



March-April 2016



# TATTLE TAILS

## NVDTC Newsletter

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## K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry to Present on March 14th at the clubhouse!

**Presentation starts promptly at 6:30 PM.**

The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national ministry utilizing the unique skills of dogs, specifically Golden Retrievers, to open opportunities to touch people with mercy and compassion. Their dogs are trained service animals prepared to interact with people in ways that provide a bridge for compassionate ministry to take place. Some of the benefits LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs can bring:



- Bring comfort to individuals and families suffering pain or loss
- Create bridges for compassionate care when disasters strike (Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, Umpqua College shootings in OR, tornados, earthquakes, fires, to name a few)
- Calm a hyperactive child
- Stimulate a withdrawn patient or older adult
- Brighten the lives of home bound or nursing home patients
- Stimulate minds, lift spirits, & spark memories
- Facilitate conversation and interaction

*Aaron of Comfort Dog is a staff member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Napa, California.*

## 2015 Club Service Award goes to Linda Wargo!

There is a lot of behind the scenes work done by many members of our club. Without these members, our club couldn't function. We thank everyone who puts in the extra hours!! This year we are recognizing someone who has put in countless hours at the dog club.

In 2015, she was the Obedience Ring Chair, helped with the agility trial and the tracking trial. She spent days cataloging the clubs materials prior to our downsizing, helped and supported our reorganization during the remodel.

She also reviewed club forms to make sure they met our current needs. She helped the training chair look into options for agility and other canine sports. And she still has time to compete with her dogs and volunteer her time doing Animal Assisted Therapy work with her dog Hef. Thank you Linda Wargo for your contributions to the club!!



Photo: A student from Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR after the shootings on campus

## Is it too early to start gathering raffle items for our 2016 trials? NOT AT ALL!

**There is a large bin marked "Raffle Items" at the clubhouse wherein you can drop off your raffle donations. Our June 25th Obedience & Rally trial will be here before you know it. What can you find in your garage, attic & house to donate? As Always, all donations are greatly appreciated!**

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## Can YOUR Dog Do This?

A new feature from our Training Chair, Donna Golemon.

In each issue of the newsletter, Donna will pose a challenge for you and your dog. In this edition, you are challenged to show your dog performing "Leave It."



Create a video no longer than 40 seconds showing your dog performing or learning "Leave It" then send to [challenge@napadogtraining.org](mailto:challenge@napadogtraining.org)

OR

upload your video by visiting [nvdtc.com/videolinks.htm/](http://nvdtc.com/videolinks.htm/).

User: [napavalleydte@yahoo.com](mailto:napavalleydte@yahoo.com)

Password: G00dDog1

To view video of Donna demonstrating "Leave It," go to the NVDTTC website and click on the Video Links page: [nvdtc.org/videolinks.htm](http://nvdtc.org/videolinks.htm)

**A prize will be awarded to the winner!**

**Deadline for video submittal is April 6th.**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT.**

**If you have not paid yours, please download membership renewal form from link below.**

**Fill out & mail in TODAY!**

[nvdtc.org/membership.htm](http://nvdtc.org/membership.htm)

## RETURNING!

### OUT and ABOUT Class

Thursday 8:00 PM • April 21 to May 26, 2016



Are you and your dog ready for an adventure?

### Take our Out and About class!

This class teaches skills for proper etiquette & good manners when in public with your fur partner. We will train for three different venues:

• Shopping • Outdoor Dining • Community Events

**Dogs must be people and dog friendly, 6 months or older, have basic obedience skills or completed GM1.**

Learn, train, and practice with us & get ready for travel and discovery.

All classes are at Napa Valley Dog Training Club.  
68 Coombs Street, Bldg. N • Napa, California

**Call today to register:  
707-253-8666!**

## Obsessive Dog Disorder (O.D.D.)

-You have more than one dog.

-Your house is littered with dog toys.

-You greet your dog before your spouse.

-You'd rather hang out with your dogs than go out.

-Your dog's comfort comes before yours.

-Your dog eats better than you do.



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On January 2, 2016, I received an email from Imo Lawton, regarding a puppy she had purchased from Donna Xenos in January 2010.

She was extremely excited to tell me that,

Xenos' Belle's Beau CGC, CD, UD, UDX, OM1, BN, GN, GO, 2 High Combined and 1 High In Trial, was awarded the honor of being "AKC's #1 Miniature Schnauzer" in Obedience. I have seen Imo and Beau work in the Obedience ring, they make a beautiful in-sync team and are hard to beat.

