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## NVDTC Newsletter

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## NVDTC's 2020 OPEN HOUSE is set for SATURDAY, APRIL 25th!

Once again Napa Valley Dog Training Club will open its doors to the public to show the community what our club is all about and what we offer

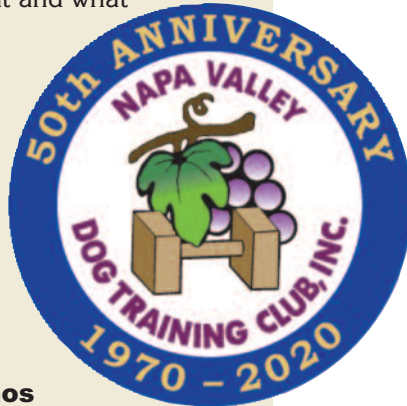
## AND to celebrate NVDTC's 50th ANNIVERSARY!

12 Noon to 3 pm

- Continuous training demos
- Trainers on hand to answer questions
- Raffles for guests
- Special "Members Only" Drawing
- LOTS of informational handouts
- And refreshments TOO!

### We can use your support:

First, save the date to attend the open house! You can also distribute promotional materials to get the word out. Promotional materials will be available at the clubhouse soon. See **page 5** for a list of all the ways you can help out & who to contact.



*Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night*

## LUCK OF THE IRISH



**Dogs just want to have fun!**  
(And so do their owners!)

Bring your dog to the NVDTC

## MARCH 9th General Meeting



6:30 PM



**On your mark.  
Get Set. GO!**

Let your dog participate in  
25 yard dash  
team races  
(or just observe the  
activities from the side line).

**Treats & Prizes  
for ALL!**

**Dogs must be  
people and dog friendly.**





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## Annual Awards Dinner

This year's awards dinner was held at Filippi's in Napa on February 23rd. Many, many titles were achieved in 2019! Congratulations to all who earned well-deserved titles on their dogs!

There was also a very special presentation made to Bobbie Honsvick for her many years of dedicated service to Napa Valley Dog Training Club!

Thank you to Sandy Bonfield and Linda Luchsinger for organizing this year's dinner. Thank you to Linda Wargo for taking care of getting the awards ready and presenting them to our proud members!



## And the 2019 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award goes to...

an extremely deserving member! Attend the March 9th general meeting to find out who this special person is!



Linda presents  
the service award  
to...  
...who could it be?





Image by ShekuSheriff from Pixabay

## NVDC Scent Work Trial April 18th & 19th, 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The club's scent work trial is just around the corner however it's not too late to volunteer to help out.

A big thank you to all of you who have already signed up to work at this year's scent work trial. More volunteers are definitely still needed. No experience required. Please contact Linda Wargo at [mcmcocker@comcast.net](mailto:mcmcocker@comcast.net) to let her know if you can help one or two days or if you have any questions about volunteering.

The 2-day trial will be held at Napa Valley Products Services & Industries (PSI) located at 651 Trabajo Lane in Napa. Both days will include novice, advanced, and excellent venues. If you have any questions about this trial, please contact Donna Golemon at [donnagk9@gmail.com](mailto:donnagk9@gmail.com) or Mary Ash at [marysone@aol.com](mailto:marysone@aol.com).

### Geek Dog



## Why Does My Dog Stare at Me?

Source: [www.1800petmeds.com](http://www.1800petmeds.com)

Do you ever catch your dog staring at you? You probably wish your dog could talk so they could just tell you what they're thinking. Your dog, too, wishes they had more ways to communicate with you. Now, you can learn to decipher what your dog wants when they stare at you by looking at some context clues.

### Is Your Dog Begging For Food?

Your dog might stare at you when they're hungry, or when they just want a taste of your snack. If you find this behavior to be annoying, you can stop begging by having your dog relax in their crate during your family's mealtimes.



Often, dogs beg from those who have given them scraps in the past. If you simply avoid giving your dog tidbits at the table, they're likely to stop begging without any additional training.

### Does Your Dog Know Your Routine?

Dogs have been observed to tell time, though researchers are not sure how they do it. They may be able to predict what time you'll come home from work based on the way the intensity of your scent has faded in the hours since you left. They might also detect other environmental cues such as changes in air pressure, light, and temperature, along with the daily habits of their owners.

