



May-June 2022



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NVDTC Newsletter

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Good Things Happening at our General Meetings!

At our April meeting we were treated to a special presentation from Judy Gamet from Dogs Can Dance® to talk about *why freestyle* with Cheryl and Zoe demonstrating freestyle moves to music. See page 4 for more from Judy and what classes she has coming up in Session 4.

Our June meeting will be a PIZZA PARTY! A sign-up sheet at the upcoming meeting will be passed around as well as a survey will be sent out to determine how many pizzas to have on hand.

And in July, be sure to bring your dog for another of one of our “Bring Your Dog To A Meeting Night” to enjoy lots of fun games and activities at our *Jubilant July Jamboree* organized by Karen and Lori Jackson.



And There's More: May 21st is our Annual Banquet!

See page 2 for more information and flyer. Flyers are also available at clubhouse and online at nvdtc.org/pdfs/banquet2022.pdf

Everyone is invited to attend and be a part of this special night!

To attend, fill out the form on the flyer, drop off at clubhouse or mail to Sue by May 10th.



NVDTC LUNCHEON BANQUET

May 21st, 2022

12:30 PM

La Strada in American Canyon

6240 CA-29, American Canyon

(707) 226-3027



The following luncheon menu choices are available:

- A. Spaghetti & Meatballs \$19.95
tomato / basil / garlic / meatballs
- B. Pollo alla Parmigiana \$21.95
chicken parmesan / tomato sauce / mozzarella
- C. Veal Marsala \$23.95
lemon / marsala / mushrooms
- D. Salmon \$28.95
lemon dill light cream
- E. Italian Salad \$5.95

- No host bar •
- All entrées served with polenta and veggies •
- Anyone bringing wine will pay a \$15 corkage fee •
- Club will pick up tip, tax, hors d'oeuvres and provide cake •

Send in your check and entrée choice by Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

If ordering salad, be sure to add an additional \$5.95 to cost of your entree selection.

Please complete this attached form and mail with a check made payable to NVDTC to:

Sue Osborn, 2883 Redwood Road, Napa 94558

If you have any questions, e-mail Sue at sue.osborn49@yahoo.com or call her at (916) 384-7006.

NVDTC Awards Banquet, May 21, 2022 at La Strada in American Canyon

Name	Phone	Luncheon Choice	Salad (E)?	Amount
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Total Enclosed:				



Oh, My Dog

by Lea Ronald, Instructor

If you are an animal person like me, you can come up with a million reasons why dogs are important in our lives. For me, my best friend has always been my dog. Dogs are fantastic listeners; they provide unconditional love, emotional support, humor, and teamwork that is unmatched.

Many of us have nostalgic memories that tend to involve complex emotions, usually overwhelmingly positive and include expressions of gratitude. Sure, there is great loss when they leave this life so quickly, but if you are able to reflect upon what they have given you in such a short period of time you will find solace by reflecting on the relationship and bond that you built together. Closing one chapter and opening the door to the next will bring exciting new adventures; perhaps experiences you have never had before, and in my case I always learn a new skill that not only benefits me but also the students that I teach in training classes. I reflect on the fact that "THIS dog came into my life to teach me about" In Googling around, I was curious to know how many songs were written about our Best Friend as a result of this human-dog connection. Check out this link on the American Kennel Club's website and see if they have included your favorite:

www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/love-loss-appreciation-songs-about-dogs/

My life started with "dogs in abundance." You see, my mom is a groomer. In fact, at 80 years old she is still grooming. In addition to grooming she also worked for a veterinarian in Napa, Dr. Inman, who allowed her to bring me to work. I was less than 5 years old but respected their work and was allowed to watch surgeries, spend quiet time sitting by the kennels, and learned how to interact with and listen to animals. After we moved to South Carolina, mom and I continued to work together. I was the dog bather and mom was the groomer. We had an assortment of our own dogs over the years; some that were house-loungers with greater "grooming needs" (poodles), some that needed extensive exercise (Salukis), and some that were hunters (labs). All of our training was done based on a need for a skill such as hunting, or simply to be a good companion to us.

