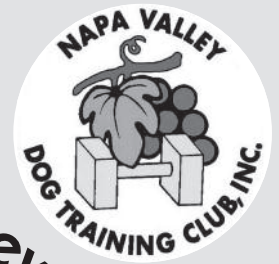


MAY 2011

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May 9th

Multi-teenth Annual Members Only May Madness!

Well it's that time again! At our May General Meeting on May 9th, we will be hosting our ever popular May Madness! This year we will have a prize for every participant—four legged ones that is.

Another clarification this year is that if you wish to bring more than one "furkid" as Marilane calls them, then that is okay. Just be sure to bring a family member or friend for each dog you bring. Another reminder is to bring a crate if you don't intend to keep your Lab or Golden on your lap during the short (right, Mary?) General Meeting.

We will have a repeat of our popular program of fun and games for you and your dog. Events such as Rally Uh Oh! Course, the Agility Facility, and the Perilous Path Recall are, of course, the headliners.

In the rally course there will be extra bonus signs where you can pick what events are



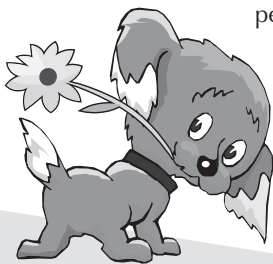
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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARLENE, 2010 Service Award Recipient!

NVDTC is honored to have two Service Award recipients for 2010! Our second recipient for the 2010 Service Award is Marlene Soldavini. Marlene has served in many capacities over the years as a board member and has served on various committees. She supports the club by working on both the NVDTC Obedience/Rally trial and the Agility trial. Marlene teaches the Wednesday morning classes all year long. Many people do not know Marlene does not charge for her time as an instructor and donates her time and expertise to the benefit of the dog club. The income her classes generate is pure income for the dog club, and during these tough economic times, has made a difference.

Marlene has students who are devoted to her and keep coming back, session after session. She is always willing to substitute for other trainers when she can. She has served as a CGC coordinator and an evaluator for the club. In addition, Marlene helps out at the annual BBQ and Christmas Party setting up and doing whatever is needed. Many people do not know, for the Christmas party this year, Marlene set up the room with tables, table cloths, and chairs ahead of time even though she could not attend the event!

Marlene has a can-do attitude and gives of her time and expertise to the dog club in many ways that are often under the radar to most club members. We are pleased and proud to recognize her for her generosity and for all of her contributions.



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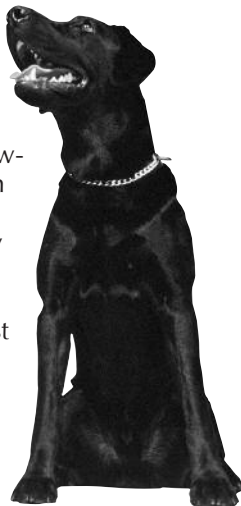
Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



Study: Dog Detects Cancer Better Than Routine Blood Test Can

Forget teaching Fido to heel or roll over—new research suggests dogs can be trained to sniff out cancer. An 8-year-old black Labrador named Marine was 97 percent accurate in detecting colon cancer among samples collected from nearly 200 patients with and without the disease, according to a study by Japanese researchers. Her success rate was even more impressive than that of the routine fecal occult blood test, which missed about 30 percent of patients' cancers, The Boston Globe reports. The dog identified patients with both early-stage cancer and advanced malignancies. Canines are known for their keen sense of smell—up to 1 million times more sensitive than ours—and can identify cancer based on chemical compounds the disease emits. But Marine wasn't showing off a new trick: She began training as a cancer-detection dog in 2005, and had already proven her ability to identify the scent of 12 cancer types in patient breath samples. Past research suggests dogs can detect lung cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and bladder cancer from blood, urine, and tissue samples.