Maybe your dog stares at you because they know it's close to dinnertime based on how hungry they are. Or, maybe they know you'll be leaving home soon because they saw you put your shoes on.

### Does Your Dog Need To Go Outside?

If it's been a few hours since you last let your dog out, they might be staring at you because they need to go outside.

But if your dog stares at you whether they want to eat, play, or go outside, how can you possibly know what they want?

You can teach your dog to "talk" to you by training them to give you a special signal for each of their needs. To go outside, you can teach your dog to ring potty bells. To play, you can teach your dog to bring you a toy. You can even teach your dog to signal when they're hungry by pawing at their food bowl.

### Has Your Dog Had Any Enrichment Today?

There is a good chance that your dog stares at you when they want attention, especially if they're bored. This can be such a guilt-trip on busy days when you can't take your dog to the park, or when it's too cold to play outside.

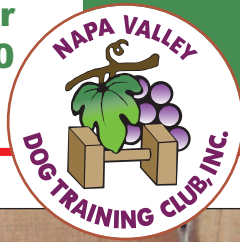
However, you can squeeze in a quick training session for as little as ten minutes. This can be as simple as working on basic commands, a short game of hide-and-seek, or even just filling a Kong with canned food for an enriching treat.



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## BRAGS



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**Brigette Gheno:** Charlotte finished her Preferred Novice title with a 197.5 and 198, 1st and 1st. Maggie received her Rally Novice title with 100, 2nd place (beat on time), 100(1st), and 99 (deduction for excited yap, but still 1st). This was our first time in rally and I had no idea ties were broken by time. Live and learn.

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**Roxann Gracia:** Zena titled in scent work in three Novice areas, SIN (Interior), SEN (Exterior) and SCN (Containers) and is one Buried hide away from overall Novice title. She received two first place ribbons: One in Interior Novice and One in Container Novice on December 28th, One third place ribbon in Container search on December 29th, and one 4th place ribbon on the 29th in Interior Search and a total of 9 qualifying ribbons.

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**Stefanie Meinhardt:** Csavo shown here in his AX (excellent standard) titling run on 2/16/20. In the previous two weekends, Csavo finished his AXJ (excellent jumpers) and AX titles, and earned his first leg of 10 towards his MXJ (master jumpers)!

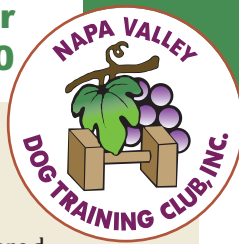
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## Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?

By AKC Staff  
Feb 04, 2020

Recently, the World Health Organization declared that the novel coronavirus is now a global health emergency. In the panic that followed, people became worried not only about their own health but the health of their pets as well.

Dogs wearing face masks have popped up in photos across social media, causing pet owners everywhere to ask: can dogs get coronavirus?



### Can dogs contract or spread coronavirus?

Dogs can contract certain types of coronaviruses, such as the canine respiratory coronavirus, but this specific coronavirus is believed not to be a threat to pets.

The World Health Organization reported that there have been no reported cases of coronavirus in domestic animals. "At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the new coronavirus," their report says.

Despite this, Li Lanjuan, an epidemiologist and representative of China's National Health Commission cautioned pet owners in China to be vigilant about their own health and the health of their pets: "If pets go out and have contact with an infected person, they have the chance to get infected. By then, pets need to be isolated. In addition to people, we should be careful with other mammals especially pets."

The CDC says that "while this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person." The CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, "but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus."

### How can dog owners protect pets from coronavirus?

For now, pet owners in the U.S. don't need to do anything other than follow normal health precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water after contact with any animal.

Dogs do not need a face mask to protect themselves against the new coronavirus. If you are still concerned or notice a change in your dog, speak to a veterinarian.