The dogs that I have had as an adult have taught me critical skills in life, and resulted in my interest in becoming a trainer. I have been teaching group classes with Napa Valley Dog Training Club for 16 years as a "side-job." This started as an interest: I was taking classes as a student, became a member of the club, volunteered in the office and at events, mentored as an assistant on the floor before becoming a trainer,



and served on the Board of Directors as office manager and as training chair. I enjoy training my dogs to a high level of skill, but I have never been competitive in dog sports. It isn't about the title or the ribbon for me, it's about having fun with my dog. I have trained at our local club in various activities such as obedience, agility, treibball, handler discrimination, scent discrimination, tricks, canine freestyle, heelwork to music, and canine good citizen certification.

There are so many dog-related sports and "jobs" that it's impossible to list them all. Skills that I have trained for are only a small sampling of the possibilities. You might find that you and your dog's interests lead you to train in animal assisted therapy, service dog work, hunting, scent work such as search and rescue, tracking, seizure alert dogs, diabetes alert dogs...just to name a few. There is protection work such as schutzhund, police work, and a very interesting sport called mondioring. There is conformation, lure coursing, sled dog racing, canicross, disc dog, earth dog sports, and herding. Check out fly ball, carting, and dock diving too. The possibilities are endless!

Each of these activities will result in further developing a bond with your dog, but also opens your mind to the realization that you are communicating and working together with an animal to accomplish a goal. This bond that you develop is based on trust, mutual respect and regard.

What I have learned is that not all dogs have the same interests, and of course, why should they? They are specifically bred to do certain "jobs." I have had a variety of my own dogs including a boxer-mix, airedale, australian shepherd, and I am now on my third standard poodle. From each of them, I have learned about effective communication, the importance of early socialization, and



Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



Success Beyond Luring

I admit it, I was addicted. I didn't even realize how hooked I was. No, it wasn't eating the food, it was holding the food in my hand. I was under the powerful illusion that my dog wouldn't do what I asked unless I had food in my hand.

What I didn't understand was this "habit" had unintended consequences. I had conditioned my dog to expect the food in my hand. Ah yes, I trained this so well we were both dependent on it. But maybe, just maybe, I could break free of this habit.

Ask for the behavior, help your dog understand clearly by communicating with your body and with your words. When your dog understands and performs the cued response, mark it and then reach for the food and reward.

I've seen handlers hold food in front of their dog's noses for years. This teaches your dog two things. First, the dog learns to expect the food and the luring. If you aren't carrying food in your hand, we must not be training? Second, you are training your dog to follow the scent of the food or to look at your hand. The dog has no reason to learn to read the rest of your body, just sniff out and follow that food. Remember that eye contact is the ultimate trump card. Our goal, as a team, is to open up this two-way communication, this conversation. The dog is reading the story you are telling them through your words and gestures and then giving you feedback.

On the flip side, there are great reasons for using food as well. Even luring has its place in training. One of the ways food can be an advantage is to clearly show the dog the path that their body is to take to execute a new move. Especially in the sport of freestyle or rally, where there are so

many diverse moves, using food as a tool to make the new move less stressful to help the dog practice the move correctly. Our goal is to help our dogs succeed. I suggest using the food to guide your dog until the light bulb in their mind goes off and you see that they understand what you are asking. Once they understand what is expected of them, test them every once in awhile. If the move is breaking down, go back to giving the dog more help. Set them up for success.

Another example of when food is helpful is when you are cleaning up precision. The position of the food in your hand and the delivery can help the dog perform to your chosen criteria. Utilizing food in this way teaches the dog their correct body placement. Just like in the world of human dance, practice doesn't make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect.

