



March-April 2022



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Our General Meetings are more than just talk:

At our February 14th meeting, Donna Golemon and students from one of her scent work classes put on an engaging demonstration for attendees to show how dogs can find an odor and how dogs can find a scent related to his or her owner (scent discrimination) and indicate where it was. When a dog is right, he or she is rewarded with a special treat or even a handful of treats—this keeps dogs engaged and excited—what fun to receive food doing something they love—sniffing and exploring! Being Valentine’s Day, containers and objects with odor or scent were hidden throughout the training floor in a theme of pinks and reds, all brought to you by students and their dogs. There was even a tree displaying brightly colored hanging cups with odor hidden in them. A big thank you to Donna and the following teams and their impressive skills: Carol Coawette with Pierre, Anne Stanley with Fig, De Brilz with Mina, and Chriss Bradley with Toby!

What’s on the calendar for upcoming general meetings?

In June there will be a **PIZZA PARTY**.

In July it is a “**Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night.**” This will be a night of doggie games organized by Karen Jackson! With Lori Jackson’s help along with club volunteers (to be recruited), this will be a night you will not want your dog to miss!

Stayed tuned for even more general meeting activities coming up this year.

THINK GREEN!

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT NVDTC’S MARCH 14th GENERAL MEETING. 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

- ♣ Test your luck in “IRISH” trivia ♣
- ♣ Enjoy special St. Patrick’s refreshments ♣
- ♣ Dress like a leprechaun, wear green! ♣

St. Patrick’s Day is typically a time for shamrocks and beer but also a time to celebrate breeds connected to St. Patrick’s Day. Check out these five who are lucky enough to hail from the Emerald Isle:

WOLFHOUND

The calm, dignified, and kindly Irish Wolfhound is the tallest of all AKC breeds. Once fearless big-game hunters capable of dispatching a wolf in single combat, Wolfhounds today are the most serene and agreeable of companions.

SAMOYED

The Samoyed is a substantial but graceful dog standing anywhere from 19 to a bit over 23 inches at the shoulder. Powerful, tireless, with a thick all-white coat impervious to cold. Sammies are

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A Word of Note

From Debbie Hilton

January 8th was **NVDTC's CLEAN UP DAY** to get ready for the start of our facility's 2022 training season. I would like to send out well-deserved recognition to those that heeded the call to donate their time on a Saturday morning.

With sincere appreciation and a big thank you to the thirteen volunteers who included Donna Albini, Adrienne Amdahl, Mary Ash, Heather, Willie, Amelia and Alissa Azevedo, Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Karen and Lori Jackson, Linda Luchsinger and Margie Vulk.

So many hands helped accomplish everything that was on the project list for the day (and then some)!



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Five breeds connected to St. Patrick's Day



perfectly beautiful but highly functional. Even their most delightful feature, a perpetual smile, has a practical function: The upturned corners of the mouth keep Sammies from drooling, preventing icicles from forming on the face.

BORDER COLLIE

A remarkably bright workaholic, the Border Collie is an amazing dog—maybe a bit too amazing for owners without the time, energy, or means to keep them occupied. These energetic dogs will settle down for cuddle time when the workday is done.



YORKSHIRE TERRIER

Beneath the dainty, glossy, floor-length coat of a Yorkshire Terrier beats the heart of a feisty, old-time terrier. Yorkies earned their living as ratters in mines and mills long before they became the beribboned lapdogs of Victorian ladies.



IRISH SETTER

The Irish Setter is a high-spirited gundog known for grace, swiftness, and a flashy red coat. They are famously good family dogs: sweet-tempered companions for the folks, and rollicking playmates and tennis-ball fetchers for the children. The Irish Setter has been described by its partisans as the most beautiful of dog breeds.





Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



The Beauty of Heeling

Stopped along the railroad tracks by a slow-moving train is often a frustrating experience. This day, however, was different, it was life changing for myself as a dog handler and a freestyle coach. To the right of my car was a green pasture with many horses playing. I had never watched horses “play,” no – “dance” before. One horse would dart into the center of the herd and dash away as the others followed his lead. The formation held, the pace held in sync, the area and path were exact and precise. It was the most stunning dance I had ever witnessed. Then I realized, this was dance in the animal world in all its glory.

The art of heeling is used in many sports from obedience, rally, protection and ring sports, and also freestyle. When I mention



heeling to many dog handlers, they say it’s “boring,” or “too hard,” or “isn’t enjoyable” but I beg to differ. Heeling with focus is the glue that holds a freestyle routine together. The joy is all in the way that you choose to train it. This is the main reason that I created the class “Better Heeling with Music.” Discovering how your body can bring out your dog’s best gait is your first priority. So often handlers put that burden on their dogs. “Bella, I dictate the speed and if you are obedient, you will stay by my side.” May I suggest a different mindset?

The feeling of your dog’s energy and power merge with your own energy and power is one of the most thrilling “dances” you and your dog can ever experience. It’s the combination of dance in the animal world and the human world to make up “team movement.” The team moves at a fast, normal, or slow pace. The two beings have merged as one through the space, much like pairs skaters. That’s when heeling is the most beautiful dance of all.

