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“Bring Your Dog To The Meeting” Night on May 13th for MAY MADNESS!
See Page 4 for Details



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Pawsidential Woofs and Tails



Let's get the thank you and recognition party started! You asked to expand recognition and I am listening. Contact me at president@nvdtc.org and let me know who you want recognized and why. Please make it specific. As someone mentioned during the last general meeting don't just say "So and So" swept the floors for me". Add in why that

was important, for example "So and So" sweeping the floor for me meant that I had time after class to help a student that was having problems." These will all get a mention at the general meeting and the newsletter, and one or more lucky people might score a little swag!

In addition to recognizing folks who do good things for the club and our members and students, I'd also like to talk a bit about listening. Specifically, the concept of Seeking First to Understand, Then To Be Understood, Habit 5 in Covey's The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. I was a 7 Habits fa-

ilitator when I was a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, and this habit hit home more than any other. Why? Because seeking first to understand means you are truly listening so you deeply understand the other person. Most of us have little experience in empathic communication; we seek first to be understood. We want to get our point across. We may pretend to listen while we are thinking of our reply or what questions we are going to ask. So we decide prematurely what the other person means before they finish communicating.

I don't know about you, but I am definitely guilty as charged! And I have seen a number of instances around the club where seeking first to be **understood** has created miscommunication and sometimes even conflict where there didn't need to be. So ask yourself if you are truly listening to others and trying to understand their point of view, or do you have your mind made up and are just waiting to put forth your point of view. Truly listening to someone to thoroughly understand them, and recognizing their contributions can go a long way in improving our camaraderie and creating a positive supportive culture. Let's get going!

Linda Wargo, President

Beginning Scent Work Classes Starting in Session 4!

Mondays at 9 AM and 2:30 PM

Classes start June 3, 2024

Call (707) 253-8666 for sign-up details

- While waiting their turn, dogs need to be okay with waiting in car or need to be crate trained if staying in a crate while inside the dog club.
- Classes are not just held at the clubhouse. Different locations outside of the club are often used to train scent work.
- This is an ongoing class not just six weeks; dogs continue to learn and advance beyond first class in scent work.
- You do not have to trial your dog to take scent work classes.
- Scent work is also good for senior dogs.



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A FINE ANNUAL BANQUET

As the chair for NVDC's annual banquet, I extend a huge thank you to all who were able to join us at La Strada this year on April 13th along with a special thank you to those of you who helped behind the scenes to make this event successful and a lot of fun to put on.

Debbie Hilton and Dena Parrish did an awesome job creating gift baskets. Debbie Hilton, Donna Albini and Scott Pommier were a big help setting up decorations: balloons, flower bouquets, colorful bunnies, and special place holders showcasing each guest's favorite breed.

Thank you to Mary Ash for the gifts for outgoing board members and for the cake.

One enormous round of applause goes to Linda Wargo for all her work and time she spent ordering and organizing award plaques and making sure all the titles earned in 2023 by club members were recognized and celebrated.

Linda reported there were 13 club members earning a total of 111 titles on 22 dogs. Thirteen different breeds competed and represented all seven of the AKC groups plus 2 All Americans. The group with the most dogs was the sporting group. There were 2 non-sporting dogs, 9 sporting dogs, 1 toy dog, 4 herding, 2 working, 1 terrier and 1 hound. There were titles in 10 different activities as follows: 71 awarded for Scent Work, 12 for Agility, 9 for Canine Good Citizen, 8 for Conformation, 3 for tricks, 2 for Rally, 2 for Community Canine Good Citizen, 2 for Canine Good Citizen Urban, 1 for Obedience, and 1 for Barn Hunt.

This year's banquet even included games, two of them. Both were well received especially the one involving each person's favorite breed. Prizes included dog toys and gift baskets.

Sue Osborn, Banquet Chair



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Organized by
Karen
Jackson



It's a "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night" **MAY MADNESS** at Napa Valley DTC on May 13TH – 6:30 PM Treats & Drinks for Attendees.

**PLUS Toys * and Treats for dogs! No competition. Just a night of fun!
Check out all these activities for you & your dog to enjoy!**

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

HOT DOG & DELIVER—There will be sliced hot dogs in floating water. Ask your dog to grab the hot dogs.

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. Extreme credit is due if you can leave your dog in a stay without your dog being held by a helper. If you do not bring a dog, step up to help as a dog holder!

RALLY UH OH—Various signs are used for your dog to traverse the course. There will be Novice signs on the right. More advanced signs will be

Non-member
students
are invited to
attend and join
the fun
(without their
dogs).

on the left. There will be Novice signs through Master signs from AKC; Freestyle; and special signs. Choose the signs you want to follow.

