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The Good Doctor



Good in that she shared a heap of great information with us at our April 10th general meeting. Who was this good doctor? We were honored with the pleasure of Dr. Mara Bleviss DVM from Silverado Veterinary Hospital presenting in-depth information regarding updates on grain free diets, current management of canine allergic dermatitis, and current canine health issues in the Napa Valley.

Following are highlights from her presentation. There was much, much more she talked about. You had to be there to appreciate the background she gave for each of these topics! At the end of her talk there were lots and lots of questions for Dr. Bleviss. Her answers were extremely knowledgeable given her experience working with animals for more than 35 years. *She certainly had the attention of everyone who attended!*

Grain Free Diets—More and more is being discovered as to the effect a grain free diet may have on dogs. There has been recent speculation between grain-free or pulse-inclusive diets, specifically those contain-

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Announcements:

**Join us for NVDTC's Annual Banquet
at Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo!
Saturday, May 20th • 1 PM**

See page 9 for flyer and more information. Flyers are also available
at clubhouse and online at nvdtc.org/pdfs/banquet2023.pdf

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

Deadline for reservations is May 10th.

**"Bring Your Dog To
The Meeting" Night
on June 12th for
JUNE JUBILEE!**

**See Page 3
for Details**

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Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) is sponsoring a FREE screening and educational event at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club on June 24th from 10am-3pm.

This event is open to community members 16 and older and their people-friendly dogs age 6 months and older.

This is a great opportunity to find out if you and your dog might be successful as a volunteer animal-assisted therapy team.

Space is limited! Follow this link

<https://signup.com/go/wQSKQwD> or

scan the QR code to reserve your 20-minute time slot.

If you have done some training with your dog, LAPS can help you take the next step. Volun-



teers will be on-site to share their experiences with this rewarding work. LAPS teams serve children, teens and adults in Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties.

This free review is not a qualification, but a preliminary screening for owner and dog to identify their potential for future animal-assisted therapy work. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed, on a 6-ft or shorter leash (no flexi's) and a fabric collar or front-clip harness.

No metal prong or chain collars or head halters.

Details for this event are on our website:

www.LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org



Dr. Bleviss continued from page 1

ing field peas and lentils, toward contributing to the development of canine dilated cardiomyopathy, or DCM, which is a potentially fatal heart disease.

Pulses can be used to replace grain in grain free dog food and DCM may be associated more with the presence of pulses than the absence of grains in regard to diet. Any dog

eating a non-tractional grain free commercial diet containing pulses in the top 10 ingredients or multiple pulses anywhere in the ingredients may be eating an AT RISK DIET.

Canine Allergic Dermatitis—Cytopoint and Apoquel are two medications that can be used to treat canine allergic dermatitis. Cytopoint is a subcutaneous injection, generally given once a

month, works quickly and can be given at any age. Apoquel is for dogs one year or older. Works quickly and is an oral medication given daily.

Current Canine Health Issues in the Napa Valley—Common health issues have been influenced by our very wet winter. High allergen levels are expected. More fleas and ticks. More mosquitoes resulting in increased heart worm risk. More Giardia which is carried in contaminated water as is leptospirosis. Leptospirosis can also be found in water tables. Soil fungi can cause skin lesions in dogs who have prolonged exposure to muddy ground. Moldy walnuts, pet food, and compost are also toxic.



Thank you Dr. Bleviss for sharing your knowledge with our group. It was a honor and such a pleasure to have you!



“Bring Your Dog To The Meeting” Night” June 12th for **JUNE JUBILEE!** by Karen Jackson

GAMES • FUN • MORE GAMES • MORE FUN

NVDTTC members and students are cordially invited to the June 12th 6:30 PM meeting to partake in a game day for your dogs.

There will be dog treats provided for each game. (I found that some soft treats have peas in them, so I will not use them. I know some of your dogs are allergic to pork and chicken. If your dogs have any other allergies, I will provide alternate treats).

Also, I will have free dog toys. Please take one toy per family. Furthermore, I will provide dog biscuits to take home for your dog.

The games are listed as the following:

1. Perilous Path Recall

A recall game where your dog will traverse a path laden with tempting treats stuffed in rubber toys such as Kongs as well as plush toys. You the handler will go to the front of the recall area while a helper holds your dog till you are ready to recall your dog. Extra extreme credit is due if you can leave your dog in a stay without your dog being held by a helper.

2. Rally Uh Oh

This game will have Rally signs from Novice, Advance, & Excellent. Also, Rally Freestyle signs, which are used for dog dancing will be used. Lastly, there will be unique signs for fun. The easier signs will be on the left side. The more advanced signs will be on the right. You have the choice of what signs you want to do.