Unless our dog is a food junkie, handing them the food as if you are a living Pez dispenser might not be very exciting or engaging. Toss the food for your dog to catch, chase down that treat, or run to the table where your treats are stashed ahead of time. This makes delivering a reward so much more, well... rewarding!

For more ideas on rewarding, keep watching for a repeat of "Success Beyond Luring" coming up the second half of this year.

I want to thank NVDTTC for inviting Dogs Can Dance to the membership meeting in April as an educational presentation. I totally enjoyed my time with you, as did Cheryl Forde and her dog, Zoe. If you missed the presentation, I have included the link to the replay. <https://vimeo.com/700341965>

Registration for the Session 4 classes beginning June 7 is now open.

Musical Rally Challenge - 4:30 Tuesdays

Freestyle Drill Team - 5:30 Tuesdays

Learning Freestyle Moves - 6:30 Tuesdays

Better Heeling with Music - 7:30 Tuesdays

Contact Judy@DogsCanDance.com to register.



Where's Rawldo? Contest #2

Find Rawldo hidden in this newsletter (other than the image of him at right) and email rawldo@nvdtc.org by May 8th 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 May 9th general meeting. Must be present at the May 9th meeting to win. The winner of "Where's Rawldo Contest #1" was Debbie Hilton!





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2022 Training Session 4

June 6th through July 16th, 2022

All classes run for 6 weeks for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CLASS REGISTRATION:

Except for specialty* & continuing classes, registration for Session 4 classes will be accepted ONLY between May 2nd through May 23rd and ONLY by calling the club (707-253-8666).

Monday

9:00 am (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

12:30 pm (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

2:45 pm (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

3:45 pm (6-6, 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-11)

Scent Work*

Donna (continued class)

4:45 pm (6-6, 6-20, 6-27)

Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

5:45 pm (6-6, 6-20, 6-27)

Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

Thursday

10:30 am

Rally – All Levels

Mary

11:30 am

Rally – Overflow

Mary

5:00 pm

Rally - All Levels

Mary

6:00 pm

Rally - All Levels

Mary

7:00 pm

Good Manners 2

Mary

Friday

6:00 pm

Good Manners 1

Linda

7:00 pm

Adolescent Dog

Linda

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 1/2 months

Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year

Good Manners: 1 year+

Tuesday

10:00 am

Good Manners 1

Mary

11:00 am

Good Manners 2

Mary

12:00 Noon

Advanced Obedience

Mary

Wednesday

9:00 am

Puppy

Sandy

10:00 am

Puppy

Sandy

11:00 am

Adolescent Dog

Sandy

12:00 NOON

Adolescent Dog

Sandy

5:00 pm

Puppy

Lea

6:00 pm

Adolescent Dog

Lea

7:00 pm

Good Manners 1

Linda

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

Tuesday 3:30 pm* Private Coaching – DCD

Tuesday 4:30 pm*** Musical Rally Challenge

Tuesday 6:30 pm***

Tuesday Learning Freestyle Moves

Tuesday 5:30 pm***

Tuesday Freestyle Drill Team

Tuesday 7:30 pm***

Tuesday Better Heeling to Music

Schedule subject to change.

TO SIGN UP FOR STANDARD NVDTC CLASSES, CALL (707) 253-8666

Scan QR code below for 2022 session dates.



MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE \$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS

*5 Weeks of Standard Classes: \$105 (\$40 max in vouchers)

**3 Weeks of Standard Classes: \$65 (\$30 max in vouchers)

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

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***For all specialty classes, register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715

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BRAGS



Sue Osborn:

On March 13th at Quail Point, Morgan received her THIRD pass toward her Junior Hunter title at the GSPC of NSV Hunt Test.



Chriss Bradley:

On April 2nd and 3rd, Toby received his AKC Handler Discrimination Excellent title and his AKC Scentwork Container Excellent Elite title at Brentwood AKC trials.



