



March-April 2021



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

BUILDING USE COORDINATOR:

Sue Osborn

nvdtc.org/buildingcalendar.htm

See last page for contact
information for above members

Past newsletters are at
nvdtc.org/newsletter



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NVDTC Scent Work Trial April 17th & 18th, 2021 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 Anne Stanley at aestanley@me.com to let her know if you can help one or two days or if you have any questions about volunteering.

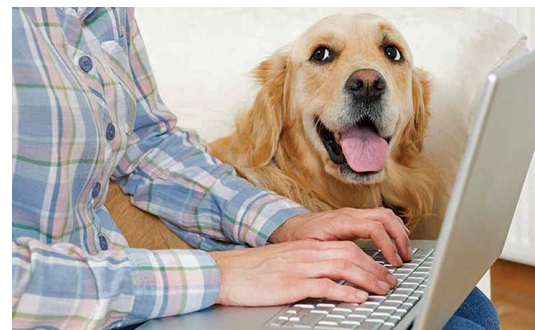
The 2-day trial will be held at Napa Valley Products Services & Industries (PSI) located at 651 Trabajo Lane in Napa. Both days will include novice, advanced, and excellent elements. If you have any questions about this trial, please contact Mary Ash at marysone@aol.com or Donna Golemon at donnagk9@gmail.com.

Everything You Need to Know About Emotional Support Animals

Every dog owner knows there are many benefits to having a dog, from getting themselves out for exercise to receiving loyal companionship. However, for some people with mental or emotional conditions, the presence of a dog is critical to their ability to function normally on a daily basis. The pet provides emotional support and comfort that helps them deal with challenges that might otherwise compromise their quality of life. These pets are known as emotional support animals (ESAs).

What Is an Emotional Support Dog?

Although all dogs offer an emotional connection with their owner, to legally be considered an emotional support dog, also called an emotional support animal (ESA), the pet needs to be prescribed by a licensed mental health professional to a person with a disabling mental illness. A therapist, psychologist, or psychiatrist must determine that the presence of the animal is needed for the mental health of the patient. For example, owning a pet might ease a person's anxiety or give them a focus in life. The dogs can be of any age and any breed.



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Emotional Support Dog vs. Service Dogs

ESAs provide support through companionship and can help ease anxiety, depression, and certain phobias. However, they are not service dogs, and ESA users do not receive the same accommodations as service dog users.

A service dog, such as a guide dog or psychiatric service dog, is generally allowed anywhere the public is allowed; ESAs are not. For example, ESAs generally cannot accompany their owners into restaurants or shopping malls.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) defines service animals as “dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.” The act clearly states that animals that simply provide emotional comfort do not qualify as service animals. Some state and local laws have a broader definition, so be sure to check with local government agencies to learn if ESAs qualify for public access in your area.

The key difference between a service dog and an emotional support dog is whether the animal has been trained to perform a specific task or job directly related to the person's disability. For example, service dogs are trained to alert a hearing-impaired person to an alarm or guide a visually impaired person around an obstacle or provide pressure on someone with PTSD who is suffering from a panic attack.

Behaviors such as cuddling on cue, although comforting, do not qualify. The tasks need to be specifically trained to mitigate a particular disability, not something instinctive the dog would do anyway.

Emotional Support Dogs Are Not Psychiatric Service Dogs

There are service dogs, known as psychiatric service dogs that require extensive training to work specifically with people whose disability is due to mental illness. These dogs detect the beginning of psychiatric episodes and help ease their effects. Although this sounds similar to the role of an ESA, the difference between a psychi-

atric service dog and an ESA is again in the tasks performed by the dog and the training received to perform these tasks.

Psychiatric service dogs (recognized by the ADA as

service dogs) have been trained to do certain jobs that help the handler cope with a mental illness. For example, the dog might remind a person to take prescribed medications, keep a disoriented person in a dissociative

episode from wandering into a hazardous situation such as traffic or perform room searches for a person with post-traumatic stress disorder. If it is simply the dog's presence that helps the person cope, then the dog does not qualify as a psychiatric service dog.