3. Hot Dog & Deliver

There will be hot dogs floating in water. Your dog will try to pull the hot dogs to eat. For

extra credit your dog could stay at one end, then you could send your dog to get hot dogs off a paper plate.

4. Find Your Owner

You hide while helper holds your dog, then you call your dog and helper helps to take dog where you are.

5. Agility Facility

There will be several jumps, a small tunnel, small A frame, small plank (as a dog walk), a table, and cones to weave through, and lastly 3 small hurdles. All jumps will be set at 8 inches.

6. Who Nose & Puzzled

There will be several puzzles where you place small treats and have your dog try to find where the treat is. Lastly, there will be 3 containers, hide a treat in one of them, and have your dog discover which container has the treat.

7. Send Sit Stay

Send your dog to a mat, a kennel or a hula hoop. You could also send your dog to a table and have the dog do a sit, down, stand on the table then recall your dog. Lastly, you could have your dog stay on the table as you walk around it then heel on for another game.

8. Scents & Sensibility

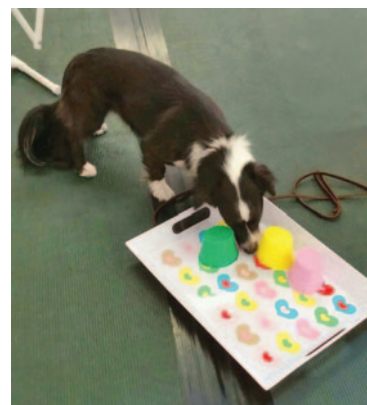
Various objects will be placed around a fenced area outside. The dog will try to find the scented object. The scent will be birch. I will pair the birch with food for the scented container. There will be a printed sheet available to show what the scented articles are and where located.



No reactive dogs.

All dogs must be dog and people friendly.

All dogs must be on leash.



Session 2 Tuesday CGC Classes

**Congratulations to
these eight teams
who passed their
CGC test!**





Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet

Beyond the Sport of Canine Musical Freestyle

There are so many reasons to train in the sport of freestyle besides competition.

Balanced body conditioning promotes a healthy structure. Our dogs count on our commitment to keeping them strong and agile. Freestyle is one of the few sports that emphasizes working the dog on both sides of the handler. When the dog only works in heel position, the right side of their neck and right elbow is overly compressed while the left side of their neck and left elbow is often overextended. This repetitive use of the unbalanced body can easily be improved by working the dog equally on the right. For example, if I spend most of my training time in heel position, I might consider taking my dog for walks on the right side.

Consider the extraordinary compassion of a therapy dog. Freestyle gives these therapy teams a means to shine by entertaining at their visits. Not only does the audience experience joy, so does the dog. A one minute freestyle routine is a great way to show off all of those obedience skills.

Trick dogs learn how to cover space and continue throughout a movement phrase as opposed to being rewarded after just one move. Studying freestyle gives you that experience to create for your next trick performance title.

What about the rally teams? When we step onto a rally course, our dog is asked to read our body and verbal cues. I feel, as a coach, the greatest achievement freestyle dogs

master is decoding of their handler's body language. Freestyle has many different skills that relate to rally signs.

Conformation teams demonstrate the beauty of moving as one. In freestyle, we move the dog to demonstrate their best gait. Finding a song that matches that gait helps the team lock into that tempo, then the audience can't take their eyes off the dog.

When it comes to obedience, I do not expect any less precision in the sport of freestyle. We are always striving to handle clean and reinforce all of those years of practicing obedience skills.

There is no more beautiful dance, in my mind, than a dog and handler heeling as one.

Finally, and most important, freestyle develops a special bond through respect for our dogs. They are not robots, they are beings with preferences and talents. Dogs are the masters of rhythm and flow. Once we stop demanding and begin working "with" our dog, then the joy in all training increases.

Coming up in session 4 at NVDTC is "Foundations of Freestyle" Tuesdays, from 7:30 - 8:15 pm. For those interested in learning more about the sport of canine musical freestyle email: Judy@DogsCanDance.com/.