Top Ten Interesting Dog Facts

10. The heaviest dog is the Old English Mastiff, one of which weighed well over 300 pounds;
9. The fastest dog is the Greyhound which can run at over 40 miles per hour;
8. With an average lifespan of 11 years, the typical dog costs an owner \$13,350. This, however, is much cheaper than sending kids to college;
7. Bluey, an Australian Cattle Dog lived to be 29 years, 5 months old;
6. There are 58 million dogs as pets in the US, the second most common pet behind cats, at over 66 million;
5. Dogs cannot see or hear at birth. After 2 weeks they gain these senses;
4. Rin Tin Tin, a dog actor would sign contracts with his paw;
3. In one survey, 39 percent of pet owners had more pictures of their pet than spouse and 33 percent left phone messages or talked to their dog on the phone;
2. Leona Helmsley left \$12 million to her dog upon her death, more than was given to any relative;
1. Bob Barker always reminded us to have our pets spayed or neutered. A dog couple can produce 67,000 offspring if left unchecked.

May Madness *continued from page 1*

your favorites. Your dog will have to use his sense of smell, his power of stay, be hungry, and enjoy knocking toys over.

The most popular game, "Find Your Owner," will also make a comeback. This time you won't have to hide under a table.

To the mix, the May Madness Committee of Karen and Lori Jackson and Vange Leonis and Teresa Russell have added a couple of new games.

At the end of the games, if you want to perform a dog trick before a willing audience, go for it. If there is time and space, tapes are available Judy Gamet made for group dancing.

Naturally, we will also have great prizes and **GREAT REFRESHMENTS**. Bring the kiddies, bring the hubby, bring the wifey and by all means, don't forget the dogs!



TRAINING SESSION 4

Subject to Change

Session 4 ~ 2011

May 30, 2011 to July 8, 2011

Week off between sessions 3 & 4: May 23-27

Monday (6-30 to 7-4)

5:00 p.m. Good Manners 2 Sandy (All Mondays)

6:00 p.m.* Beg. Comp. Obed. Linda L.

*Dates & times vary: May 2 & 16 at 6:00 pm, May 23 at 5:30 pm (off week), June 20 at 6:00 pm, June 27 at 5:30 pm, & July 18 at 6:00 pm (Session 5).

7:15 p.m. Advanced Agility Katherine
1st and 3rd Mondays Only

Tuesday (5-31 to 7-5)

5:30 p.m. Good Manners I Lea

6:30 p.m. Puppy (0 to 6 months) Kelly

7:30 p.m. Adolescent Dog Kelly
(6 to 12 months)

Wednesday (6-1 to 7-6)

10:00 a.m. Good Manners 1 Sandy

11:00 a.m. Good Manners 2/CGC Sandy

6:00 p.m. Intermediate Agility 1 Katherine w/Laura

7:00 p.m. Beginning Agility 3 Katherine w/Laura

Thursday (6-2 to 7-7)

10:00 a.m. Rally Mary

11:00 a.m. Rally Mary

6:00 p.m. Rally Mary

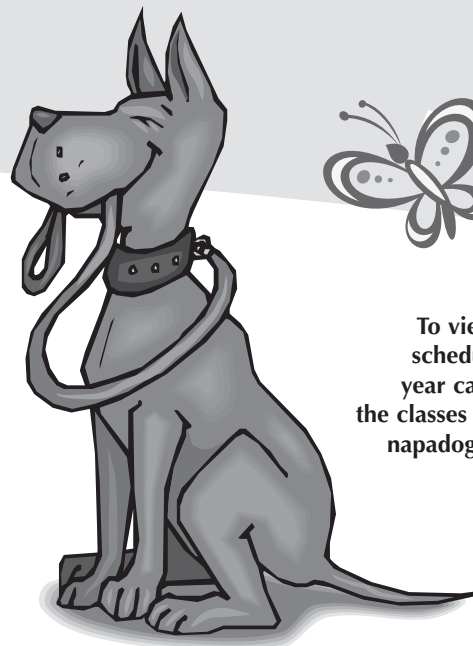
7:30 p.m. Good Manners 2 Linda L.

