



May-June 2018



Linda Luchsinger, President
Sandy Bonifield, Vice President
Stefanie Meinhardt, Treasurer
Sue Osborn, Secretary
Joy Wood, Past President

At Large Board Members:

Marilane Bergfelt, Tandi Blonigen,
Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio

AOCNC REPS: Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

BUILDING: Maria Giaccio

MEMBERSHIP: Carol Coawette

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Sue Osborn

OFFICE: Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis

PUBLICITY: Tandi Blonigen

TRAINING: Marilane Bergfelt

*See last page for contact
information for above members.*

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Napa Valley Dog Training Club • (707) 253-8666 • Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA • www.napadogtraining.org



ONLINE CLASS REGISTRATION HAS ARRIVED AT NVDTC

Donna Golemon and Sue Osborn have been working to bring online registration to the club. After reviewing the registration forms and adapting them to an online environment, asking board members and trainers to test the online registration setup and setting up the website to accommodate the change, the launch was made on Friday, May 4th.

Students taking classes now only have to answer questions about themselves and their dogs one time. No more filling out the same form over and over. All their information is now in one place and ready for any class they register for, now and in the future.

Students can pay online for classes. Our online payment system supports Paypal and credit cards through Paypal.

You can also choose to mail in your payment.

To learn about how we are handling discounts, vouchers, class credits, and gift certificates, please visit our registration page by visiting nvdtc.org/registration.html.

If you have questions, please contact Donna or Sue.

JOIN US FOR OUR AKC NOVICE TRICK TITLE EVENT ON MAY 14TH!

Event will start directly after the Club's May 14th Monday General Meeting held at 6:30.

- This event is open to all club members and current students. Space is limited to 20 teams.
- There is NO FEE to participate in this NVDTC event. AKC requires a \$20 processing fee for each title.
- More Information on this title and descriptions of each trick is available at:

www.akc.org/trick-dog/trick-dog-eval-guide/

See page 5 for Novice Trick Dog (TKN) List.



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Fun mural coming to life at the dog club!

Progress photos posted regularly. Visit our website to see.



Bark For Life

Saturday, May 19th, 2018

Kennedy Park

2295 Streblov Drive in Napa, California

10 AM to 1 PM

Fun activities for people and their dogs.

Our canine companions give unconditional love, joy, security, and compassion to not only cancer survivors, but us all.

A Bark For Life event provides a time for the community to come together to CELEBRATE cancer survivorship, REMEMBER people lost to cancer and BARK BACK by fundraising to support cancer research, education, awareness, advocacy and patient services.

All dogs of friendly nature and who are up-to-date on their vaccinations are welcome to attend the event.

www.relayforlife.org/barknapaca

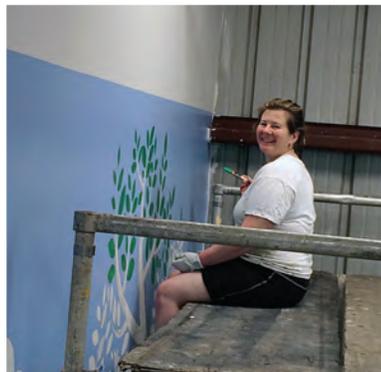


Informative flyers for NVDC's special classes for session 4, like Beyond Basics, Trick and Games, Puppy Playtime, Community Walks, and Small Dog Social, can be downloaded from our website by visiting nvdtc.org/flyers/.

Please share with your vet's office, family, friends, and other members.



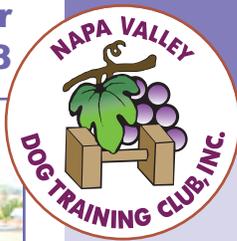
Artists De Brilz, Sue de Mille, and Sue Osborn show off grubby hands after snapping a chalk grid to transfer artwork to the west wall of the clubhouse.



Mural in progress: Lots of frolicking dogs, blue skies, a vineyard, and a hot air balloon, all reflecting a Napa dog training club!