Housing Accommodations for Individuals Who Use Emotional Support Dogs

Individuals who use ESAs are provided certain accommodations under federal law in the areas of housing and air travel. The Fair Housing Act includes ESAs in its definition of assistance animals. Under the act, people cannot be discriminated against due to a disability when obtaining housing. Rules such as pet bans or restrictions are waived for people who have a prescription for an ESA, and they cannot be charged a pet deposit for having their ESA live with them.

Source: American Kennel Club

From the President

Is that a light at the end of the tunnel? Classes are starting up this week and it's beginning to look like the club is actually beginning to move toward normalcy. True, that normalcy is not just around the corner. Even though more and more vaccines are getting into arms, it will still take time and patience. In the meantime, let's reflect on what normalcy for the dog club is. Normalcy at our club means bringing dogs to meetings several times a year, having pot lucks at meetings, inviting presenters at our clubhouse to talk about special dog-related subjects, creating special events like pet massage nights, having workshops and seminars, holding open houses, enjoying getting together at a restaurant for special events, and best of all, seeing each other in person without having to stay six feet apart and to wear masks.

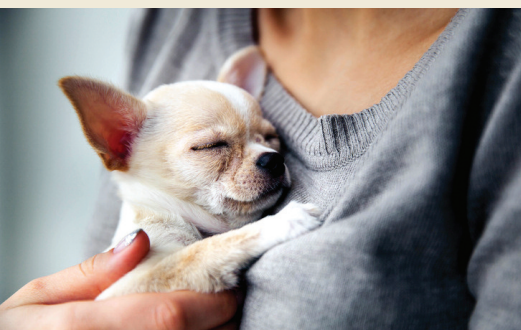
I am looking forward to 2021 and all that it promises to bring!

Remember, if you are planning to title your dog in 2021, you are required to attend three meetings and volunteer to help at one event to receive an award from NVDTC. And it just so happens, we have an event coming up! Thanks to dedicated members Mary Ash and Donna Golemon, who have made this happen, the scent work trial is being held April 17th and April 18th! Interested? Contact Mary Ash right away (marysone@aol.com).

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at (916) 384-7006 or by email at president@nvdtc.org.

Best Regards,

Sue Osborn, 2021 NVDTC President



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Session 2 classes run for 4 Weeks—unless noted otherwise.



2021 Training Session 2

April 5th thru May 1st, 2021

MONDAY*

Scent Work 4

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 8:30 AM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Scent Work 5

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 9:30 AM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Scent Work 2

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 11:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Scent Work 1 (NW)

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 12:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Scent Work 1

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 1:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Handler Discrimination Advanced

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 5:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

Scent Work 5

Monday 4/5/2021 @ 5:45 PM
Coombs Street Location - Donna Golemon

TUESDAY

Good Manners 1 (GM1)

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 10:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Good Manners 2 (GM2)

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 11:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Beyond Basics (BB)

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 12:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Private Coaching - Dogs Can Dance

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 2:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Judy Gamet

Musical Rally Challenge

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 4:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - Judy Gamet

Drill Team (DD)

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 5:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - Judy Gamet

Beyond Tricks: Become a Trick Dog Performer

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 6:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - Judy Gamet

Combined Adol. Dog/GM1

Tuesday 4/6/2021 @ 7:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - De Briz

WEDNESDAY

Puppy (P)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 10:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Puppy (P)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 11:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Adolescent Dog (AD)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 12:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Adolescent Dog (AD)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 1:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Puppy (P)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 5:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - Lea Ronald

Adolescent Dog (AD)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 6:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - Lea Ronald

Adolescent Dog (AD)

Wednesday 4/7/2021 @ 7:30 PM
Coombs Street Location - De Briz

THURSDAY

Rally (R)

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 10:30 AM
Coombs Street Location - Mary Ash

Rally (R)

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 11:30 AM
Coombs Street Location - Mary Ash

Rally Advanced (R)

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 4:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Mary Ash

Rally Novice (R)

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 5:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Mary Ash

Rally Novice (R)

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 6:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Mary Ash