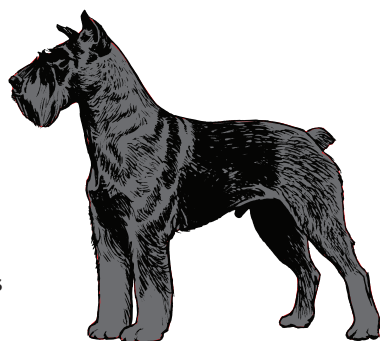
Beau is a product of : Dam – Bonirose's Ena of Xenos (Ena) Sire- Bonirose's Detour Ahead (Deider)

Beau was born November 9, 2009 and at 6 years of age has been in the show ring many times to be awarded all of his many titles. Beau is a great partner for Imo and she has done a fantastic job with him.

We (myself, Judy Sousa and the late Donna Xenos) are very proud of the accomplishments this team has made and I'm sure they are not done yet.

Thank you, Imo for doing such a wonderful job with Beau. Wishing you many more 190's to 200's.

Sincerely and with great pride,  
Sandy Bonifield & Judy Sousa  
BoniRose & Jubilee Miniature Schnauzers



In January of this year, I received word I am now an official AKC CGC Evaluator!

Carol Coawette

## SESSION 3 APR 18 - MAY 27, 2016

Week off: May 30 - Jun 3

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
CHECK NVDTC.ORG FOR UPDATES.

### Mondays - 1st class: April 18

5:15 pm Adolescent Dog Lea

**MON PUPPY ORIENTATION: APR 18 at 5:15 PM\*\***

### Tuesdays - 1st class: April 19

10:00 am Adolescent Dog Kim

**COMBINED ADO & PUPPY ORIENTATION: APR 19 at 10 AM\*\***

11:00 am Puppy Kim

**COMBINED ADO & PUPPY ORIENTATION: APR 19 at 10 AM\*\***

5:30 pm Freestyle Drill Team Judy

6:30 pm Musical Rally Challenge Judy

7:30 pm Beginning Freestyle Judy

**Beginning Freestyle is a RETURNING class.**

### Wednesdays - 1st class: April 20

9:00 am Good Manners 1 Kim

**WED 9 AM GOOD MANNERS 1 ORIENTATION: APR 20 at 9 AM\*\***

10:00 am Good Manners 2 Kim

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog Donna/Sandy

**WED 5 & 7 PM COMBINED ADO ORIENTATION: APR 20 at 7 PM\*\***

6:00 pm Puppy Donna/Sandy

**6 PM WED PUPPY ORIENTATION: APR 20 at 6 PM\*\***

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Donna

**WED 5 & 7 PM COMBINED ADO ORIENTATION: APR 20 at 7 PM\*\***

8:00 pm Body and 4 Legs Donna

**NEW CLASS!**

### Thursdays - 1st class (except as noted): April 21

10:00 am to 1:00 pm Capital Canines Pat White  
Meets every other week — First meeting: April 21

10:00 am Rally-All Levels\* Mary  
Meets every other week — First meeting: April 28

6:00 pm Rally-All Levels\* Mary

7:00 pm Mighty Mights Vange

**Mighty Mights is a RETURNING class**

**THU MIGHTY MIGHTS ORIENTATION: APR 21 at 7 PM\*\***

8:00 pm Out and About Vange

**Out and About is a RETURNING class**

### Fridays - 1st class: April 22

6:00 pm Good Manners 1 Linda

**FRI GOOD MANNERS 1 ORIENTATION: APR 22 at 6 PM\*\***

7:00 pm Good Manners 2 Linda

**\*CONTINUED CLASS \*\*DO NOT BRING DOGS TO ORIENTATION**

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## My Molly *by Roxann Gracia*

I had to say goodbye to my 16-year-old black and tan dachshund, Molly, in January.

She was a 12 pound dachshund who thought she was a lab. She would play ball until you quit.

She would jump off the dock and get the ball and swim back to shore. (Who says dachshunds can't swim!)

The picture is of her at right was taken in September on her last trip to Lake Almanor.

I got her as a puppy and she has been a real snuggle bump!

She tried to "save" me once while boating at the lake. I was in the water and yelling at my husband.

She thought I needed help so she and her companion, a red dachshund, Max, jumped into the lake to "help" me. (They both had life jackets on whenever we went boating.)

Molly always sat in my chair on my left no matter the size of chair and of course, true to dachshund nature, snuggled under blankets in our bed at night.



## Online Reading Topics:

*Recommended by members.*

Go to [www.nvdc.org/readinglist](http://www.nvdc.org/readinglist) or click on a headline below to read more about the following topics:

### The Truth About Positive Reinforcement

Dr. explores a few of the myths and the facts about dog training methods.