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FREE SCREENING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT

for community members and their dogs
who are interested in

Animal-Assisted Therapy

Sponsored by

Loving Animals Providing Smiles

Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Napa Valley Dog Training Club

68 Coombs Street, Bldg N

(Old Sawyer Tannery at Coombs and Ash Streets)

What to Expect: This preliminary screening will help owners (age 16 and older) learn about therapy work and how they and their pet might enjoy helping others. Qualified Evaluators will assess each team's obedience skills and potential. LAPS Volunteers will be on hand to share their experiences and help attendees discover the next step toward becoming a certified therapy team.

Pets: Dogs must be people-friendly and at least 6 months old. All pets must be on a 6-ft or shorter leash. Please NO flexi-leads/retractable leashes, or prong, slip or metal chain collars. All dogs on site are to be vaccinated and licensed, and owners are expected to clean up after their pets.

www.lovinganimalsprovidingsmiles.org • (707) 265-6642

Pain Scoring in Dogs

An online article written by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker at healthypets.mercola.com covers how our pets deal with pain and how to apply the scoring of pain much like what is done with people.

Story at-a-glance:

- Scoring pain in veterinary patients is off to a slow start, but there is progress
- It is challenging to assess pain in patients who can't tell us how much they hurt, but fortunately, pain scales are being used by an increasing number of veterinarians
- Signs of pain to watch for at home include trembling, not putting weight on a leg, crouching and excessive panting
- A type of pain in dogs that often goes undiagnosed and untreated is myofascial pain, which is muscle pain resulting from trigger points
- Treatment for your dog's pain will depend on what's causing it; there are a number of integrative therapies that can be beneficial

[Click here to read full article online.](#)

NAPA HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES AKC DONATION!



In February of this year, AKC announced the AKC Humane Fund, through its Sandy Fund, donated \$10,000 to each of the following organizations, two of them going to Humane Societies in our community!

- The Houston SPCA
- Napa Humane
- Sonoma Humane Society
- The Sato Project (Puerto Rico)

The AKC Sandy Fund Grant was founded after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, this fund supports organizations that are performing disaster relief services in their communities. Additionally, the fund serves those whose daily services to pets have been directly affected or interrupted by natural disasters, such as clubs, rescue shelters and animal hospitals.

napahumane.org • (707) 255-8118



REGISTER ONLINE:
nvdttc.org/registration.htm

Questions?

Call us at 707-253-8666

CLASS FEES for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility,
Rally, Tricks & Games, & Sampler Class:

\$125

Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount

Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

CLASS FEES

for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle
and Musical Rally):

\$135

No Discounts

**Classes less than 6 weeks are
prorated for cost and vouchers.
Please call the club for details.**

Download Class Registration and more:

<http://www.napadogtraining.org/index.htm#classinfo>

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 months
Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year
Good Manners: 1 year+

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

Details:

www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm

**You can receive discounts
for taking multiple classes
in the same session.**

Details:

nvdttc.org/pdfs/

[NVDTTC_FeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf](#)



Training Session 4

June 4 – July 20, 2018

(No classes first week in July. OFF July 23 – 28)
(Classes are for 6 Weeks unless noted otherwise.)

Tuesday

8:30am	Scent Work	Donna
10:00 am	Adolescent Dog	Sandy
11:00 am	Puppy	Sandy
12:00 pm	Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow)	Marilane
2:00 pm	Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching	Judy
4:30 pm	Puppy Freestyle	Judy
5:30 pm	Drill Team (continued class)	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30pm	Scent Work (continued class)	Donna

Wednesday

9:30 am	Good Manners 1	Marlene
10:30 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene
5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog (overflow)	Marilane / Lea
6:00 pm	Puppy	Marilane / Lea
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Marilane / Lea
8:00 pm	Puppy (overflow)	Marilane / Lea

Thursday

10:30 am	Rally (2 nd and 4 th weeks of each month) (all levels - continued class)	Mary
10:00 – 1:00pm	Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White (1 st and 3 rd weeks of each month)	
5:30 pm	Rally (all levels - continued class)	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Mary

Friday

6:00 pm	Beyond Basics	Linda (returning)
7:00pm	Good Manners 1 (overflow)	Linda

Saturday

10:00 am	Trick and Games (June 9, 16 & 23)	Vange	3 week class
	Puppy Playtime (June 30, July 14 & 21)	Vange	3 week class
11:00 am	Community Walks (June 9, 16 & 23)	Vange	3 week class
	Small Dog Social (June 30, July 14 & 21)	Vange	3 week class

View all 2018 sessions at: nvdttc.org/pdfs/2018CalendarForTrainingSessions.pdf

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

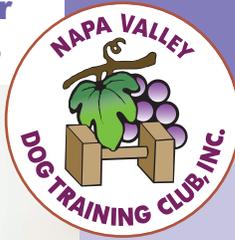
If there are other classes you are interested in,
sign up on an interest list.