Agility Found. for Competition

Thursday 4/8/2021 @ 7:15 PM
Coombs Street Location - Stefanie Meinhardt

FRIDAY

Good Manners 1 (GM1)

Friday 4/9/2021 @ 6:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Marilane Bergfelt

Good Manners 2 (GM2)

Friday 4/9/2021 @ 7:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Marilane Bergfelt

SATURDAY

Puppy (P)

Saturday 4/10/2021 @ 9:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Adolescent Dog (AD)

Saturday 4/10/2021 @ 10:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Good Manners 1 (GM1)

Saturday 4/10/2021 @ 11:00 AM
Coombs Street Location - Kim Leslie

Good Manners 2 (GM2)

Saturday 4/10/2021 @ 12:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Vange Leonis

Polite In Public

Saturday 4/10/2021 @ 1:00 PM
Coombs Street Location - Vange Leonis

Questions?

registration@nvdttc.org
or 707-253-8666

*NOTE: Not all Monday classes meet 4x—Check with Instructor or online registration page.

4-WEEKS OF

CLASSES:

\$100

\$40 MAX IN VOUCHERS
NO DISCOUNTS AT THIS TIME

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FEES & VOUCHER ALLOWANCES

FOR SHORTENED CLASSES:

3-Week Session: \$75.00 class fee

Vouchers: \$30.00 (max)

2-Week Session: \$50.00 class fee

Vouchers: \$20.00 (max)

### SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

#### Puppy:

12 weeks to 5½ months

#### Adolescent:

6 months to 1 year

Sm Dog Good Manners/Ado:

6 months+

Good Manners: 1 year+

**Session 2 online registration  
Opens 3/7/21 & closes 3/21/21.**

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

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**\*\*Visit [nvdttc.org/classes](http://nvdttc.org/classes) for MOST current class information,**



## BRAGS

### Roxann Gracia



**New Puppy:** Portuguese Podengo Pequeno. Smooth coated Tanner joins the Julia and Roxann household. It's a conspiracy to keep **Roxann** taking dog classes! He's 14 weeks old. Podengos come in 3 sizes and two coats. (Wire and smooth). Tanner is the Pequeno or small size and will be less than 13 lbs. Oh the puppy stage...what was I thinking???



### Sue Osborn



At Morgan's first hunt test by the Irish Setter Club of the Pacific on February 20th, she took home her first Junior Hunter pass! Three more passes and she will have her Junior Hunter title. Thank you to Roxann Gracia who invited Morgan to the horse stables where her horse, Sundance, hangs out. This gave Morgan exposure to lots of horses, enough so that she totally ignored them at the hunt test!

**Have BRAGS? Submit them to [brags@nvdtc.org](mailto:brags@nvdtc.org)**

## Meet the Breed: Portuguese Podengo

The Podengo is a purebred hound breed from Portugal. It's a rustic dog that when hunting they go by scent first, hearing second, and sight third. As a breed, it is divided into three size categories that are not interbred: Small (Pequeno), Medium (Medio) and Large (Grande). Their coats are either short and "smooth" or longer and "wired." The smooth coat is the traditional, but the wire was developed later in the 20th century. General height of the Pequeno is 8 to 12 inches and weight is 9 to 13 lbs. Preferred color is yellow or fawn, and black or brown with or without white are not preferred. but do occur.

The Podengo ancestors were brought by ancient Romans to the Iberian Peninsula over 2000 years ago. The dogs hunted together first by scent, then hearing, to locate and flush small animals from crevices. They accompanied Portuguese ships protecting from them from rodents. The Podengo is

considered an integral part of the Portuguese people's survival through the centuries. Wildly popular today, they are one of the 10 national dogs.

According to Wikipedia, the Podengo is friendly, hardy, intelligent and lively dog, excelling at agility and make fine companions. Loyal and fearless, Podengos are good house guards and amenable to training. (By Experienced people... .ha ha...good luck Roxann!) The small (Pequeno) was developed for flushing rabbits and pheasant from cover and is a good mouser. The larger sizes hunted deer and wild boar.