### What you should know before you test your dog's DNA

Animal shelters routinely use dog DNA tests; some co-ops require them. But how reliable are they? Fortune's intrepid writer puts two services to the test on her pooch.

### New research on older people and pets

The health impact of pets on older people is explored in a new report published by the International Federation on Ageing (IFA).

## Rally FrEe Clinic

Rally FrEe is a unique sport combining the precise movements of obedience, rally and the freedom of trick behaviors and freestyle. Courses are laid out to direct the dog and handler around the ring, performing such moves as leg weaves, spins, backing up, paw lifts and bows. The sport encourages and promotes verbal commands. The training includes fundamental skills important to Rally FrEe with an easy, simple way to learn the moves with the use of a clicker/marker and target training. Anyone can teach

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Watch for the date of this exciting event and be ready to sign up early as there will be a limited number of working spots available. (NOTE: This event is only an opportunity to introduce members to different sports.)

If interested, contact NVDC at 707-253-8666.

For sample video:  
[youtube.com/watch?v=UbukGiaAJbU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbukGiaAJbU)

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their dog these fun and clever movements. For those of you who want to pursue this further, there is the opportunity to enter local or national titling events. For more details, go to RallyFree.com. Video events are also available for those aggressive/reactive or shy dogs who do not want to enter live events. Video taping is a great training tool, plus you can keep video records forever and look back at past achievements. The clinic will introduce you to the rules and format of Rally FrEe and go over novice and advanced signs.

## Dog Dictionary

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**DOG BED:** Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

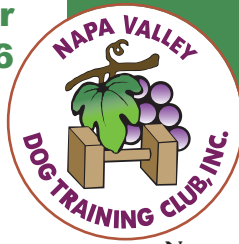
**SMIFF:** A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.



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## Awards Banquet

NVDTTC's annual awards banquet was held at Filippi's on February 27, 2016. Pictured here are just some of the awards and certificates given out to members. View more photos on the NVDTTC website.



## Places To Take Your Dog

*The Good and The Not So Good*

No suggestions from members for this issue so here is a link found online for you to check out:

[bringfido.com/attraction/city/napa\\_ca\\_us/](http://bringfido.com/attraction/city/napa_ca_us/)



**Where do you take your dog?** What places do you like? What places are not so good? What is your take on the places shown on the list at link above?

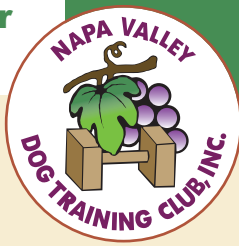
Send your response to the newsletter editor by the 20th of each even numbered month (February, April, June, August, October, December). Your responses will be added to our Places To Take Your Dog feature in upcoming newsletters.



## The 2016 Dog Show Calendar Available for Purchase

**Don't miss out!** You can pick up yours at the NVDTTC office. This calendar shows upcoming trials, matches, and other dog events scheduled throughout the next year in California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon.

**Cost: \$8 each while quantities last.**



## Results of January 2016 Training Survey

In January, a survey was sent out to all members to see where interests lay. The overall response was good, with approximately half of the membership replying. The training committee will be working on setting up some Saturday workshops, and looking at adding classes based on the results. Thank you to all who replied. If anyone has a class or any other type of suggestion for the training committee, please email Donna at [k-9trainer@comcast.net](mailto:k-9trainer@comcast.net).

Again thank you to all who responded. This club belongs to all of us and all suggestions, if possible, will be reviewed.

Donna Golemon



Survey sent out to 59 people, with 29 responses.

1. Number of dogs owned:

- a. 1: 8 - 28%
- b. 2: 10 - 34%
- c. 3 or more: 11 - 38%

2. Number of dogs you are currently training:

- a. 1: 10 - 34%
- b. 2 or more: 15 - 52%
- c. None: 4 - 13%

3. I would like to take an beginning agility class:

- a. Yes: 10 - 37%
- b. No: 17 - 63%
- c. Two did not answer

4. I would like to take a rally class:

- a. Yes: 14 - 52%
- b. No: 13 - 48%
- c. Two did not answer

5. I would like to take a tricks class:

- a. Yes: 12 - 43%
- b. No: 16 - 57%
- c. One did not answer

6. I would like to take a nose work class:

- a. Yes: 20 - 71%
- b. No: 8 - 28%
- c. One did not answer

7. I would like to take a class to improve my recalls:

- a. Yes: 15 - 56%
- b. No: 12 - 44%

8. Would like to take an obedience class geared towards trialing:

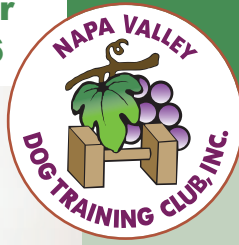
- a. Yes: 14 - 52%
- b. No: 13 - 48%
- c. Two did not answer