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

**Receive a \$10 discount for a regular six-week
class if you are a senior (60 and over), a junior
(10 to 17) or if your dog is a rescue. Discounts
are prorated for shortened sessions.
No discounts for specialty classes.**

**(A rescue discount can only be used once. One dis-
count per class.)**

Schedule subject to change.



April 9, 2018 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

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Novice Trick Dog (TKN) List:

- Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
- Bark on cue (“Speak”)
- Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
- Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
- Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
- Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
- Get in (gets in box)
- Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
- Hand signals (down, sit, or come)
- High five
- Hold (3 seconds)
- Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
- Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
- Kiss (point to cheek)
- Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
- Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
- Shake hands
- Spin in circle
- Touch it (hand or target stick)
- Tunnel (agility tunnel or child’s tunnel)
- Other: Handler’s choice: _____
- Other: Handler’s choice: _____

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Following a presentation by Donna Golemon on AKC Trick Titles, President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.
- Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Board members absent: Tandi Blonigen, Maria Giaccio, and Stefanie Meinhardt.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the March 12, 2018 general meeting with one correction: Under brags, item X, change Michelle to Rochelle.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT, Stefanie Meinhardt - Absent

- Checking: \$27,851.08
- Money Market: \$22,261.57
- Request for \$25 refund from Kyla Smay for upfront money sent to AKC for tracking test. Judge from Novato didn’t charge anything. Kaye Hall may have some minimal expenses to turn in for reimbursement.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

No report.

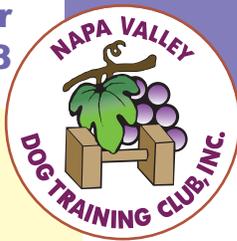
V. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

No report.

VI. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- MEMBERSHIP** – Tonight’s guests were invited to join the club.
- OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield
 - Phone calls are being taken – Sandy needs to poll current office staff to find out who can work next session.
 - Sandy asked members to volunteer to work in office. She will train. Office workers only need to put in an hour a week.
- TRAINING**, Marilane Bergfelt
 - Next session starts in a week.
 - Canine Fitness is not filling.
 - Session 4 will be finalized and posted on website.
- PUBLICITY**, Tandi Blonigen – Absent
Posters for special classes were made and handed out, some students and members took some posters and put them up around town.
- BUILDING**, Maria Giaccio – Absent
There was a flood in the bathroom caused by next-door neighbor’s sink overflowing, which they handled.
- WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
Deadline is April 20th for the May-June newsletter. Deadline is May 20th for the June meeting announcement.
- TRACKING TEST**, Linda Wargo
 - Committee held a final meeting for this year’s tracking test. The Yountville Veteran’s Home has been contacted about using their

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Cheryl speaks out about Napa County Animal Shelter



As you may know I volunteer at the Napa County Animal Shelter 6-7 days a weeks. Some people refer to it as the Humane Society, but they are two separate entities.

Napa Humane is the clinic where they do spay and neuter. Napa County Animal Shelter is where the animals are until they find a home. In the meantime the volunteers walk, socialize and train the dogs to make them more adoptable. It is very rewarding both for the dogs and the people. We are always falling in love with one another. Then they get adopted and we start all over again with the next one.

If anyone would like to get a tour or just see what it is like to volunteer please get in touch with me. I would love to show you around. No commitment needed. I would just enjoy showing you what I do at the Shelter.

Cherylmarie.meyer@gmail.com

707-253-7040 home. (707)363-9630.

If you would like to make a donation to the Shelter we always need SMALL and EXTRA SMALL dog collars. Also we always need the Jerky Treats that come from Costco. They come in strips that are easy to break up. We use them for training. If a dog can sit on command it is more likely to get adopted. Another reason why we need your talents at the Shelter.