In the United States, the AKC divided the breed into the Pequeno and Podengo with includes the Grande and Medio. The Podengo Pequeno entered the hound group in January 2013 and the plain Podengo (Grande and Medio) entered AKC Miscellaneous Class in January 2014.





## SHOW YOUR CLUB PRIDE!

with a Logo'd Polo Shirts, Fleece Vests,  
Fleece Jackets and Masks.



**Here is your opportunity to order apparel in NVDTC blue showcasing the club's logo embroidered in white.**

Wear one of these logo'd polos to club events, to NVDTC classes, and around the community to show your club pride.

Contact Roxann for samples of all embroidered apparel except masks. If you are interested in a logo'd mask, let Roxann know.

Questions? Contact Roxann at  
[rlsundance@aol.com](mailto:rlsundance@aol.com)  
with subject: "Apparel Order."

### SIZE CHART

|      | XS | S   | M    | L     | XL    | XXL   | 3XL   | 4XL   |
|------|----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Size | 2  | 4/6 | 8/10 | 12/14 | 16/18 | 20/22 | 24/26 | 28/30 |

Fill out this order form and mail to address shown below with your check written to NVDTC.

POLO (\$28)      SIZE \_\_\_\_\_      QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_      \$ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

Fleece Vest (\$30)      SIZE \_\_\_\_\_      QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_      \$ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

Fleece Jacket (\$35)      SIZE \_\_\_\_\_      QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_      \$ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

Mask (\$9.50)      QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_      \$ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK INCLUDED FOR TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your FIRST and LAST name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return filled out form and check payable to NVDTC to:

Napa Valley Dog Training Club, 68 Coombs Box 7  
Napa CA 94559

**For items to be on hand before next club event, order by March 15, 2021.**

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February 8, 2021 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)

### Clarification/Correction Regarding Year End Award Requirements:

*If you are on track to receive an award for 2021, take note of the following:*

At the February general meeting, the number of general meetings year-end awardees are required to attend to be eligible for a year-end award was erroneously stated in the president's report and recorded in the minutes as two meetings when it should have been reported as three meetings.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Sue Osborn via Zoom.

#### II. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

The Secretary requested a Roll Call. The following were in attendance (in random order):

Sue Osborn, Linda Luchsinger, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Debbie Hilton, Carol Coawette, Lea Ronald, Maria Giacchio, Marilane Bergfelt, Linda Wargo, Vange Leonis, Roxann Gracia, Chris Mayer, and two requesting membership: Karen and Lori Jackson.

#### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking as of today: \$27,432.85

Savings as of today: \$22,344.14

PayPal as of end of January: \$1775.07

Net Profit for month of January 2021: \$5050.21

The rent has been paid for February.

#### IV. SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the General Meeting January 11, 2021

were approved as submitted with no changes.

#### V. BOARD, COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

##### A. PRESIDENT

Sue reported that the lease has been signed and is in the hands of the landlord. The autopay will be established when the account at the new bank is opened. The Post Office Box will be closed. Sue reported that the Board decided to go back to the old requirements for Year End Awards. (Two meetings and participation in 1 event.) Sue reminded people that agenda items are due at 12 noon the Friday before the General Meeting. She also reported that there is a Board position vacant: Treasurer. There are also two positions including Publicity and Training Chair. Volunteers are encouraged!

##### B. VICE PRESIDENT

No Report

##### C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS

Carol reported that all vouchers have distributed and are up to date.

There are two people, Karen and Lori Jackson, who are requesting membership. A motion was made to accept membership and was carried.

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**AGENDA ITEMS:** Submit items for agenda by 12 noon the Friday before a scheduled board or a general meeting. Agendas will be posted at [nvdtc.org/agendas](http://nvdtc.org/agendas) a day or two before a meeting. Agenda items can be submitted to: [agenda@nvdtc.org](mailto:agenda@nvdtc.org).





## MINUTES

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### D. OFFICE

Mary reported that all was up to date. She requested help on Wednesday evenings when classes resume.

### E. TRAINING

Sue announced that the training committee is to meet on February 16th at 6pm. Donna Golemon has graciously volunteered to chair the meeting.

