

SESSION 5: July 20-Aug 28 — Week off: Aug 31

SESSION 6: Sept 7 - Oct 16 — Week off: Oct 19

SESSION 7: Oct 26 - Dec 11 — Week off: Nov 23*

*Thanksgiving week mid session



If you send a photo of YOUR dog (ε name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!

news@napadogtraining.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the **FIRST** 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.

**Submission deadline for the
MAY/JUNE 2015 newsletter
is April 20, 2015.**

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