9. I am interested in doing a single day workshop on any of the above topics:

- a. Yes: 23 - 82%
- b. No: 5 - 18%
- c. One did not answer

10. Other classes you would be interested in:

- a. Controlling behavior such as barking and aggression on walks
- b. Conformation
- c. I would be interested in a class where two dogs could be trained at the same time.
- d. Treibball
- e. Puppy agility foundation
- f. Walking with multiple dogs on leash. Fun things to do with dogs, outings, group activities, walks about town, Coffee/Lunch, Bus trips to events, Group watch of streaming dog shows, Weekend trips, Beach
- g. Distractions, Trail Manners, Horse/Dog interactions
- h. Recreational classes where people work on team and confidence building
- i. Out and about in community
- j. Musical Dynamic Rally, Beginning freestyle
- k. Tracking
- l. Study group to practice class skills



February 8, 2016 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are available online at:  
[napadogtraining.org/meeting/](http://napadogtraining.org/meeting/)



[www.nvdtc.org/meeting](http://www.nvdtc.org/meeting)

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Frances Anamosa read the minutes to the meeting attendees as many had not reviewed them. Sue told members how to always access and read the minutes.
- b. Edits to Board reports Item F. – the 8 Pm Puppy Class did not fill and Old Business Item A. – Linda requested \$150 for the awards banquet supplies and not for just the cake
- c. Motion to approve minutes as edited was seconded and approved.

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Lori Jackson

- a. Savings \$22,209.99
- b. Checking \$8,657.26
- c. Lori Jackson reported on the rates for CDs.
- d. Lori Jackson and Joy Wood updated signatures at the bank. They also picked up a rate card.
- e. Lori Jackson asked the former board how they deducted utilities – former board said it was done with an automatic transfer as long as they sent a bill.
- f. Roxanne Garcia asked what interest rate was on savings account. Board will investigate and let general membership know.

### 4. Board Reports

- a. **President's Report – Joy Wood**
  - i. Thanks to hospitality for this month – Christina Martin and Deassa Binstock - and the board for January.
- b. **Vice President's Report – Mary Ash**
  - i. New member application is for Jack Stein in Napa. He spoke about himself. He is in the Tuesday morning class. Moved to accept his membership, seconded and carried.
  - ii. Next month guest speaker will be Canine Companions. They will be speaking first promptly at 6:30 PM. Mary Ash is working on other speakers for April and May
- c. **Office – Risha Martin**
  - i. Risha Martin introduced and thanked the office

staff D Marlowe and Melanie Miller and Margretta. Next session starts 2/29 and she needs Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday volunteers. If you want to volunteer please contact her or Mary Ash.

### d. Building - Pat Martin

- i. Pat Martin said she had nothing to report.

### e. Publicity – Kim Leslie

- i. Kim Leslie said she has put ads on Craig's List (under Pet Services) in Vallejo, Fairfield, and Marin. She will be putting it on Pet Lovers Guide, too. She will be going to local vet offices and placing flyers there, too.

### f. Training – Donna Golemon

- i. Donna Golemon reported that Session 2 has Beginning Freestyle, Canine Good Citizen, and Focus on Heeling and Stays (if there is no 8 PM Puppy Class on Wednesday). Thursdays will be Tricks and Games.
- ii. There will be a new item in the newsletter so people can submit questions to the trainer.
- iii. She will also be starting a trainer's challenge and challenge others to do the same thing as the trainer asking them to submit videos. New leashes are now in stock.
- iv. Training survey went out in January, and 29 out of 59 people responded. People are interested in nose work, improving recalls, and one day weekend workshops.
- v. Training Committee met and reviewed sessions 3 to 5 in 2016. Fun classes will be added.
- vi. Small group of training committee met to develop ideas and will present to full Training Committee.
- vii. Marilane Bergfeldt spoke about combining orientation sessions.

### 5. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn

- a. Sue Osborn said 2/20 is deadline for March/April newsletter.
- b. There is a link to all special classes and flyers on the

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**Did you know**  
you can view all of  
NVDTC's 2016 training  
sessions on a full year  
calendar?

Download a printable  
PDF from our classes  
page: [nvdtc.org/classes](http://nvdtc.org/classes)

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NVDTC website.

- c. Ideas for where to travel with pet are requested for newsletter.