Conformation Classes are still in the research stage. Availability of time slots were a stumbling point.

### F. PUBLICITY

Facebook: Marilane reported due to algorithms, not much sharing and subsequent publicity is occurring. She requested and reminded people to like the pages and share with others to increase the traffic. When images are "Liked" they go out to more people.

Static Clings: It was noted that the clings don't show up well in dark tinted windows. Pricing was provided via separate email. There is also a possibility of magnetic clings. Sue volunteered to order a sample of 8 clings for \$20. She will show them in the newsletter and perhaps on the Bulletin Board at the Club so members could see. Any further action is on hold due to financial constraints of the club right now.

Logo'd Apparel - Orders are coming in. Email notice was sent out. More information and order forms will be included in the next newsletter. Roxann has samples of each. Notify her to arrange to see the quality of the items. Orders are due March 15th in order to get back before the trial.

### G. BUILDING

Discussion was held regarding timing of pest control spraying. Motion was made and carried to spray the club the last week in February.

**H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE** - Newsletter deadline is February 20th.

**I. AOCNC** - No report

**J. HOSPITALITY** - On hold

**K. SUNSHINE**

It is with great sadness to report that Linda Wargo's Mother and Kaye Hall's Husband have passed away. Many condolences and well wishes were given.

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Scent Work Trial - Mary reported that the trial opened today and is half full already. Anne Stanley is the volunteer coordinator and she has sent out a sign up sheet. Please help with the trial. Linda Luchsinger has volunteered to be in charge of ribbons, and will meet later with Mary.

B. Joy Wood Memorial - Rick has not talked to Mary. Lea to talk to Rick regarding the plaque and tree and report back.

C. Year End Banquet - It was discussed that rather than hold last year awards indefinitely, there are other ways of handling group recognition, including via zoom. For now, this is on hold.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

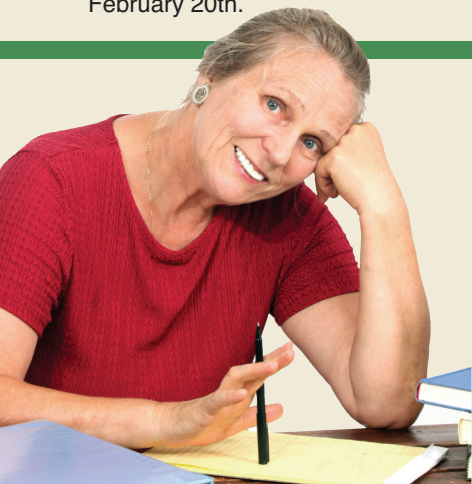
### VIII. BRAGS

Linda Wargo reports Happy has finished USDAA Novice Performance Dog and Advanced Performance Dog titles. WAY TO GO!

Vange Leonis reports that her new puppy has been introduced to Barn Hunt at Sycamore Kennels in Lodi.

**IX. ADJOURN** - Motion was made and carried to adjourn at 7:09pm.

Submitted by: Roxann Gracia



## Members:

### Our Club Office Can Use Your Help!

Contact Mary Ash at [marysone@aol.com](mailto:marysone@aol.com) or call the club at 707-253-8666 if you can help out with phone calls and paperwork in the office for a couple of hours Wednesday evenings.

This is a great way to learn more about the club and help the club at the same time. You will receive vouchers for each session you volunteer, a nice perk toward classes!

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

Misplaced your email from NVDTC 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 NVDTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the  
MAY/JUNE 2021 newsletter  
is April 20, 2021.

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.

**General Meeting on  
March 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
is a Zoom Meeting.**

NOTE: Agenda will be emailed to  
all members 1 to 2 days before the meeting  
and will include Zoom link.

You can also contact  
[president@nvdtec.org](mailto:president@nvdtec.org) for Zoom link.



From Roxann Gracia:

"What happens when it's cold  
and too early to get up? Julia  
sleeps in! Since she was  
adopted from the shelter, she  
doesn't get up before 8 am.  
I'm guessing that's when the  
volunteers started arriving."

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

If you send a photo of YOUR dog  
(and 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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