Put on some music you love and rethink your approach to training the art of heeling,

For more information on the Dogs Can Dance approach to training, feel free to email me: Judy@DogsCanDance.com

Where’s Rawldo? Contest

Find Rawldo hidden in this newsletter (other than the image of him at right) and email rawldo@nvdtc.org by March 13th to correctly identify where you found him for a chance to be entered in a drawing to win a certificate for a 11" x 14" pencil drawing of your choice of an animal or a person. Winner will be announced at the March 14th general meeting. Must be present at the March 14th meeting to win.



CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our Session 1 graduates!

Pictured below are graduates from our Wednesday night classes.



Wednesday Puppy 5 PM



Wednesday Ado 6 PM



Wednesday Puppy 7 PM



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2022 Training Session 3

April 18th through May 28, 2022

All classes run for 6 weeks unless noted otherwise.

Monday All Monday classes: 5-Weeks

Last Class: May 16

- 9:00 am
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 10:00 am
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 11:00 am
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 12:30 pm
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 1:30 pm
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 3:00 pm
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 4:00 pm
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)
- 4:45 pm
Scent Work
Donna
- 5:30 pm
Scent Work
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

- 10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary
- 11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary
- 12:00 Noon
Advanced Obedience
Mary
- 1:00 pm
Canine Good Citizen
Mary

Wednesday

- 10:00 am
Puppy
Marilane
- 11:00 am
Puppy
Marilane
- 12:00 NOON
Adolescent Dog
Marilane
- 6:00 pm
Puppy
Lea
- 7:00 pm
Adolescent Dog
Lea

***SPECIALTY TUESDAY CLASSES**
from Judy Gamet* www.dogscandance.com

Tuesday 3:30 pm* Private Coaching – DCD	Tuesday 5:30 pm* Drill Team Skills
Tuesday 4:15 pm* Musical Rally Challenge	Tuesday 6:30 pm* Sucess Beyond Luring

**Schedule
subject
to change**

**Session 3 online registration for NVDTC classes
opens March 14th at 8 AM & closes April 4th at 10 PM.**

Thursday

- 10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary (continued class)
- 4:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)
- 5:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)
- 6:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary (continued class)
- 7:00 pm
Good Manners 2
Mary

Friday

- 6:00 pm
Good Manners 1
Linda
- 7:00 pm
Adolescent
Linda

Puppy: 12 weeks to
5 1/2 months

Adolescent: 6 months
to 1 year

Good Manners: 1 year+

Saturday

- 10:00 am
Beginning Tricks
3-Week Class (4/23, 5/7, 5/14)
Vange
- 11:00 am
Intro to Therapy
4-Week Class (4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14)
Marilane
- 1:00 pm
Community Walks
3-Week Class (4/23, 5/7, 5/14)
Vange



**MEMBERS RECEIVE
ONE \$10 DISCOUNT
PER CLASS**

Email memberdiscount@nvdtc.org
for code.

**6 Weeks of Standard Classes:
\$125 (\$60 max in vouchers)**

***6 Weeks of Specialty Classes:
\$135 (\$40 max in vouchers)**

**Flyers for Classes:
<http://nvdtc.org/flyers/>**

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For all NVDTC classes, register online: nvdtc.org/registration.htm
QUESTIONS? registration@nvdtc.org / 707-253-8666
***For all specialty classes, register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715**



BRAGS



Donna Albini:

On January 10th, VeeVee received her Trick Dog Novice title.



Sue Osborn:

On February 20th at Quail Point, Morgan received her second pass toward her Junior Hunter title at the Irish Setter Club of the Pacific's Hunt Test.



Carol Coawette:

On January 8th at Lodi, Pierre received:

- 1) AKC Scent Work Interior Title
- 2) Second leg in Excellent HD
- 3) ELITE legs in both Excellent Exterior and Containers



Have **BRAGS**? Submit them to
brags@nvdtc.org

Benefits of a Well-Fitting Harness

- 1) To have a better connection and better control of your dog
- 2) To reduce pulling, using a front and back attaching harness with two points of contact (one end of the leash snaps to the front ring and the other end snaps to the back ring), while you work on loose leash walking training



3) To reduce the risk of neck injuries, such as laryngeal paralysis or tracheal collapse. A harness distributes the pressure across a larger, less delicate area of the body.