9 AM Puppy



10 AM Adolescent



11 AM Puppy

**CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of
our Session 2 graduates!**

**Pictured are graduates from the early
Wednesday puppy & adolescent classes.**



12 Noon Adolescent



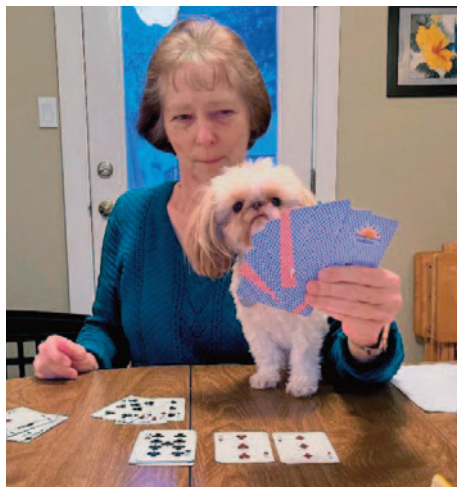
BRAGS

Annika Sabella



Zagreus got Winners Dog / Best of Winners / Best of Breed Owner Handled on Saturday and Sunday at the Lodi show, and only needs one more major to finish his CH. He also ran 26 mph at FCAT! He is also now in the top 15 owner handled Beaucerons in the country for 2023.

Dena Parrish



TzoeY passed her CGC test! She is practicing for rally and in her spare time is learning to play Canasta.

Carol Coawette



Louie received his CGC Title in Hollister on February 17, 2023. He surprised me since it was all outdoors in the midst of lots of dogs, people, and activity all around. Good test,

Have BRAGS?
Submit them to
brags@nvdtc.org

Sue Osborn



At the K9s in the Vines Show in March, Morgan received Reserve on 2 days then Winners, & Best of Breed Owner Handled on Day 4. At the April Salty Dog Cluster, she won Best of Winners & Best of Breed Owner Handled on Day 1. Day 2: Winners, Day 3: Reserve and Day 4: Winners.



Brooklyn passed her Canine Good Citizen Test in Session 2 at NVDTC.

**More brags are at the
end of the minutes
(page 7).**



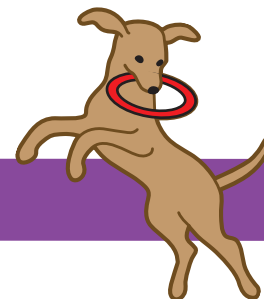
At Hollister AKC Scent Work trial on February 17th, Pierre won his: Master Title in Handler Discrimination and took First Place. Master Buried Title and took Second Place. He already had his Master Container Title and tied for Third Place. He LOVES Scent Work



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2023 Training Session 4

June 5th through July 16th, 2023

Standard Classes run for 6 weeks for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due May 29th.

Registration for Session 4, 2023 classes is ONLY accepted between May 1st & May 22nd.

Except for specialty* & continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY: 707-253-8666**

Monday

ALL scent work classes DO NOT MEET July 3rd.

9:00 am**

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am**

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am**

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm**

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

Classes shown below ALSO DO NOT MEET 6/12 and 7/10.

3:00 pm*

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm*

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm*

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

6:00 pm*

Scent Work

Donna (continued class)

Thursday

10:30 am

Rally – All Levels

Mary

11:30 am

Rally

Mary

5:00 pm

Rally - Novice

Mary

6:00 pm

Rally - Novice

Mary

Tuesday(No classes 7/4)

10:00 am

Good Manners 1**

Mary

11:00 am

Good Manners 2**

Mary

NVDTTC MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE

\$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS

SPECIALTY CLASSES***

from Judy Gamet www.dogscandance.com

Tuesday 3:00 pm Private Coaching – DCD

Tuesday 4:30 pm***

Musical Rally

Tuesday 5:30 pm***

Drill Team

Tuesday 6:30 pm***

Rehearsing

Your Freestyle Routine

Tuesday 7:30 pm***

Learning Freestyle Moves

Schedule subject to change.

Scan QR code for most current digital version of this schedule.



Friday

June 9th, 16th, & 23rd

2:00 pm (3 weeks)*

Confidence Building

Vange

3:00 pm (3 weeks)*

Confidence Building

Vange

6:00 pm (6 weeks)

Good Manners 1

Linda

7:00 pm (6 weeks)

Good Manners 1 Overflow

Liinda

Sunday (3 Weeks*)

June 25th, July 9th, & July 16th

10:00 am

Delightful Distractions

Vange

11:00 am

Mighty Mighties

20 pounds or less at maturity

Vange

12:00 Noon

Fun Games

Vange

Wednesday

9:00 am

Adolescent Dog

Carol

10:00 am

Puppy

Carol

11:00 am

Puppy

Sandy

12:00 Noon

Adolescent Dog

Sandy

5:00 pm

Puppy

Lea

6:00 pm

Adolescent Dog

Lea

Puppy:

12 weeks to 5 1/2 months

Adolescent:

6 months to 1 year

Good Manners:

1 year+

6 Weeks

of Standard Classes:

\$125 (\$60 max in vouchers)

***3 Weeks**

of Standard Classes:

\$65 (\$30 max in vouchers)