Friday (6-3 to 7-8)

6:00 p.m. Adolescent Dog Kelly
(6 to 12 months)

7:00 p.m. Puppy (0 to 6 months) Kelly

Week off between sessions 4 & 5: July 11-15



To view the 2010 schedule on a full year calendar, visit the classes page on the napadogtraining.org website.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Session 4: May 30 — July 8, 2011

Session 5: July 18 — August 26, 2011

Session 6: September 5 — October 14, 2011

Session 7: October 24 — December 9, 2011

Class Fees:

Members* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

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

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

*Members can earn vouchers to offset the cost of classes.

Details: www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm

What types of classes are you interested in?

Following are classes that have interest lists. If any of these classes are something you would like to enroll in, the lists are available in the NVDTTC's clubhouse office. Sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at barrielougordon@gmail.com/.

Agility • Animal-Assisted Therapy Skills • Canine Good Citizen • Clicker Training • Competition Obedience
Conformation • Freestyle/Dog Dancing • Rally • Tracking • Tricks & Games

4/11/11 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Teresa Russell, and Beth Schutz.

II. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD

Lynda Rhyno presented Marlene Soldavini with the second of two 2010 service awards thanking Marlene for all her contributions and service to the club. Congratulations Marlene!

III. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the March 14, 2011 general meeting as published in the April 2011 newsletter.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank CD: \$11,706.14
- B. Rabobank Savings: \$10,675.53
- C. Rabobank Checking: \$5684.04
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

No report.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

Gerry is working on the next general meeting presentation.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

A. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

Deadline to submit articles and information for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.

B. OFFICE, Barrie Gordon

All is running smoothly; everything is covered for the next session.

C. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield

1. Wed morning 9:00 class only had one person enrolled in CGC so she was moved to the 11:00 class;
2. Friday night puppy cancelled due to lack of interest.

D. PUBLICITY, Beth Schutz

Beth ran an ad for the upcoming session and is working on providing flyers to those who have volunteered to distribute them.

E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell

Beth Schutz and Rich Smith are taking care of the light situation, the bathroom is fixed.

F. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

The AOCNC interclub competition has been changed to a workshop:

1. Open to everyone, club members and general public;
2. Workshop will be ran pretty much like AOCNC's annual February workshop.
3. Interclub has not been a moneymaker: there are hopes a summer workshop will boost AOCNC income.
4. Gerry is the coordinator for the June workshop;
5. NVDTTC will be sponsoring a novice ring.
6. The date for the workshop is June 12 in Martinez and will be outdoors.

VIII. HOSPITALITY

Thank you Marjorie Vulk and Margretha Lane for tonight's goodies! May meeting volunteers: Lori and Karen Jackson.

IX. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Sunshine was extended to Bobbie Honsvick and Christina Martin.

X. OLD BUSINESS

May Madness

- A. One dog per family member;
- B. Do not bring reactive /aggressive dogs;
- C. Instead of events being timed for prizes, each participant in May Madness will receive a toy;
- D. The May Madness event will begin following a 6:00 p.m. General meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

XII. NEW MEMBERS

No new members.

XIII. BRAGS

Linda Wargo, Mary Joy, Christy Rose, Haley Gordon, Joy Wood, Karen Jackson, and Mary Ash.

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 p.m. following an exciting K-9 presentation from the Sheriff's Department.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary



K-9 Presentation Enjoyed by All

What an honor to enjoy Deputy James Baumgartner and Deputy John Lianovich from the Napa County Sheriff Department and their intern, Kyle, at the April 11th general meeting to demonstrate what their K-9 dogs can do! Both shared interesting stories and great information about their dogs! Both of their dogs are Black Belgian Malinois police dogs, brothers to each other, having the same mother and a different father. Ronny is Deputy Lianovich companion. Crespo is Deputy Baumgartner's companion.

Ninety percent of K-9 dogs are from overseas. Belgian Malinois are the hottest new thing in K-9 dogs and have been popular for the last ten years. They have a very high drive and are extremely energetic making them great dogs for K-9 work.



Sometimes K-9s need a boost to reach a high target.