Cheryl Meyer

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- grounds for 2019. No word from Veteran's Home yet.
- 2. A committee will need to be formed for 2019. Linda Wargo announced she is not going to be chair. Secretary for 2018 is leaving the state thus a new secretary will also need to be found.
- H. **AOCNC**, Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
 - 1. The AOCNC Summer Workshop will be held July 29th at Cal State Hayward. NVDTC has volunteered to host the beginning novice ring. Sue passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
 - 2. The AOCNC Seminar for Scent Work will be held September 23rd. Decision to be made what levels will be covered. There will be two working dogs allowed from each club and auditing openings. If there is a lot of interest from members a draw will be held, most likely in August.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Online Registration:** Sue and Donna are working with Dog Biz Pro software and are looking at session 4 to have online registration in place using Paypal for payment.
- B. **Novice AKC Trick Title Event:** This event will take place after the May 14th general meeting. Before tonight's meeting, Donna put on a very nice demo showing the many tricks that can be done to earn a trick title from AKC.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bark for Life Raffle Donation:** NVDTC donated a class certificate donation to Bark for Life for their raffle last year. MSC to donate a class certificate to them again this year.
- B. **Mural Funding Approval:** MSC for up to \$500 for materials for painting a mural on the west wall at the clubhouse. Sue Osborn showed revised artwork to accommodate the weave poles mounting and will display upcoming artwork for mural at clubhouse. Sue DeMille and De Brilz will also be working on the mural with Sue Osborn. Linda Luchsinger will follow up with scaffolding.

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Thank You Kaye Hall!

At our March 12th meeting, Kaye Hall and her dog, Julot, honored us with a presentation on tracking.

Kaye gave a fascinating talk about the nose of a dog. We all learned a lot about how powerful and amazing the canine nose is. Kaye also entertained us with some of her many fascinating stories.

Kaye and her Belgian Sheepdog, Julot, are certified by the California Rescue Dog Association to respond to rescue calls for missing persons statewide; and are also part of the Napa Trailing Dog County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.



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BRAG PHOTOS:



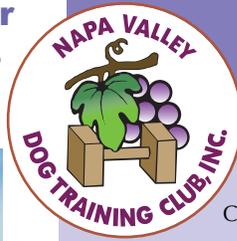
Submitted by Donna Golemon



Submitted by Donna Golemon



Submitted by Sue Osborn



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C. AKC Nose Work Trial:

1. Joy Wood presented information to general about nose work and how AKC has jumped on board to start nose work trials.
2. Joy, Mary Ash and Donna Golemon of JMD Dog Sports presented board with a proposal to hold a NVDTC nose work trial and have received approval form board to file an application with AKC for NVDTC to hold nose work trials. This application is now waiting on AKC's approval.
3. MSC to approve NVDTC to move forward on holding an AKC nose work trial in conjunction with JMD Dog Sports once AKC approves submitted application. Joy and Mary will be part of AKC's required 5-member committee. Linda Luchsinger and Linda Wargo volunteered to be on this committee.

- D. **Pizza Party:** The June 11, 2018 general meeting will also be a pizza party.

X. NEW MEMBERS

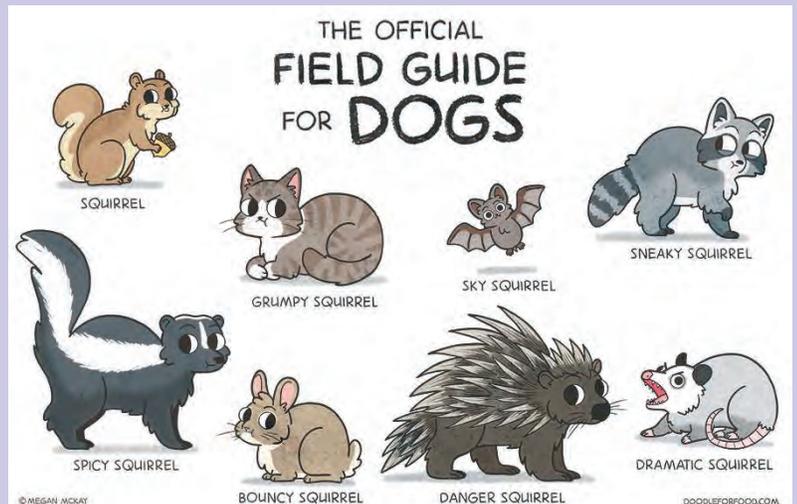
- A MSC to accept new member Bobbie Lee. Bobbie has an 8-year-old Basset Hound.
- B. MSC to accept new members George and Elizabeth Flora. They have three dogs, ages 13 years, 9 years, and a 13 week-old Red Merle Aussie.