SCENTS & SENIBILITY—Various objects will be placed in a fenced area outside. Have your dog try to find the scented birch object. The birch odor will be paired with food.

SEND SIT STAY—Send your dog to a mat, kennel, hula hoop or a box. You can also send your dog to a table to ask your dog to sit, down, or do a stand. Do a recall or have your dog stay as you walk around the table. Then heel to another game.

WHO NOSE & PUZZLED—There are several puzzles wherein you will place small treats. Have your dog try to find where the treat is. There will also be 3 containers, hide a treat in one of them. Have your dog find which container has the treat.

DOGS MUST BE NON-REACTIVE, PEOPLE & DOG FRIENDLY.

EXCEPT FOR OFF LEASH ACTIVITIES, DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES

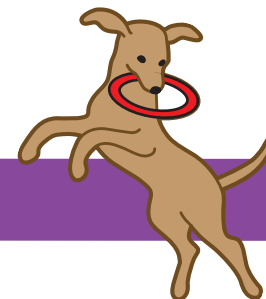
* For those who participate, PLEASE only one toy per family.



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2024 Training Session 4

June 3rd through July 13, 2024

NVDTC Classes run for 5 weeks for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due June 3rd. NO CLASSES JULY 1, 2, 3, & 4

Registration for Session 4 2024 classes is ONLY accepted between May 6th & May 27th. Except for continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY:

707-253-8666

Monday

9:00 am (4 weeks)
***Beginning Scent Work**
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna

***10:00 am (4 weeks)**
Scent Work
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

11:00 am (4 weeks)
***Scent Work**
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm (4 weeks)
***Scent Work**
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna (continued class)

1:00 pm (4 weeks)
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
***Scent Work**
Donna (continued class)

2:30 pm (4 weeks)
***Beginning Scent Work**
6/10, 17 & 24 & 7/8
Donna

5:00 pm (2 weeks)
****Scent Work**
6/17 & 24
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary

12:00 Noon
Adv Obedience
Mary

**Schedule
subject to
change.**

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



Wednesday

9:00 am
Overflow
Carol

10:00 am
Adolescent
Carol

11:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

12:00 Noon
Adolescent
Sandy

1:30 pm
**Strengthening the
Basics**
Vange

5 pm
Puppy
Carol

6 pm
Adolescent
Carol

7 pm
Good Manners 1
Carol

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

7:00 pm
Canine Good Citizen
Mary

Puppy:
12 weeks to 5 1/2 months
Adolescent:
6 months to 1 year
Good Manners:
1 year+

5 Weeks of Classes:

\$125

\$50 max in coupons or vouchers

***4 Weeks of Classes:**

\$100

\$40 max in coupons or vouchers

****2 Weeks of Classes:**

\$50

No coupons or vouchers

MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE \$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS

For all **Dogs Can Dance (Freestyle)** Tuesday classes,
register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715

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Calling All Caring Canines!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding activity to share with your pup?

Volunteering as a Certified Animal-Assisted Therapy Team with Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) might be your next favorite endeavor!

Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) is sponsoring a FREE screening and educational event at Napa Valley Dog Training Club on July 20th from 11am to 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 certified volunteer animal-assisted therapy team.

If you have done some training with your dog, LAPS can help you take



the next step. Volunteers will be on-site to share their experiences with this rewarding work. LAPS teams serve children, teens and adults in Napa and Solano 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, on a 6-ft or shorter leash (no flexi's) and a fabric collar or front-clip harness. Please, NO prong collars, slip collars or head halters.

Details for this event are on our website: LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles.org/.

Find our Facebook page at facebook: facebook.com/LovingAnimalsProvidingSmiles/

Space is limited! Follow this link signup.com/go/WVKsCeF or scan the QR code to reserve your 20-minute timeslot.



How to Calculate Dog Years to Human Years

Since the 1950s, the popular calculation of how old a dog was “in human years” has been that one dog year is the equivalent of seven human years. Even though this formula has been around for a surprisingly long time, the reality is not so cut-and-dried. One explanation for how this formula got started is that the 7:1 ratio seems to have been based on the statistic that people lived to about 70, and dogs to about 10.

As a general guideline, though, the American Veterinary Medical Association breaks it down like this:

- 15 human years equals the first year of a medium-sized dog's life.
- Year two for a dog equals about nine years for a human.
- And after that, each human year would be approximately five years for a dog.

Why Do Smaller Dogs Live Longer than Larger Dogs?

This phenomenon has baffled scientists for years, and research has yet to explain the relationship between body mass and a dog's lifespan. Generally speaking, large mammals, like elephants and whales, tend to live longer than small ones, like mice. So why do small dogs have a longer average life span than large breeds?