Ronny and Crespo are multi-purpose dogs. They are certified in narcotics, in the protection of officers, tracking and the search of missing persons. In Napa County, 90 percent of their work is narcotics related. Ronny and Crespo are not bomb trained, however if there is a need in the County for bomb sniffing dogs, they are available from Sacramento.

Once the dogs are trained and placed, they continue ongoing training until they are retired. In 99 percent of cases, an officer will keep the dog once retired.

Although owned by the county, all dogs live at home with their officers and officers receive money for taking care of dogs off hours. The County picks up vet and care costs. The K-9 dogs are integrated into the household. Deputy Lianovich has a 2, 4

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10TH ANNUAL
SPRING DOG FESTIVAL
FETCH A WAVE

"Woofstock West"

Sunday May 15, 2011

*The Spring Dog Festival
is a Benefit Event for many
worthwhile dog related charities.*

*The festival features lots
of interactive fun and games
for kids and adults.*

9AM to 3PM

Soquel High School, Soquel, CA

Cost: \$10 per dog, \$2 per person

For more information:
www.coastaldogs.com

Cooking for Your Dog

Soft Banana Strips

- 1 egg
- 1c fast-cook oats
- 1/2 banana
- 1/3c milk
- 1/2c all-purpose flour
- 1/8c rice

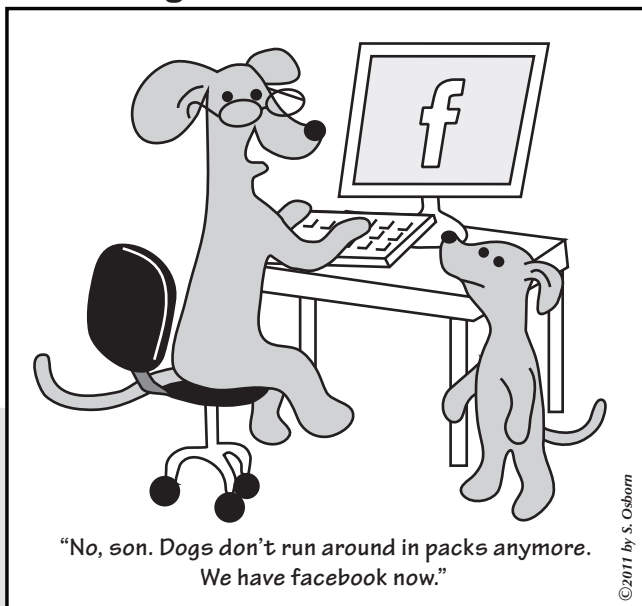
Squash bananas, and beat the egg. then spread evenly on a plate. Next, heat in microwave for 3 and 1/2 minutes. when done, let them cool. Then cut and serve.

15 Minute Liver Treats

- 1 lb chicken livers
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup corn meal
- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 Egg

Place chicken livers and liquid in blender, liquify. Add egg, mix a minute more. Pour into bowl. Add flour, corn meal and garlic powder. Mix. Spray jelly roll pan with pam. Pour mixture into pan. Bake 15 minutes in 400 degree hot oven. Cut into small squares while still warm. Keep in freezer to prevent spoilage.

Geek Dog



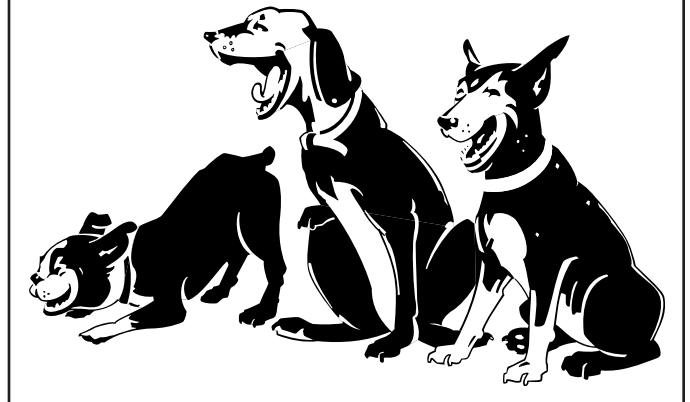
Dog Laughter

Ah, laughter. A chuckle here, a chortle there. As much as laughter is the best medicine for us humans, what you may not know however is that dogs have the ability to laugh as well.

