



May-June 2015



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Change is in the Wind

Gerry Glantz, President

One of America's favorite presidents, John F. Kennedy, once said, "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." I think this is a great thought for us to keep in mind over the next few weeks as we watch the changes that are taking place at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

But let's begin at the beginning. Those who attend the General Meetings each month have been hearing for some time that the club is struggling financially. Even though we enjoy the large space we have, it comes at a high price. In fact, our bookkeeper, Linda Luchsinger, reported a loss of nearly \$1,000

at the end of 2014. We started actively searching for a smaller space, but to date have had not been able to find anything suitable. Then, to compound the problem, our current two year lease was due to expire the end of April and the property owner increased our monthly rent by nearly \$1,500. We have been searching for ways to increase our classes and make better use of our building by encouraging outside groups to rent it on weekends, but no significant changes have been seen.

Then recently another possibility came to our attention when our neighbors, a construction company, started looking for more space to expand their business. So we began a conversation about dividing our space with them. After some negotiations it was decided it was feasible to divide our current floor space approximately in half and still have enough space to do our training and conduct club affairs. So, at the April 13th general meeting we presented this idea to the members present, a motion was made to proceed with this plan and was approved by a majority vote of the members present.

Believe it or not, this was just the first step of many, and the real work is just beginning. There is a wall that must be constructed, rewiring of the building, a new door cut into the building. All our equipment must be consolidated into a smaller storage space, unnecessary items disposed of, and floor mats

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removed and relaid...the list seems endless at this point. Through this entire process, our Training Chairperson, Marilane Bergfelt has been working many long hours to keep the ball rolling and organizing the necessary tasks. We owe her a very large debt of gratitude for all she has done.

But now we are at the most important part—what you as a club member can do to assist through this important process. You are the reason this club exists and we hope that you will be willing to put a little of your time and effort into the club. There are many tasks, some large and some small, that club members can handle. If you can push a broom, handle a dust cloth or vacuum, use a paintbrush, help organize a cupboard or storage shelf, help move furniture or whatever your expertise is, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Over the next two to three weeks we will be reaching out to our members to respond to our calls for help. We will be putting notices on our Facebook page, our website and sending out emails for WORKDAYS and SPECIAL PROJECTS that we need help with. Please watch for these notices and contact the person specified to sign up to help for 2 to 4 hours. We are depending on your support and we THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for being dedicated Napa Valley Dog Training Club Members! Thank you!

Gerry Glantz, President

ASK CONGRESS TO SUPPORT ALLOWING DOGS ON AMTRAK

A bill has been approved by the U.S. House Rules Committee that would allow dog and cat owners to take their dogs on Amtrak trains under certain circumstances.

H.R. 749 is a comprehensive passenger train bill that in part would require Amtrak, when feasible, to designate at least one car where passengers may transport a dog or cat if the pet is in a kennel that can be stowed according to Amtrak's requirements for carry-on baggage.

The bill would also allow passengers to transport dogs or cats as cargo if the pets are in a kennel and the cargo area is temperature controlled. Passengers would be required to pay a fee to transport their pets on trains. This would not preclude those already permitted to travel with legitimate service animals.

AKC GR supports this bill and thanks Congressman Jeff Denham for shepherding this measure that would allow dog owners new options for travel humanely and responsibly with their pets.

AKC urges dog owners to support this measure and to contact your member of Congress and ask them to support the Amtrak Pilot Program in HR 749 that would allow pet owners to travel on certain trains with their pets.

Visit www.house.gov and enter your zip code in the "Find Your Representative" box at the top of the page to find the name and contact information for your U.S. Representative.



Save these dates!

Obedience-Rally Trials

AM and PM

June 20, 2015

Closing Date June 3, 2015

Agility Trial

August 15 & 16, 2015



Check out new training class and workshops coming soon!

Vange Leonis, Trainer

NEW TRAINING CLASS: Out and About – Session 6

This 6-week training class is designed for people interested in traveling with their dog or simply enjoying all a dog friendly community offers. All classes are taught inside the dog club with mock settings. Classes include the following:

- Proofing your dog to common situations that may be found in a neighborhood.
- Learning etiquette for outdoor dining at dog friendly restaurants.
- Shopping at dog friendly retail stores or sidewalk displays or just window shopping.
- Understanding the difference between a service dog, a therapy dog, and a pet dog.
- How to transport your dog in the car or on a plane.
- And Much More

NEW WORKSHOP – Pet First Aid and CPR scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at 9 a.m.

This is a 4-hour hands-on workshop.

NO DOGS ALLOWED – MANNEQUINS ARE PROVIDED

This workshop teaches:

- Basic lifesaving techniques.
- Disaster preparedness.
- Basic First Aid and CPR
- Rescue breathing
- Restraint and muzzling
- Choking management
- Poison response
- And Much More

NEW WORKSHOP – Parade Team — 2-hour workshop. Date TBA

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Holiday Parade in the community? With this workshop you and your dog/people friendly animal can join the Napa Valley Dog Training Club Parade Team. The workshop will be taught by Judy Gamet from Dogs Can Dance. Dogs and handlers will learn basic marching skills and have fun being part of a dog team representing the club at holiday parades and events.

Wednesday night office position open

As of session 4, there is an opening in the office for Wednesday nights. This is a great opportunity to learn what the dog club is all about.

Duties include answering phones, taking messages, equipment sales, and paperwork.

Special bonus: Lots of doggy love & kisses!

(Oh and you earn vouchers too!)

CONTACT: Sue Osborn, Office Manager

Where's Rawldo?

He's hiding somewhere in the clubhouse. Be the first to find Rawldo and turn him into Sue Osborn for a PRIZE! Rawldo likes to hide on the day of the general meeting.