## 6. AOCNC – Mary Ash

- a. Winter workshop is on 2/14. Mary Ash reported that there are many entries. NVDTC will be running Beginning Novice and half of the Novice Dogs (about 15). Mt. Diablo switched with NVDTC for their time slot.
- b. There will be a summer workshop.

## 7. Hospitality

- a. Thank you to Christina Martin and Deassa Binstock - and the board for January.
- b. Volunteers for March 14, 2016, are needed. Vange Leonis and Kim Leslie will do.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Year-end dinner and awards in February
  - i. Linda Luchsinger wants all reservations for the dinner by 2/20.
- b. 2016 VST Tracking Test
  - i. Linda Wargo said all tracking clubs now use worker vouchers to earn points to get in a worker draws for tracking tests. They want to add a category of driver for vouchers – 2 points for a driver for every day that they drive. Motion requested to include driver drawing. Motion carried and approved.
- c. 2016 Obedience Trials
  - i. Mary Ash says they are working on a budget for this year to make sure event makes money this year.
- d. 2016 Agility Trial
  - i. Lori Jackson reported on the trial and what was scheduled. Judge is Sherry Porter. She needs 2 more committee members. If she does not get someone to do worker's raffle, she will not announce it in the trial brochure. Donna Golemon and Mary Ash will do the worker's raffle. This will be dis-

cussed with them Lori Jackson, and they both agreed to work the trial. Joy Wood volunteered to do the workers' raffle and to be a general trial committee member as well.

- e. Member Building Usage
  - i. There was nothing to report.
- f. Organizational Building Usage
  - i. Board said there is a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit that will be held until building is in proper condition after each use. This is in addition to fee for use of the building. This deposit is waived for LAPS.
  - ii. Irish Terrier club was approved for March 14, 2016, by the board.
- g. Workshops
  - i. Marilanne Bergfeldt is working on a workshop to come to the club. She is working with Susie of Positively Trained. She will take care of speakers, and the club will take care of the facility. Marilanne Bergfeldt will be meeting with her again to go over details.

## 9. New Business

- a. Mary Ash handed out special treats for Valentine's Day that Donna Golemon had made. One of them had a special message in it, and the person with the special message received a prize.
- b. Gently used items are on display, Vange Leonis reminded members. If you have donations, please give to Vange Leonis with the price noted.
- c. Risha Martin brought up a new clinic she found that is 2 hours for Rally Free. There are 8 working teams and 20 auditors. The cost is \$40. Risha Martin handed out a flyer. Donna Golemon will talk with Judy Gamet to go over this as Judy Gamet is doing some classes. Motion made that if Judy Gamet is OK with it, the club will go forward with scheduling it. Motion seconded and carried.
- d. Joy Wood talked about club shirts. Jim Spiva showed his fleece jacket. The embroidery is being done by Joy Wood's company. Costs for the embroidery: large logo on back \$50; small logo on front \$8; name (any length) \$5. Each member provides their own shirt. Joy Wood will have samples of shirts made up that people can buy.
- e. Jim Spiva reported that he found some tennis balls – all are welcome to help themselves.

10. **Special Presentations by Training Chair – Donna Golemon**
11. **Adjournment at 7:40 PM.**



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**Next Meeting:**  
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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION from**  
**K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.**

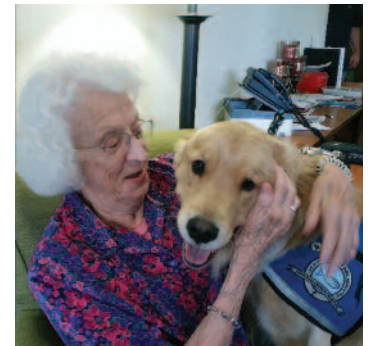
*See page 1 for more details.*  
*[Leave YOUR dog at home.]*



Pictured at left are First Responders for the Valley Fire, Calistoga Evacuation Center

Pictured at bottom—Visit with a nursing home resident

Photos courtesy of K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.



Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share? If you send a photo of YOUR dog (& name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!  
**Email to: [news@napadogtraining.org](mailto:news@napadogtraining.org)**  
**THIS EDITION'S SUBMISSION**  
is from Donna Golemon showing her three dogs doing nose work.

Submission deadline for the  
MAY/JUN 2016 newsletter  
is APRIL 20, 2016.

Send to: [news@napadogtraining.org](mailto:news@napadogtraining.org)

### Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FOURTH* Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m except for the month of December.

*Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are posted at the club.*



Visit NVDTC on the web for the latest news & photos:  
[www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)