4) To minimize problems and discomfort for dogs with respiratory issues

- 5) To prevent high impact jolts to the neck if your dog is on a long line or jogging with you on a leash

- 5) To provide support for dogs with limited mobility or those recovering from injury or surgery
- 6) To avoid putting unnecessary intraocular pressure on dogs prone to eye conditions such as glaucoma and thin corneas.
- 7) To stop your dog from getting loose on a walk. Broad-necked or narrow-headed dogs are less likely to slip out of a well-fitting harness than they are a collar. Three-point harnesses (such as the
- 8) To make identifying working dogs easier
- 9) If your dog has neck or cervical disc issues, a harness is better than a collar

Type in "The Importance of a Well-Fitting Dog Harness" on AKC's website search field for answers to the below related topics about harnesses:

[What Problems Can a Poorly Fitting Harness Cause?](#)

[What To Look For in a Well-Fitting Harness](#)

[How to Help Your Dog Feel Comfortable](#)

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www.nvdtc.org/meeting

February 14, 2022 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:50 PM by Interim President Mary Ash after a Scent work demonstration by Donna Golemon's students. Additional Board Members present were Debbie Hilton, Lori Jackson, and Sue Osborn.

II. NO ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE AGENDA

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Money Market.....\$32,322.61 (as of 1/31/22)
- B. Checking.....\$43,077.17 (as of 2/10/22)
- C. PayPal.....\$3,871.77 (as of 1/31/22)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 10, 2022 was made after the following corrections:

- A. Under PUBLICITY Heading: Annika Sabella volunteered for Publicity role. (All other notations should be eliminated.)
- B. Under SUNSHINE Heading: (The following notations to be added after being mistakenly omitted.) Sympathies were extended to Carol Coawette for the loss of her 9 year old poodle, Jacques. And, a Thank You card was shared from Chris Mayer for the orchid plant that was delivered to her home while recovering from surgery.
- C. Under HOSPITALITY Heading: (The following notations to be added after being mistakenly omitted.) Thank you to Marilane Bergfelt for providing refreshment tonight. Heather Azevedo and Debbie Hilton will bring Valentine treats for the February meeting.

V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT - Mary Ash (topics covered under other sections)

B. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS - Lori Jackson

Two new members joined the club tonight (MSC): Chris Bradley w/Toby (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Jeanne Tighman w/ Tench (Golden Retriever)

C. OFFICE - Mary Ash

Currently has 3 workers covering office duties.

D. TRAINING - David LeCount (absent)

- 1. 1/28 Training Meeting set preliminary dates for sessions 3 and 4.
- 2. Session 3 Registration will open March 14.
- 3. Next Training Meeting to be set with David.

E. PUBLICITY

- 1. Flyers for Session 3 Special Classes have been created and posted on the website:
 - a. Vange's "Beginning Tricks" and "Community Walks"
 - b. Judy's "Success Beyond Luring"
- 2. Marilane will continue to add posts to Facebook for the club.
- 3. Annika Sabella will not be able to fulfill the Publicity Position as she is pursuing Grad School. We are still looking for a candidate.

F. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton

Sue Osborn designed a flyer that was sent out to the membership to designate the correct area for dogs to relieve themselves. Thanks to all instructors and assistants for

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AGENDA ITEMS: Submit items for agenda by 12 noon the Friday before a scheduled board or general meeting. Agendas will be posted at 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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sharing with their students.

G. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE - Sue Osborn

Deadline for March/April Newsletter item submissions has been adjusted to February 22.

H. HOSPITALITY

1. Tonight's refreshments were provided by Heather Azevedo and Debbie Hilton.
2. Volunteers for next month's meeting are Sandy Bonifield and Linda Luchsinger. Debbie will set up a St. Patrick's themed table.

I. SUNSHINE - Debbie Hilton Greeting cards were sent to Linda Wargo who broke her wrist. Chris Mayer had a recent second surgery. Neanna Gracia delivered a baby girl.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Annual Banquet for 2021 Awards - Board Members will assume planning of event as there were no volunteers from General Membership. Event will be scheduled for late Spring or early Summer.
- B. New Registration Process preparations are progressing towards a Session 4 opening.
- C. 2021 Audit Committee volunteers are Donna Golemon, Mary Ash Sue Osborn. The audit will occur once all year end financials are collected.
- D. "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting" May Madness Event will be moved to June or July when Karen and Lori Jackson are able to plan and setup.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Use of Building by LAPS was approved (MSC) for March 11 for 6 to 9PM.
- B. Requested donation by Northwood Elementary School Fundraiser was approved by the Board for a \$125 gift certificate. Sue Osborn will take care of sending.

VIII. BRAGS

No brags tonight.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at...7:15PM followed by Valentine's Day refreshments and socializing.

Dog Ice Cream Recipe:

- 3 ripe bananas
- 32 ounces plain yogurt
- 1 cup peanut butter

Directions:

Blend, pour the mixture into ice trays, freeze. In a couple hours you'll have a cool treat for your dog!



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Members: Our Club Office Can Use Your Help!

Starting with Session 4, class registration will no longer be done through an online registration system; signups will be taken through the office. This means more volunteers will be needed in the office.

Contact Mary Ash at 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 during the week. 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 to work—a nice perk toward classes!

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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 2022 newsletter
is April 22, 2022.

Send to: sueann@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.

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

Next Meeting:
March 14, 2022
6:30 PM at Clubhouse

Leave dogs at home.



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!

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napadog-
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