## Ways to Support NVDTTC's 50th Anniversary Open House

- Attend the Open House
- Distribute event flyers in the community
- Create handouts
- Post events in local magazines, newspapers, and online groups
- Donate food and/or raffle items (more details later)
- Decorate clubhouse
- Napa Humane, Friends of the Napa County Animal Shelter, and Napa County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center all will be invited to join us at the open house. Be sure to support each of each of these groups.
- Share the event on your social media connections
- Obtain media coverage in newspapers, radio, etc.
- AND of course send along your ideas for activities, handouts, PR or other ideas to encourage the community to attend (sans their dogs)

Let one of our Open House committee members know what you can do to help by emailing them at address listed below:

Sandy Bonifield | [bonirose@aol.com](mailto:bonirose@aol.com)

Donna Golemon | [donnagk9@gmail.com](mailto:donnagk9@gmail.com)

Debbie Hilton | [mhphelps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhphelps@sbcglobal.net)

Linda Luchsinger | [lindyckrs@aol.com](mailto:lindyckrs@aol.com)

Sue Osborn | [sue.osborn49@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.osborn49@yahoo.com)

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**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[nvdtc.org/registration.htm](http://nvdtc.org/registration.htm)

Session 3 online registration  
opens 2/19/20 & closes 4/8/20.

Questions?  
email [registration@nvdtc.org](mailto:registration@nvdtc.org)  
or call 707-253-8666

**CLASS FEES**  
for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility, Rally,  
and Special Classes:

**\$125**  
Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount  
Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

**CLASS FEES**  
for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle  
and Musical Rally Challenge):

**\$135**  
No Discounts

**Classes less than 6 weeks are  
prorated for cost and vouchers.**  
Please call the club for details.

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 months  
Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year  
Good Manners: 1 year+

Members can earn vouchers to  
offset the cost of classes.

Details:

[www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm](http://www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm)

You can receive discounts  
for taking multiple classes  
in the same session.

Details:

[nvdtc.org/pdfs/](http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/)

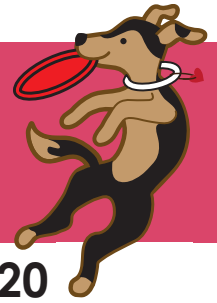
[NVDC\\_FeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf](http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/NVDCFeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf)

View Schedule of all 2020 Sessions at:

[nvdtc.org/pdfs/NVDCTrainingSchedule2020.pdf](http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/NVDCTrainingSchedule2020.pdf)



## 2020 Training Session 3



April 13 thru May 23, 2020

<b>Monday</b>	(3-week classes with dates: 4/20, 4/27 & 5/4)	
6:00pm	Handler Discrimination	Donna (mixed levels - continued class)
7:00pm	Novice Trick Title	Donna <b>RETURNING</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:30 am	Scent Work	Donna (mixed levels - continued class)
10:00 am	Adolescent Dog	Sandy & Marlene
11:00 am	Puppy	Sandy & Marlene
12:00 pm	Adolescent Dog or Puppy - Overflow (Class opens when 10am or 11am are full)	Sandy & Marlene
2:00 pm	Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching	Judy
4:30 pm	Intermediate Freestyle / Musical Rally	Judy
5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Better Heeling with Music	Judy <b>NEW</b>
7:30pm	Scent Work	Donna (Advanced - continued class)
<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:30 am	Good Manners 1	Marlene
10:30 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene
11:30 am	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene <b>RETURNING</b>
5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog – Overflow (Class opens when 7pm is full)	Marilane
6:00 pm	Puppy	Marilane & Lea
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	De
8:00 pm	Puppy – Overflow (Class opens when 6pm is full)	De
<b>Thursday</b>		
10:30 am	Rally or Competition Obedience (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks of each month)	Mary (all levels - continued class)
10:00 – 1:00 pm	Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month)	
5:30 pm	Rally	Mary (all levels - continued class)
7:00 pm	Agility Foundation for Competition	Stefanie <b>RETURNING</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
6:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Linda
7:00 pm	Good Manners 2	Linda

**Schedule  
subject  
to change**

3/6/20-sao

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions  
run 6 weeks, one time per week at the  
day & time shown for 50 minutes.

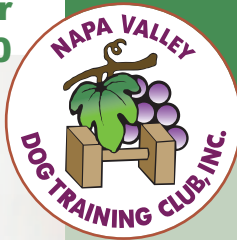
If there are other classes you are interested in,  
sign up on an interest list. Visit or call the NVDC  
office to have your name added.

