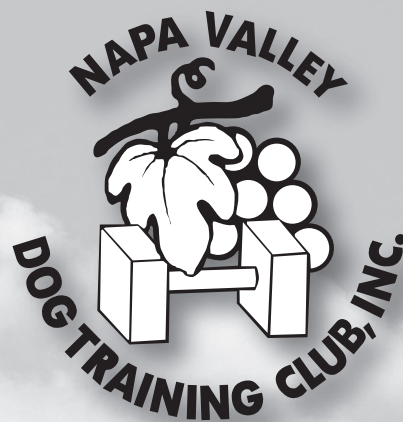


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CLUB  
NEWSLETTER



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Training New Therapy Teams at NVDTTC



Browns Valley Elementary School



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## JOIN US for a presentation by LAPS on May 14th!

Marilane Bergfelt, NVDTTC member and instructor, is also a co-founder of Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS), an independent, all volunteer animal-assisted therapy nonprofit organization. This group provides a unique approach to therapy work and gives hundreds of direct service hours to an estimated 1900+ clients each year.

Marilane and other LAPS members will talk about how companion pets can help “bring acceptance, laughter and love into the lives of others” through animal-assisted therapy activities. Come learn about this type of volunteer work, meet committed and skilled teams, plus learn if you and your dog might enjoy becoming a LAPS Therapy Team. The presentation begins right after the 6:30 general meeting on May 14.

## BINGO NIGHT

Thursday, May 31st

6 – 8 pm at the Clubhouse  
Drop-In.

No Registration Required.

Come join us for a fun social evening.

Come alone or with your dog.

Well mannered dogs welcome.

Bring a mat for your dog.

Refreshments provided.

Prizes! Win a dog toy for your furry friend.

Cost: FREE!

Donations Accepted.

MAY-JUNE 2012

## A WHOLE LOT OF APRIL FOOLISHNESS!

At the last general meeting on April 9, everyone was invited to bring their favorite pooch to participate in lots of entertaining fun and games!



The craziness started right after the general meeting. There were dogs donned with toilet paper, dogs chasing after hot dogs, and dogs running through a variety of toys with the idea they were not to touch a single one. There were puzzles for dogs who like to think (or were they for the owners?) and a mini-agility course for all dogs who found running through tunnels,

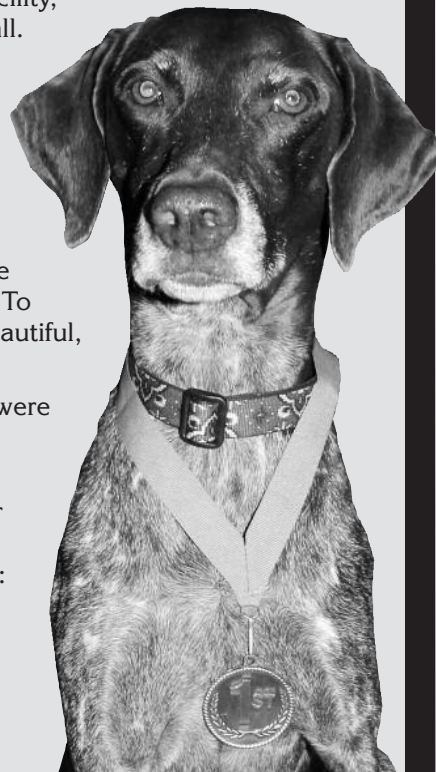
over jumps, and on walks a hoot. There was a rally course that included wearing a Goofy hat and singing. For those of you who have attended May Madness in the past (this year MM was known as April Foolishness), you will recognize some of these activities as Rally Uh Oh! Course, the Agility Facility, and the Perilous Path Recall.

Every four legged participant went home with a fabulous prize and every dog owner went home full of foolishness.

The top three fastest dogs who participated in the one prize winning activity, "Go To Place," went home with beautiful, engraved medals!

And to top it all off, there were great refreshments too!

A big tip of the hat to the April Foolishness Team for all their hard work and for creating all this foolish fun: Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Teresa Russell and everyone else who helped to make this event run so smoothly!



### TRAINING SCHEDULE All 2012 Sessions are 6 Weeks

#### Session 3

April 16 — May 25, 2012  
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 3 & 4

#### Session 4

June 4 — July 20, 2012  
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY  
(No Classes July 2 - 6)  
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 4 & 5

#### Session 5

July 30 — September 7, 2012  
ONE WEEK OFF between Session 5 & 6

#### Session 6

September 17 — October 26, 2012  
NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSION 6 & 7

#### Session 7

October 29 — December 14, 2012  
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING

DOWNLOAD THE 2012 SCHEDULE SHOWING ALL SESSIONS ON A FULL YEAR CALENDAR AT LINK BELOW:  
[www.napadogtraining.org/pdfs/TrainingSession2012Calendar.pdf](http://www.napadogtraining.org/pdfs/TrainingSession2012Calendar.pdf)

### Thursday, May 31st



**BINGO NIGHT!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUN EVENT!**  
**Details on Page 1**

## TRAINING SESSION 3 2012

### Subject to Change

April 16 — May 25, 2012

#### Monday

6:00 pm Competition OB - Advanced Teresa

Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

7:00 pm Competition OB - Beg Teresa

Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

#### Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lea

7:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Lynda

#### Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Jim

5:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Marilane

7:30 pm Beginning Agility Mary

Prerequisite: Completion Jumpers 3 or Equiv.