Large dogs age at an accelerated pace, and “their lives seem to unwind in fast motion,” according to researcher Cornelia Kraus, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Göttingen in Germany, speaking to Inside Science. Scientists concluded that every 4.4 pounds of body mass reduced a dog's life expectancy by about a month. The reason why is still unknown, though Kraus puts forward several possibilities, including that larger dogs may succumb to age-related illnesses sooner and that the accelerated growth of large dogs may lead to a higher likelihood of abnormal cell growth and death from cancer. Scientists plan future studies to better explain the link between growth and mortality.

Source:

www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/how-to-calculate-dog-years-to-human-years/





BRAGS



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1. Carol Coawette:

Pierre won his NACSW ORT Title at NVDTTC on March 24th. Thank you to Anne Stanley for her excellent handling of him for me! That allowed me to run Louie too, and he succeeded in 2 of the 3 runs; as well.



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2. Dena Parrish:

Tzoy finished her Rally Advanced title at the Lodi show on Thursday April 11th. We are going to try excellent and see how it goes. As long as her tail is wagging and she is having fun we'll keep on going.

For those of you who don't know, Rally is sort of an obstacle course for you and your dog to do as a team. Working your way through the course you follow a series of signs doing whatever task is on the sign in front of you. Since dogs can't read it's up to you to help your dog do the task in front of you. There are sits, downs, stands and all sorts of left or right turns from 90 degrees to 360 degrees and different combinations of these things. All are performed as you maintain proper heeling position. If you decide to compete, you move up through the 5 levels of AKC titles. As you do, things are added like jumps, spins and commands from a distance.

The part I like about rally is that it is a less formal type of obedience competition where you talk to and encourage your dog through the whole course which I find has strengthened my relationship with my dog. Even if you decide competition is not for you, the classes are a fun way to sharpen your obedience skills. Talk to our instructor Mary Ash for more details about classes



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3. Sue Osborn:

Brooklyn recently passed level 1 (aka her first leg) of the DCD-MI freestyle title by scoring 116 points. This was a surprise to me after all her crazy behavior while performing this challenge level for the Dogs Can Dance DCD-MI title. I was sure she would not come even close to 100 points.

For those of you who want to know more about the freestyle titling challenge under Judy Gamet, here you go:

DCD-MI stands for Dogs Can Dance-Music Interpretation. There are two other divisions: Classical (3 levels or legs required for a DCD-CF title and Entertainment (2 levels required for a DCD-ENT title). If a team receives the number of required legs in all three divisions, they will be awarded the CH-DCD champion title.

Brooklyn, Morgan, and I are known as Team Osborn Tänzerinnen and we are currently working on the Musical Interpretation division to earn the DCD-MI title. At least 100 points need to be earned for each of the three levels in the Music Interpretation division to be awarded the title. If 100 points isn't attained, the routine can be presented again after making improvements.

Talk to Judy Gamet of Dogs Can Dance® for more details about her classes and her titling challenges.

Got Brags?

Email to editor@nvdtc.org/.

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April 8, 2024 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