While your dog's laughter may technically not be the same as ours since we base laughter on cognitive abilities such as identifying with someone else's situation or as a result of self-awareness to a situation, dog laughter is the sign of a playful, jovial dog. As for the definition of an essential dog laugh, it's a forced exhalation through its mouth which is most likely produced when they play.

As for the sound of a dog laugh itself? Apparently it sounds similar to a normal pant. In fact, some experts have analyzed dog laughter further; the pant itself varies. The burst of frequencies, while varying in short to long frequencies, will result in a dog laugh. For instance, in a study by Simonet, Versteeg, and Storie, one hundred and twenty dogs in a county animal shelter were observed. Ranging from 4 months to 10 years, dogs were compared with and without exposure to a dog laugh recording. While a variety of stress behaviors were measured such as panting, growling, salivating, pacing, and barking, the study concluded that exposure to the dog laughing recording resulted in significantly reduced stress behaviors, increased tail wagging, and the display of playful behavior when play was initiated. Another conclusion was more frequent social behavior was a result of exposure to the dog laughter such as approaching and lip licking.

source: www.thedogbowl.com



K-9 Presentation *continued from page 5*

and 12-year-old at home and Ronny plays with and is very gentle with all three.

When officers are out on a case, dogs remain in the car until needed. Each officer wears an auto unlock on their belt to quickly release the dog from the car when it is time to send them to work.

People who are bitten by a K-9 dog have stated they will never run away again because the bite hurts so much! When someone is bitten, there is always medical personnel immediately available to respond. There are good bites and bad bites. The County has never had a bad bite. Bad bites can destroy a K-9 program and Deputies Lianovich and Baumgartner are very proud their dogs only have good bites.



Cover Your k-9 Fund

Deputies Baumgartner and Lianovich support the Cover Your K-9 Fund, which provides protective bullet and slash/stab resistant vests for police dogs, as well as heat sensors for the cars they ride in, and medical care for both on-duty and retired police dogs. Crespo is already a benefactor of this fund! The vest Crespo received was showcased to NVDTTC members during the presentation.

Here's how it works: you take your dog to your local Pet Food Express; buy a bath token (\$15 for one, \$45 for four); give him or her a bath in provided tubs and 100 percent of the proceeds from the tokens you buy go to the fund. Visit www.coveryourk9.com to check when the next fundraiser will be held.

Newsletter Change!

Future editions of the Napa Valley Dog Training Club newsletter will be published bi-monthly. Members will receive a newsletter every two months in January, March, May, July, September and November. Deadline for articles and information will be the 20th of the month before the month the newsletter is published i.e. December 20, February 20, April 20, June 20, August 20, and October 20. On the months a newsletter is not published, a USPS postcard will be mailed to members to announce the upcoming general meeting and events. The postcard will include a link to the latest general meeting minutes on the NVDTTC website. All members who do not have email or internet access will receive a USPS mailed copy of the minutes.

**For upcoming events
go to nvdttc.org/events**

*Also check out www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com, www.k9wag.com, and
www.k9cpe.com for additional details for listings
shown below and for information on additional
conformation shows, obedience and agility trials,
tracking tests, field trials, etc.*

Next General Membership Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.



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May Madness!

Great prizes and
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Bring the kiddies, bring the hubby,
bring the wifey and by all means, don't
forget the dogs!

See Page 1 for More Details.



Scheduling of Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled 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 posted at the club.

NVDTC's 2011
AGILITY TRIAL
AUGUST 20th and 21st

Deadline for newsletter submissions is
the 20th of every other month
beginning with February.
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org

NVDTC's 2011
OBEDIENCE & RALLY
TRIALS
NOVEMBER 5th

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