#### Thursday

9:00 am Rally\* Mary

10:00 am Rally\* Mary

11:00 am Rally\* Mary

5:00 pm Rally\* Mary

\*Not Specified - Prerequisite Required

6:00 Introduction to Rally NEW! Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Teresa

#### Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

7:15 pm Scent Discrimination NEW! Teresa

Week off between Session 3 and 4:  
May 28 to June 1

#### Class Fees:

Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at 707-253-8666 to check class availability and to register.

## TRAINING SESSION 4 2012

### Subject to Change

June 4 — July 20, 2012

No Classes July 2 - July 6

#### Monday

6:00 pm Competition OB - Advanced Teresa

Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

7:00 pm Competition OB - Beg Teresa

Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

#### Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Sandy

6:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Lynda

7:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Lynda

#### Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim

11:00 am Good Manners 2 Jim

5:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Marilane

6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Teresa

7:30 pm Beginning Agility Mary

Prerequisite: Completion Jumpers 3 or Equiv.

#### Thursday

9:00 am Rally\* Mary

10:00 am Rally\* Mary

11:00 am Rally\* Mary

5:00 pm Rally\* Mary

\*Not Specified - Prerequisite Required

6:00 Introduction to Rally Continuing Class Mary

7:00 Good Manners 1 Linda

#### Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa

7:15 pm Retrieving for Competition NEW! Teresa

Week off between Session 4 and 5:  
July 23 to 27

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list by visiting the NVDC clubhouse office.



## NVDTC'S First VST (Variable Surface Tracking) Test!

On Sunday, March 11, we hosted our club's first VST tracking test. The club started offering a TD tracking test in 1992. We then switched to offering a TDX test out at Las Posadas Forest in 1998 which we hosted every year until 2010.

This year we have again switched and offered our first VST test at the Veteran's Home in Yountville. This was a 4 dog test, but our wonderful judges, Kaye Hall and Mitzi Young, were able to plot 5 great tracks so we also had an alternate track. The alternate track was not needed for any of the entered dogs so we were able to give it to the first alternate dog for the chance to earn a title.

We had a great test with very nice tracks, but unfortunately none of the dogs were able to earn a title yesterday. This is not unusual for a VST test. This is a very difficult, urban tracking, test and the pass rate nationwide is less than 5%. The tracks for VST are a combination of grass and hard surfaces. It starts in grass and then can go pretty much anywhere. We will go down sidewalks, roads, along mulch areas, across parking lots, back on to grass, etc. There must be one turn on hard surface and away from any grass to prove that the dog is actually tracking on the hard surface.



Spectators are encouraged and because the Vets Home is so open it's possible to really see what the dog is doing. If anyone is interested

in watching or helping out next year our test is the 2nd Sunday in March.

Weather was perfect for tracking: overcast and cool; just a great day for tracking. We all had a good time and great tracking conversations over lunch. Our test committee chair, Barbara Niemann, did a great job. Everything was well organized and went off like clockwork. Our test secretary, Gerry Glantz, had all the paperwork done to a tee and kept us on track. My tracklayers did a great job. Thank you Linda Wargo, Patty Galvin, Linda Kennard, and Stefanie Meinhardt!

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Crain  
Chief Tracklayer

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Gerry Glantz, President, called the general meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Beth Schutz, Christy Rose, Gerry Glantz, Heather Kearn, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield

### II. MINUTES

M/S/C to accept minutes from March 12, 2012 General meeting

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. CD \$11,758.91
- B. Savings \$7,683.65
- C. Checking \$2,724.53
- D. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report

### IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**, Gerry Glantz  
No report.
- B. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**, Linda Luchsinger  
May meeting will be followed by therapy dog demonstration
- C. **OFFICE**, Heather Kearn  
No report.
- D. **TRAINING**, Sandy  
Ad is in the paper. GM1 classes are full. Some other classes are low.
- E. **BUILDING**, Beth Schutz  
No report.
- F. **PUBLICITY**, Christy Rose  
Ad was put in the paper this month.
- G. **AOCNC**, Mary Ash
  1. Interclub competition will be June 18 at Cal State Hayward.
    - a) A couple people will be needed to work the novice ring.
  2. Seminar will be Sat, Sept 23.
  3. NVDTC is hosting the AOCNC meeting on October 13.
  4. Morris foundation cancer walk in October.

### V. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

No report

### VI. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thanks to Joy Wood & Mary Ash for the March meeting.
- B. Thank you to Karen Jackson for tonight's refreshments.
- C. Volunteer for May meeting, Lynda Rhyno.

### VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Sunshine extended to Kay Hall's sister and Laura Ecklin.

### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2012 Agility Trial, August 18 & 19, Linda Wargo, Committee Chair  
Linda will look for volunteers to work the trial next month.
- B. 2012 Obedience Trial, November 3, Teresa Russell, Committee Chair  
Nothing to report.
- C. Building Lease, Mary Ash  
Nothing to report.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BINGO night will be May 31.
- B. Linda Wargo will be chairing the VST test next year.

### X. NEW MEMBERS

None

### XI. BRAGS

Karen Jackson, Linda Wargo, Margie Vulk, Joy Wood, Lori Jackson

### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m followed by April Foolishness fun and games put on by Karen Jackson. Thank you, Karen.

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Rhyno

## WHO DOES WHAT:

**President & AOCNC REP:**  
Gerry Glantz

**Vice President & MEMBERSHIP**  
Linda Luchsinger

**Treasurer:**  
Lori Jackson

**Secretary,**  
Lynda Rhyno

**Past President & AOCNC REP:**  
Mary Ash

### At Large Board Members:

**Training:**  
Sandy Bonifield

**Office:**  
Heather Kearn

**Publicity:**  
Christy Rose

**Building:**  
Beth Schutz

**NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE & AOCNC REP:**  
Sue Osborn

**SUNSHINE:**  
Mary Joy Davis

**CGC:**  
Jim Spiva



**HAVE YOU ADDED OUR TRIAL DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR?**

**Agility Trial**  
August 18 & 19, 2012

**Obedience & Rally Trial**  
November 3, 2012

### GO HIGH TECH!

Scan the code below with your mobile phone, then bookmark to read the minutes while in line buying groceries or waiting for an appointment!





Photos from Teresa Russell taken at this year's Members Banquet. More photos online!



Beautiful view from dining room at the Chardonnay Golf Club.



Lori Jackson receiving 2011 Service Award!

Many awards, lots of camaraderie, lovely table settings, this and more made for yet another first class annual banquet! Be sure to join us next year!



Gold Coast Guild  
Since 2004



GOLD COAST FREESTYLE GUILD  
Representing the Canine Freestyle Federation  
presents

**A DOG DANCING  
JULY FIRECRACKER SHOWCASE**

Napa Valley Dog Training Club, 68 Coombs Street, Building N, Napa

**Saturday, July 21, 2012**

9:00am - 4:00pm

Time slots are 10 minutes each at 15 minute intervals.

An invaluable opportunity to perform in front of an audience,  
use rewards & proof your routines

\$20 guild members/\$25 non-members and day-of entries.

**VIDEO OF PERFORMANCES:** On request, video provided on CD/DVD in .mov format.  
Cost is \$25 1st routine, \$15 all subsequent routines (on same CD/DVD).

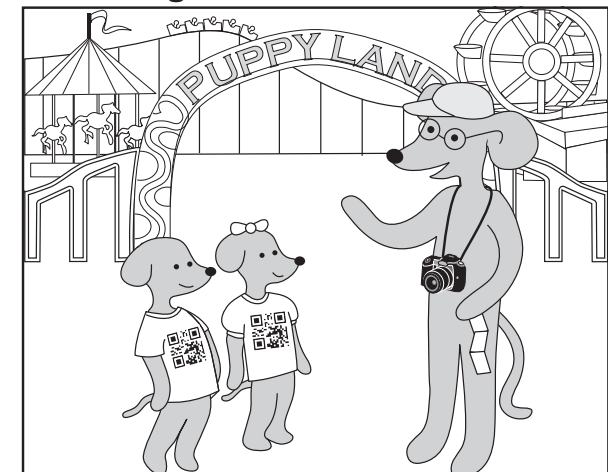
Registration form: [nvtc.org/pdfs/firecrackershowcase.pdf](http://nvtc.org/pdfs/firecrackershowcase.pdf)

**Spectators More Than Welcome!**



Contrary to popular belief, the Poodle did not originate in France. It was originally a German breed used for hunting, water retrieving and even herding. You can see the breed's similarity to other curly-coated herding breeds such as the Puli. Poodle coats will curl and even cord if allowed to grow.

**Geek Dog**



"Remember, if either of you get lost all you have to do is find someone in charge to scan your shirt."

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next  
General Membership  
Meeting  
Monday, May 14, 2012  
6:30 p.m.  
at the clubhouse  
followed by  
LAPS Presentation  
See page 1 for details**



**No dogs  
at the meeting.**

**FOR  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
GO  
TO  
[nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)**

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[www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for additional  
details on listings and for  
information on additional  
conformation shows, obedience  
and agility trials, tracking tests,  
field trials, etc.

**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.

**Visit NVDTTC on the web for  
the latest news & photos:  
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**Submission deadline for the  
July/August newsletter is June 20.  
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