Look for a clue in this newsletter to find out where he will decide to hide on May 11th.



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April 13, 2015 General Meeting

MINUTES

Minutes are available online at:
napadogtraining.org/meeting/



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

I. President called meeting to order @ 6:33pm

II. Minutes: Minutes were not available at the meeting but were distributed on the website for review. No corrections to the minutes. Motion and second to accept the minutes. Passed

III. Treasurers Report: Checking \$3,573.02; Savings 5,361.56; CD 11,838.02. One outstanding bill was \$1531 for 1/2 of the deposit for the Petaluma fairgrounds for the Agility Trial

IV. Board Reports:

- A. President: none
- B. Vice-president: Two new members, Ricia Martin and Frances Anamosa. Both were accepted by membership vote
- C. Office: Thank you from Sue for all that helped during the week off. (Margretha, Linda W, and Colette. All help is set for the registration week.
- D. Building: Nothing
- E. Publicity: Sep 1 is the Dog Bar @ Bardessono. Part of the proceeds goes to Napa Humane.
- F. Training: Sample Class and some of the other classes are being moved
Stretch class for members April 26th at 12 noon.
Two new assistants have been approved and they just need to do in house training.

Fans are needed for the training classes to circulate and cool the building for summer.

V. Newsletter/Website: April 20 is the deadline for submissions

The newsletter is now going totally digital. The newsletter will no longer be mailed to members.

VI. AOCNC: Quarterly meeting was last weekend to plan the events for the coming year which includes the annual seminars and summer workshop.

VII. Hospitality: Thank you to Linda Wargo for refreshments.

Rita and Pat Martin are schedule to bring refreshments to the May meeting

VIII. Old Business:

- A. 2016 VST test is scheduled for the first weekend in March and is waiting on a Judge.
- B. 2015 Obedience/Rally Trial June 20. Debbie Best finishing up trial list and is the trial secretary. There is a need for help for the raffle to get the baskets together.
- C. 2015 Agility Trial is Aug 15, 16. It will be in Petaluma. It is on the AKC website and the trial is in need of another ring steward.
- D. Sylvia Bishop Seminar Apr 10-12. Linda L. Linda W, Pat White and Sandy B were working 10 hr days. Pat described the bonding that took place with her dog from at-

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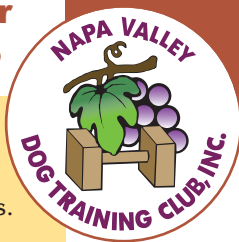
Puppy Class • Session 2 • Photos from Connie Batsford



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tending the seminar.

E. Search for New Trainers: Need of new trainers. Marilane is looking for trainers

F. Bldg: Options for the building is to cut the building in half; Next door neighbor wants to rent our half of the building; The neighbor came to the meeting to talk to the group to express his needs. He is looking to gain ~ 1/2 of our current space.

The members discussed concerns and requested that we move closer to the beam to get a bigger square footage than the 82 x 38 footprint. (38' or 43')

The club is looking at a \$3300 / mo savings by implementing this reduction in footprint. Rally was asked about their square footage needs be met. Asked about bldg. permits needed?; May need to take two weeks to do the construction which means the classes will need to be shut down during that time or may need to move outside.

Motion to move ahead w/ the building square footage reduction and redo the lease w/ second. 28 ayes and 4 abstains.

Committee is formed with Marilane, Nick, Linda Wargo, Debbie Paton

G. Building Usage Coordinator: Creating paperwork to sign up to use the building for group building rental

H. Dog bar Sep 1: Laps on Apr 7

I. McPherson Elem School Dog Daze May 23: decided not to do it. Motion to not do w/ second, passed

IX. New Business: Austin Chiropractic is making sessions available for \$55 for 1/2 hr. First session is May 9. Sign up sheet to be put on Board in Building.

For members to use the building there is an interactive calendar. The use is based on a 13 hr day. We need to purchase a key drop box for the users of the building. Pat Martin will coordinate the building use.

X. Brags

Linda Wargo and Lori Jackson

XI. Adjourn @ 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Seaman

SESSION 4, 2015 June 8 – July 10 • 5 WEEK SESSION Week off: July 13

Monday

Not all classes are held 2nd Monday of each month.

6:15 pm Jumpers/Agility* Laura

Tuesday

9:30 am Puppy Sandy

10:30 am Adolescent Dog Sandy/Marlene

11:30 pm Good Manners 1 Marlene/Sandy

5:00 pm Freestyle Drill Team* Judy

6:00 pm Musical Rally Challenge* Judy

7:00 pm Beginning Freestyle* Judy

8:00 pm Good Manners 1 Lynda

Wednesday

10:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene

RETURNING:

11:00 am Advanced Obedience Marlene

5:00 pm Adolescent Dog Sandy

6:00 pm Puppy Sandy

7:00 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane

8:00 pm Puppy Marilane

Thursday

Daytime Rally (all levels)* Mary

5:00 pm Rally (all levels)* Mary

6:30 pm Good Manners 2 Linda L.

RETURNING:

7:30 pm Advanced Obedience Linda L.

Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 1 (Overflow) TBA



CHANGE IN CLASS FEES:

Effective Session 4
Regular 6-week classes:
\$125.00

Special 6-week classes
(freestyle & musical rally):
\$135.00

*Continued Class

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list.

Visit or call the NVDTC office to have your name added.

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Next General Meeting MAY 11, 2015 • 6:30 PM

Leave YOUR dog at home.

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:

news@napadogtraining.org



Submission deadline for the
JULY/AUGUST 2015 newsletter
is June 20, 2015.

Send to: news@napadogtraining.org



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

Rawldo enjoys treats warmed in a microwave oven.



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