****5 Weeks**

of Standard Classes:

\$105 (\$50 max in vouchers)

*****5 Weeks**

of Specialty Classes:

\$115 (\$30 max in vouchers)

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April 10, 2023 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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



www.nvdtc.org/meeting



- I. Call to Order – 6:30 pm
- II. Call for additions or changes to agenda – none
- III. Approval of March 13, 2023, General Minutes – Approved with no changes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Lori Jackson, absent, Sue Osborn gave figures
 - a. Business Checking Account: \$18,302.06
 - b. Business Savings Account: \$22,365.21
 - c. Certificate of Deposit: \$20,215.54
- V. Board Committee and Chair Reports
 - a. President – Mary, nothing to report
 - b. Membership/Vouchers – Lori absent, Mary reported there are 43 members.
 - c. Office – Mary reports class payments due today; Unknown if Vange has changes to her classes due to class counts. Next session opens May 1st.
 - d. Training – nothing to report
 - e. Publicity – nothing to report
 - f. Building – Karen, absent, Mary reported new roof should be done in near future with the rain stopping.
 - g. Newsletter/Website – Sue reports deadline for May-June Newsletter items is April 22nd.
 - h. Hospitality – Thank you to Dena Parrish for tonight's hospitality. Chris Meyer volunteered for the May 8th meeting. Thank you both.
 - i. Sunshine – Debbie Hilton, reports Judy with Dogs can Dance lost Lena
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Agility Equipment Auction – Income of \$245.00 from the auction and disposal of the agility equipment.
 - b. Annual Banquet – May 20th, 1 to 4 pm, Sue will be drafting up a flyer with all the details. Motion made for the club to cover the costs of the tax and tip, Approved

VI. New Business

- a. May Madness rescheduled to June, Instructors to invite their students, more info to follow, no need for anyone to RSVP
- b. JMD Dog Sports approved to use the building on June 3rd and 4th
- c. Training Equipment Wishlist - wish list by May 20th for review by the board

VII. Brags

- a. Dena Parrish and Tozey got their CGC
- b. Carol Colette and Louie got their CGC
- c. Linda Wargo, and dogs had “fun” at a recent AKC agility trial, Happy received his NACSW ORT
- d. Sue Osborn and Morgan received Reserve, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed Owner Handled Group 3 at the Silver Falls KC Dog Show in Salem, Oregon. At the recent Vallejo Dog Show, Morgan received Reserve twice, Winners, and Best of Breed Owner Handled Brooklyn passed the Canine Good Citizen test in Session 2.
- e. Donna Golemon and Tarp earned their second legs in all AKC Novice elements
- f. Mary Ash and Cort finished 3 titles, AKC Novice Interior with a 1st place, Novice Buried title with a 3rd place, also earned his NOVICE EXTERIOR title with a first place.

Dr. Blevis – Here to speak on several subjects.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Golemon – NVDTC Secretary

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

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Rattlesnake Avoidance Training Class

Hosted by Vintage Dog Ranch

May 13th & 14th, 2023

9am-4pm

Classes held at 22071 Bonness Rd. Sonoma

Classes last about 1 hour. Reservations recommended.

Walk-ins accepted based on availability.

There is still availability to sign up for this Rattlesnake Avoidance Training class, Call (707) 938-1173 or email Vintage Dog Ranch at VintageDogRanch@gmail.com to sign up!

If you like to take your dog running, hiking, camping, or hunting, you and your pet are at risk of encountering rattlesnakes! While you might have the sense to avoid one, your dogs natural curiosity puts them at much greater risk of a venomous bite which can cause excruciating pain, permanent physical damage, thousands of dollars in vet care, and even death!

Get Rattled - Rattlesnake Avoidance Training for Dogs uses live, healthy rattlesnakes placed in a variety of scenarios designed to focus the dogs on specific aspects of the rattlesnake, thus teaching your dog to recognize and avoid the sight, sound and smell of rattlesnakes.

For more information from Get Rattled:

GetRattled.Org • 775-234-8844 • GetRattledNV@gmail.com

On Facebook: Facebook.com/GetRattled

YouTube Channel: Search Get Rattled.

Marin Humane expects to offer Rattlesnake Training beginning in June. You can be put on a notification list for start date by going to training.marinhumane.org/oh-behave/dogs/dog-trainingclasses/de-tails/204-Rattlesnake-Avoidance-Class-NOTIFICATION-10151

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Congratulations to all the Session 2 graduates from the Wednesday evening Puppy and Adolescent classes!