Receive a \$10 discount for a regular six-week  
class if you are a senior (60 and over), a junior  
(10 to 17) or if your dog is a rescue. Discounts  
are prorated for shortened sessions.

No discounts for specialty classes.

One discount per class.

A rescue discount can only be used once.



February 10, 2020 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)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Linda Luchsinger called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
- B. Board members present: Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Marion Sigel.

### II. MINUTES—Sue Osborn

MSC to approve the January 13, 2020 general minutes as published.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. As of January 31st:
  1. Checking: \$50,648.96
  2. Savings: \$22,326.42
  3. Paypal: \$700.58
- B. Total income: \$4,725.75

### IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **PRESIDENT**—Linda Luchsinger  
No Report
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT**—Sandy Bonifield  
No Report
- C. **MEMBERSHIP**—Carol Coawette  
MSC to accept new members Joe and Neanna Gracia. Their dogs are Tucker, Monty, and Chester.
- D. **OFFICE**—Sandy Bonifield  
Sandy and Marilane are running the office on their own. If anyone is interested in helping, Sandy will train. Each session worked equals a \$40 voucher.
- E. **TRAINING**
  1. Next training meeting is set for February 19 at the clubhouse.

2. Linda Luchsinger heard back from Diane Colling and was told she has declined to hold conformation classes at our club at this time because of personal conflicts. Mary Ash will touch base with her.
3. Sessions 3 & 4 will be set at the training meeting.

### F. PUBLICITY—Marion Sigel.

1. Marion gave out prizes to members assigned to drop off rack cards at vets.
2. Marion proposed having business cards printed for trainers to hand out to students. This proposal will be taken to training meeting.
3. Marion will work with Stefanie on 50th Anniversary theme shirts; with a goal to have them in time for the Open House.
4. Marion's goal to bring membership up to 50 members by the open house by asking trainers to hand out membership applications will be brought up at the training meeting.

### G. BUILDING—Debbie Hilton

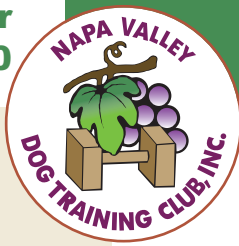
1. There are still 12 people who have not yet signed the new key log.
2. New contact person for property management is Steven. Steven was told about the lights and will take care of once he gets settled. Steven's phone number is 316-847-4863.
3. Lease is going to be raised by 5% , will be 3 years, and triple net.
4. There will be a credit on our utility bill because of past overcharge.

### H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

1. Deadline for information for the March-April

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## Amazing Facts about Dogs

Source: vanecovillage.com

### Dogs can See in COLOR

It is a common myth that dogs can only see in black and white. They only have two cones in their eyes to detect colors, whereas humans have three. That means dogs see colors on a blue and yellow scale but cannot distinguish between red and green. On the other hand, they have better night vision than humans. Their eyes take in information 25% faster than us, making them specially talented at catching a ball or frisbee.



Image by Péter Göblyös from Pixabay

### Their Sense of Smell is really Powerful

We know dogs have a powerful sense of smell and while we can just about smell a spoonful of sugar in a cup of tea, our canine friends are capable of smelling that same spoonful in two Olympic swimming pools of water

### Dogs can be Smart

Dogs are as intelligent as a two year-old child, according to research presented to the American Psychological Association. Dogs can understand up to 250 words and gestures and even perform simple mathematical calculations. Perhaps unsurprisingly, border collies are the cleverest canines, with some able to understand up to 200 words. The other breeds in the top five are poodles, German shepherds, golden retrievers and dobermans

### They really are HOT Dogs

Not only are dogs wearing a huge fur coat, they also have to contend with a higher body temperature than you. Human's have a body temperature of 37C, but a dog's is 38C. That's one reason fleas are more likely to be attracted to your dog than to you. And unlike humans, dogs don't have sweat glands all over their body, just on the pads of their paws.

### Dogs are very Resourceful

In Russia, stray dogs learned to use the subway to travel to areas with more restaurants and food stands where they scavenge and even scare people for food.

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newsletter is February 20th.