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



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- I. CALL TO ORDER: _6:30 pm__
- II. Call for additions or changes to agenda - none
- III. APPROVAL of MARCH 11, 2024 MINUTES—Linda Wargo
 - A. Approved as Written
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT—Lori Jackson
 - A. Business Checking Account \$15,919.73
 - B. Business Savings Account \$22,367.54
 - C. Certificate of Deposit: \$20,921.00
 - D. February and March Profit & Loss Statements:
 - February. \$2,697.13 YTD loss (-\$1,928.04)
 - March -\$577.42 YTD loss (-\$2505.46)
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE, & CHAIR REPORTS
 - A. PRESIDENT—Linda Wargo
 - AB5 Status
 - No changes.
 - Waiting on quote for Workers Comp Insurance
 - Suggestion to go with State Fund verses our broker
 - B. VICE PRESIDENT—Carol Coawette
 - We have 49 members. Nothing new to report.
 - C. MEMBERSHIP/COUPONS—Carol Coawette/
Lori Jackson
 - Lori passed out board coupons. Members questioned why the board got coupons. Because board does not provide a service so they can continue to receive coupons. Same as getting coupons for coming to meetings. This was from the labor lawyer discussions.
 - D. OFFICE—Mary Ash
 - Carol reported that the payments for the upcoming session were looking good
 - Only had enough signups to have one puppy class in the upcoming session.
 - Discussion about whether the puppy pipeline is drying up ensued.
 - It was noted that we have had this happen before and the solution was to do a publicity push.
 - E. TRAINING—Donna Golemon
 - Donna will be starting at least one beginning Scent Work class next session
 - F. PUBLICITY
 1. It was noted that members need to like and share Facebook posts so they go out to folks who are not in the club
- G. BUILDING—Karen Jackson
 1. Karen reported that she sanitized the crates and was planning on cleaning the fans.
 2. Karen and Roxann provided information on the MSDS labeling project
- H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn
 1. Deadline for May-June newsletter submissions is April 22nd.
- I. HOSPITALITY
 1. Tonight: Linda Wargo
 2. MAY 13, 2024: Karen and Lori Jackson
- J. SUNSHINE—Debbie Hilton
 1. Nothing to report
 2. Linda Luchsinger reported that Maria Giaccio, a former member and assistant, is battling cancer and that there is a go fund me to help her.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Year End Awards — Linda Wargo
 - Linda reported awards have arrived and are ready for the banquet.
 2. Year End Banquet – Sue Osborn
 - Sue reported that 18 individuals were planning on attending the banquet with two additional attendees for the awards portion.
 - There will be games and decorations
 - Thanks to Debbie Hilton and Dena Parrish for doing the gift baskets
 3. May Madness – May 13 2024 – Karen Jackson
 - Karen provided some more detail on the stations for the event.
 4. Updates to Guidelines and Procedures
 - Status of subcommittee to revamp Section XXX-F - Instructor Pay Raises. (Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Roxann Gracia) tabled.
 5. November meeting” bring your dog” for Holiday pictures
 - Linda Wargo and Linda Luchsinger both volunteered photo back drops.
 6. Musical freestyle “bring your dog” meeting with Judy Gamet tentatively planned for August – Linda Wargo
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Discontinuing the Gerry Glantz Memorial Service Award – Linda Wargo

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Agenda items are to be submitted to: agenda@nvdtc.org/ by 12 noon the Friday before a scheduled general meeting. General meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Agendas are posted at www.nvdtc.org/agendas 1 to 2 days before a meeting.

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Take our Survey to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Coupon toward a training class!

We kindly request your participation in our survey to gather vital information and seek your valuable support.

Similar to numerous enterprises, we are currently facing a challenge wherein our monthly revenue falls short of covering our operational expenses. Your thoughtful responses to our survey questions will be instrumental in aiding us to address this issue effectively.

To express our gratitude for your participation, respondents will be automatically entered into a drawing for a discount coupon worth \$50, applicable toward any of our dog training classes.

Thank you sincerely in advance for dedicating your time to this endeavor.

Be sure to watch your email for a link to the survey in the next day or two!

Compete the survey by **May 10th**. Winner will be notified by **May 17th**.



29th All-Breed Rally Trial

Sunday, June 9th

Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club
AKC Rally Trial • Martinez.

Link to the full Premium List:
mddtc.org/files/ugd/757faa_c5ebc7859e35415fa06419850250a557.pdf

Sign up right away. Deadline is May 22nd!

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- Linda reported that the board had discussions about discontinuing the award. After much discussion the membership made it clear they thought the award should stay and that there should be efforts made to thank each other more often. Some ideas expressed were a newsletter section of "Meet the Member" or perhaps determining a member of the month. There was also a discussion about a lack of transparency about what is happening on the training floor and what effort people put in. We will look for ways to improve the award.
 - There was discussion of the reinstating the Member of the month with a certificate.
 - It was also suggested we institute a "Meet the Member" section for the newsletter with a picture of the individual.
 - Linda Wargo asked members to email her at president@nvdtc.org if they want to recognize another member and to please provide detail.
2. RD Winery Opportunity
- RD winery is hosting an event for folks to bring their dog to the winery on Sept 14 from 3:00 -7:00 pm and asked if we wanted to have an information table/booth.
 - Marilane volunteered to take on contacting the winery for more information.

VIII. BRAGS

1. Dena Parrish and Tzoey earned their first two legs in Advanced Rally
2. Carol Coawette and Pierre earned their NACSW Odor Recognition Test Title
3. Carol Coawette and Louie earned two of their three qualifications toward their NACSW Odor Recognition Test.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:32 pm

Submitted by Linda Wargo



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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 an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access recent emails sent out from NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the
JULY/AUGUST 2024 newsletter
is JUNE 22, 2024.

Send submissions to: editor@nvdttc.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 online & at the club.

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Next Meeting:

May 13, 2024

6:30 PM at Clubhouse

*It's a "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting" night.
Join us for some "May Madness" fun!
Details on page 4.*



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!

Email to:

editor@nvdttc.org



Visit NVDTTC on the web for current info & photos at www.nvdttc.org and on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/NVDTTC/.