XI. BRAGS

- A Linda Luchsinger's Teddy received his final Championship points with a 4-point major at the Washington State Cocker Spaniel Specialty in Bremerton, Washington. At just one-year-old, he completed his championship with 4 majors.
- B. Sandy Bonifed's one and half year-old Salt and Pepper Schnauzer, Bliss, received her championship at the Bakersfield show last weekend.
- C. Donna Golemon received four first places and second high in trial at recent herding trial.
- D. Linda Wargo's Bill received his premiere jumping title. Two of her dogs also received a fast CAT title and an advanced nose work title.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:26 p.m.

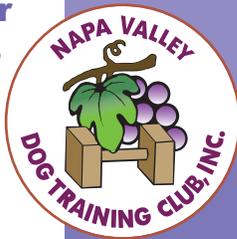
Respectively submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary



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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
JULY/AUGUST 2018 newsletter
is June 20, 2018.

Send to: 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 except for the month of December.

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



Visit NVDTC on the web for
the latest news & photos:
www.napadogtraining.org

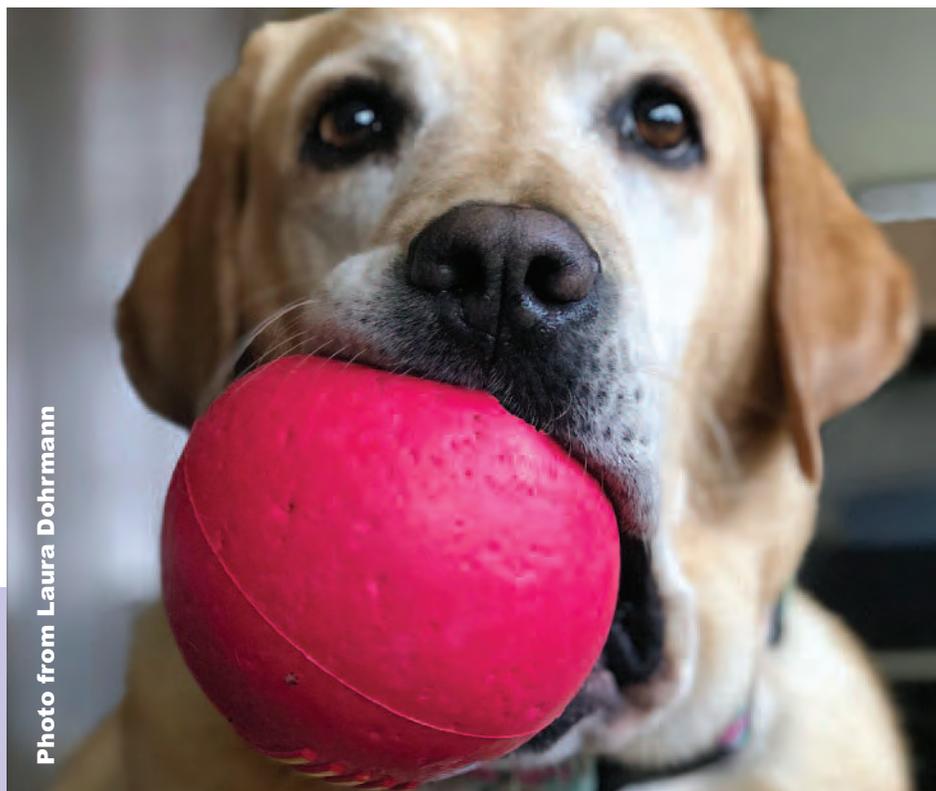


Photo from Laura Dohrmann