Carol Coawette:

Lodi 3/26/22 AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL
Pierre took:
1st place in Excellent Buried,
2nd place in Excellent Container
3rd place in Excellent Handler Discrimination
He received his:
Excellent Buried Title
Excellent Handler Discrimination Title and
AKC EXCELLENT TITLE

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

Students from Vange's Out & About session 2 class enjoying a spring picnic!



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April 11, 2022 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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



www.nvdc.org/meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:50PM by Interim President Mary Ash after a great presentation by Judy Gamet and one of her teams Fromm Dogs Can Dance. Additional Board Members in attendance were Debbie Hilton, Lori Jackson and David LeCount. Sue Osborn was absent.
- II. CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA: none noted
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT-Lori Jackson
 - A. Money Market.....\$22,362.97 (as of 3/31)
 - B. Checking.....\$52,845.28 (as of 4/11)
 - C. Paypal.....\$1,755.17 (as of 3/31)
- IV. APPROVAL OF 3/14/22 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (MSC) after the following corrections:
 - A. Under Section: III. TREASURER'S REPORT, A. Money Market, the amount was changed to \$22,362.97 from \$22,362.80.
 - B. Under Section: V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS,
 - A. President,# 1. Clarification of Instructor's Fee increase: \$4 increase per class hour for all levels of instructors beginning with the start of session 5.
 - A. President,# 6. Building Usage is for member's only, pending further research.
 - B. Membership/Vouchers, #2. New member's last name was corrected to Kevin Ferrero (from Terrell).
 - I. Sunshine, #1 Scott Pommier's last name was corrected (from Albini).
 - C. Under Section: VI. NEW BUSINESS,
 - B. Encouraging attendance and engaging members-it was noted that Lea Ronald would research a speaker for the May General Meeting, should be changed to the April meeting.
 - D. Under Section: IX. MEETING ADJOURNED actually at 7:40PM (not 6:40PM).
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS
 - A. President-Mary Ash
Comments to be noted under other sections of the agenda.
 - B. Membership/Vouchers-Lori Jackson
 1. Members requesting Reinstatement tonight* (MSC):
 - a. Joe and Neanna Gracia
 - b. Francis Anamosa
 - c. Patti Mattera

* For members seeking reinstatement it is not necessary to be in attendance to be voted back in.
 2. New members tonight (MSC):
 - a. Toni Belt with Bebe (English Cocker Spaniel)

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Database & Announcement Manager Position Available

First, our student and database has grown significantly through the years and has surpassed our free 2,000 email limit from MailChimp, a mailing list service.

Second, with online registration ending in session 4, names of all students who have opted in to be on our mailing list will no longer be available to download as a spreadsheet file from our online registration system at the end of each session. Students who wish to be on our mailing list to receive notices of meetings, upcoming classes and events will now have to be entered one by one into our student database from class evaluations (once evaluations are back in place), training, and membership applications.

Third, a separate database of members also needs to be maintained so they too can receive important information they need to know as members of NVDC.

Fourth, this position includes sending out announcements as they are created from, but not limited to, the newsletter editor, the president, the training chair and the board.

If you are interested helping the club with the management of student & member databases and sending out announcements, please contact Sue:

[sue.osborn49@yahoo.com/.](mailto:sue.osborn49@yahoo.com/)



AGENDA ITEMS: Submit items for agenda by 12 noon the Friday before a scheduled board or general meeting. Agendas will be posted at nvdc.org/agendas a day or two before a meeting. Agenda items can be submitted to: [agenda@nvdc.org/.](mailto:agenda@nvdc.org/)



MINUTES

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- b. Trina Wagner with Bishop, Riley and Porter (Bouvier des Flanders)
- c. Michael Patland* with Brix (Border Collie)
* interested in assisting with classes
- d. Dana Parrish with Tzoey (Shih Tzu)

C. Office-Mary Ash

Starting with the new session 4 registration process we will need 4 office workers. Volunteers so far are: Cheryl/Monday, Sarah/Tuesday and Carol/Wed. Still need someone for Thurs.