2. The premium for the April 18th & 19th Scent Work trial is now posted on the NVDTC website.

### I. AOCNC—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash

1. Winter Workshop was held yesterday. Donna Albini, Mary Ash, and Sue Osborn ran the Novice Rally and Beginner Novice Rally ring at the workshop.

2. There is an opening for a third AOCNC rep. Talk to Mary Ash or Sue Osborn if interested.

3. AOCNC's club appreciation luncheon is Sunday, March 8, 2020 in Pleasant Hill at Zio Fraedo's. AOCNC will pay for one NVDTC member's lunch. Attendance is open to everyone.

### J. Hospitality

1. Donna Albini took care of hospitality for today's general meeting. Debbie Hilton helped with setup and takedown. Thank you to Donna and Debbie.

2. Sandy Bonifield will do hospitality for the March general meeting.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Awards Banquet

1. Banquet will be held at Filippi's on Sunday, February 23rd—5:30 pm for cocktails) and 6:00 pm for family style dinner.

2. Cost is \$20 per person.

3. Linda Wargo is taking care of year end awards.

#### B. Scent Work Trial

1. Linda Wargo, who is in charge of volunteers, sent around a volunteer sign up sheet. A lot more volunteers are needed as there are three scent work levels on both April 18th and April 19th.

2. Trial has filled.

#### C. Display Slat Wall

A huge thank you to Joe and Roxann Gracia for donation of slatwall for use at clubhouse. Robert Osborn and Dontae will be mounting slatwall.

#### D. Building Lease

Linda Luchsinger has not yet received a copy of lease from property management.

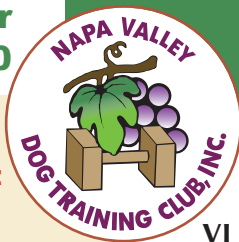
#### E. Critter Comforters

1. Materials for blankets are needed and can be dropped off at the club for delivery to Critter Comforters.

2. Critter Comforters is looking for someone to take over Gwen McKenzie's role.

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**Congratulations to all our Session 2 graduates below and to all those not shown in these photos.**



**Tuesday AM Puppy Class**



**Tuesday AM Adolescent Class**



**Wednesday 7 PM Adolescent Class**

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### VI NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Rutherford 4H Club

Marion Sigel and Linda Luchsinger are interested in working with the Rutherford 4H Club to do a presentation about dogs per 4H Leader David Dressler's request. Sue will respond to David to let him know NVDTTC will take this on.

#### B. Open House 2020

Sue Osborn will be setting up a committee meeting soon. Committee members include Sandy Bonifield, Linda Luchsinger, Donna Golemon, Debbie Hilton, and Committee Chair Sue Osborn. Anyone interested in being on the committee can contact Sue.

#### C. Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night—March 9, 2020

Debbie Hilton is organizing the March meeting, which is a St. Patrick's Day theme. She distributed flyers to advertise this fun night for dogs and members. Whether or not to invite students will be brought up at the upcoming trainers meeting.

#### D. Irish Terrier Club Use of Building

MSC for the Irish Terrier Club to reserve the building for Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

#### E. In Memory of Joy Wood

1. A donation of \$100 will be made by NVDTTC to UC Davis Medical Veterinary School.
2. Donation from Vange Leonis will go toward something for the club.
3. Scent work class students donated to hospice.
4. Members asked for ideas for additional ways to pay tribute.

#### F. Peter Pay Seminar

MSC to sponsor a Peter Pay CPR/Pet First Aid Seminar in 2020.

### VI BRAGS

Linda Wargo and Stefanie Meinhardt shared brags. Marilane Bergfelt and Mary Ash each have a new puppy!

### VI MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:38 PM.

Respectively submitted by  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

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## Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters? Missed that announcement about rattlesnake aversion or an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access past emails sent out from NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the  
MAY/JUNE 2020 newsletter  
is April 20, 2020.

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

### Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on 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 available at the club.



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## Next Meeting: March 9, 2020

### 6:30 PM

## “BRING YOUR DOG TO THE MEETING” NIGHT

*Dogs must be people and dog friendly.*



Marilane's Aero and Reno. Reno is a new family member recently adopted from BARK (Bay Area Keeshond Rescue).

Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share?

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

Email to: [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org)



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