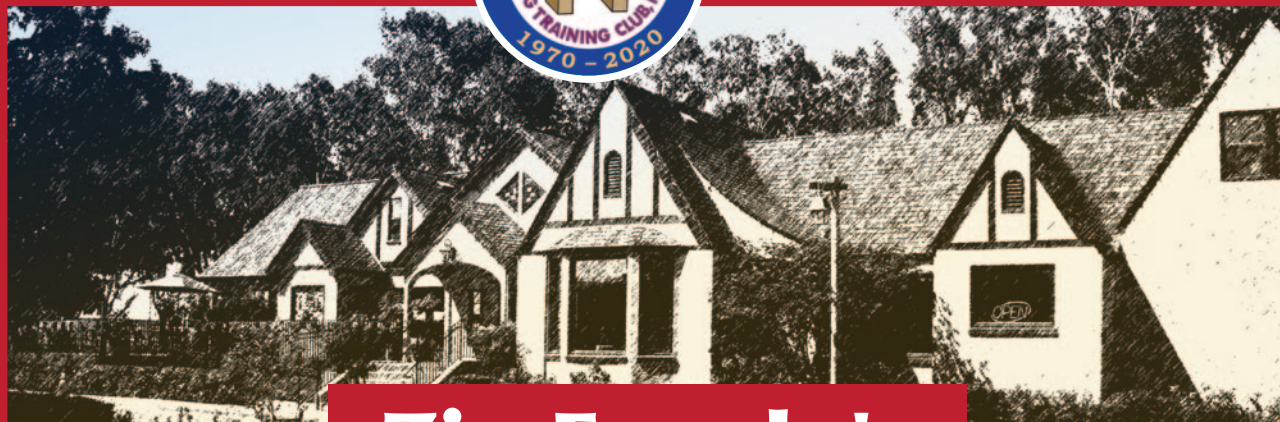
AND congratulations to the graduates from Tuesday morning's Good Manners 1 class!





DOG WASH FUNDRAISER
Leave us the mess!
Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 10 am - 2 pm
at California Pet Hospital
3131 California Blvd Napa, CA 94558

In support of the Napa County Animal Shelter



Zio Fraedo's

Napa Valley Dog Training Club

ANNUAL BANQUET

May 20th, 2023 • **1:00 PM**

Zio Fraedo's, 23 Harbor Way, Vallejo, CA • 707-642-8984

A. Spinach & Ricotta Cheese Ravioli—\$30.95

B. Chicken Piccata—\$35.95

C. Salmon with Garlic—\$40.95

• All entrées served with house salad •

• Complementary appetizers, tea, coffee, & soda •

• No host bar • Anyone bringing wine will pay a \$20 corkage fee •

• Club will pick up tip and tax • Club will provide cake •

Send your check and entrée choice by Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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

Karen Jackson, 36 Buena Vista Ave., Vallejo CA 94590 (OR drop off in Lori Jackson's box).

If you have any questions, e-mail Karen at agmdclrrhen@yahoo.com or call her at 707-644-8530.

Name	Phone	Luncheon Choice			Amount
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		Total Enclosed:			

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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 2023 newsletter
is June 22, 2023.

Send to: editor@nvdtc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FOURTH* Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

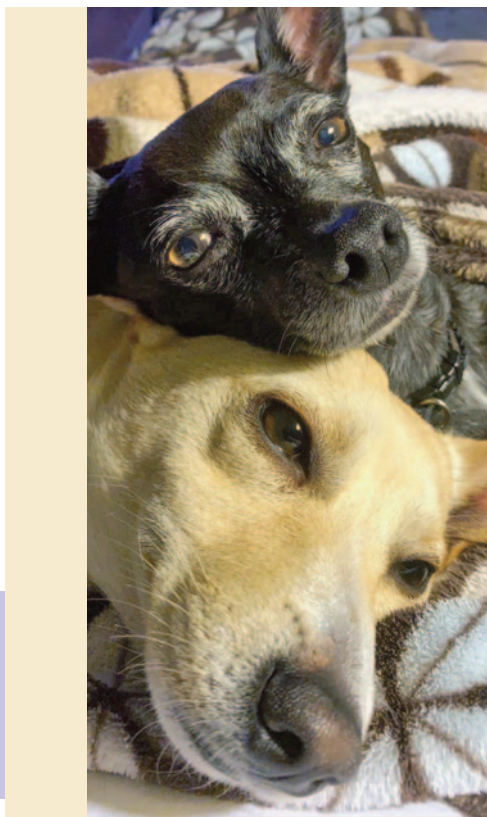
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are available at the club.

Next Meeting:

May 8, 2023

6:30 PM at Clubhouse

Leave dogs at home.



Roxann's Julia
and Tanner
dreaming of
spring!

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

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