D. Training-David LeCount

- 1. Next Training Meeting is June 2 at 6PM.
- 2. Session 4 registration opens May 2, classes start June 6.

E. Publicity

Volunteers were enlisted to deliver NVDTC rack cards to local Vets, Napa Humane, Napa Shelter and Jameson Rescue.

F. Building-Debbie Hilton

- 1. Property Management has repaired our toilets and office lights.
- 2. Pest control spraying is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2022. The Clubhouse will be closed between Noon and 6PM.
- 3. With the advent of warm weather, it's time to remind instructors, assistants and students that we have a shoe apparel rule prohibiting the wearing of open toe and open heel shoes for safety reasons while training in all levels of classes.

G. Newsletter/ Website-Sue Osborn

Deadline for items to be submitted for the May/June Newsletter is April 22.

H. Hospitality

- 1. Tonight's refreshments were provided by Cheryl George. Thank you Cheryl!
- 2. Heather Azevedo volunteered to bring goodies to our May 9 meeting.

I. Sunshine-Debbie Hilton

Scott Pommier (Donna Albini's partner) sent a nice thank you note in response to the get well wishes Debbie sent on behalf of NVDTC. (See our bulletin board.)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Awards Banquet luncheon is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 21 at 12:30 at La Strada restaurant. Sue will send out an announcement with the details. Tip and tax will be paid by the Club, budget for dessert and any favors should be covered by \$200. (MSC).
- B. Registration Process Update
 - 1. New registration forms have been ordered and received.
 - 2. Training for office workers and instructors will be set up.
- C. Guidelines and Procedures revisions are in their final stages. Each member will receive a hard copy, as well as, a copy of the membership roster.
- D. 2021 Audit
Committee will meet with last year's treasurer/ bookkeeper to ask any questions. Results will be shared with membership.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of building use by LAPS/Caring Canines event on Saturday June 4th. (MSC)
- B. Encouraging attendance not discussed tonight. (We had a great crowd for the Dogs Can Dance demo.)

VIII. BRAGS

Sandy Bonifield, Annika Sabella and Carol Coawette all shared recent successes about their dog's accomplishments. Good work!

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40PM followed by a time for socializing and yummy snacks.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Hilton

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how to work with more "challenging" behaviors. I follow their interests which leads me to dog sports that I may not have considered before. Because my lifestyle is very active outdoors, all of my dogs are trained foundational skills to go into water, hike on single-track trails, travel in a car/RV comfortably, have good campground etiquette and relax in a crate. You have to decide what is important for your lifestyle with your own dog. While I have had dogs with very specific challenges such as reactivity, a strong herding instinct or "hard-headedness," I have learned that these behaviors can be influenced by genetics, environment, or a training and communication issue. I recognize that I need to learn additional skills and strategies to make the best life possible for me and my pals.



With each new pup that I bring into my life, I take what I have learned in my journey thus far and adjust my training plan accordingly. I have learned that early experiences shape our pups, that mental stimulation, physical exercise and diet are all key components to a happy and well-balanced dog. All-in-all, focusing on the human and dog relationship is the most important aspect of living with a dog. Spending time together, communicating clearly, training, paying attention to likes and dislikes, petting/grooming and husbandry, are all critical components to a happy relationship. Of course learning about dog behavior helps too.

If you are interested in learning more about training, check out our classes club at www.nvdtc.org. Besides offering public classes, our club has a membership with benefits available to its members. While we don't offer training in all of the sports/activities mentioned above, we can certainly help get you started on your path to developing a relationship of mutual benefit to you and your pal.

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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 classes, 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
JULY/AUGUST 2022 newsletter
is June 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 5:30 p.m.

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



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Next Meeting:
May 9, 2022
6:30 PM at Clubhouse

Leave dogs at home.



Say hello to
Annika's
Beauceron:
Zagreus!

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!

Email to sueann@napadogtraining.org



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