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November December 2018

Paisley & Brooklyn
Photo by Tara Griffin

TATTLE TAILS NVDTC Newsletter

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

Mark Your Calendar! Christmas POTLUCK is December 10th!

6:30 pm at the Clubhouse (68 Coombs Street, Building N in Napa)

- All Members, Family and Friends are welcome.
- Please bring a side dish, main dish or dessert to share.
- The club will have plates, utensils, cups
- If you would like to participate in our gift exchange (steal) please bring a gift (gift limit is \$15).



Can You Spot YOUR dog?

Lots of members' dogs and lots of students' dogs are in this edition of the Tattle Tails newsletter. How many can you find?



Is Neosporin Safe for Dogs?



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Trick Title Event Held

Monday October 22, was the night to show your tricks to our AKC evaluator, Mary Ash.

Some of the teams worked on their tricks on Monday evenings with the help of Donna Golemon.

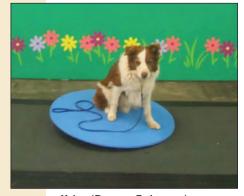
There were five members and two nonmembers who attended this event to make a total of nine teams. And every team earned either a novice or an intermediate AKC Trick Title!

All the new title holders are pictured.

"I really enjoyed working with the dogs and teams for their trick titles. It was fun to watch the progress of the dogs and handlers. After each session, I came home with a smile on my face because it was a rewarding training time by all.

"A thank you to Mary for evaluating and to the group I worked with, a thank you for allowing me to help in your journey. Till our next training adventure!"

Donna Golemon



U-be (Donna Golemon) Intermediate Trick Title





Jacques & Carol Coawette Intermediate Trick Title



Mina & De Brilz Intermediate Trick Title



Koral & Stefanie Meinhardt Novice Trick Title



Chopper & Christy Rose Novice Trick Title



Coco & Carrie Strohl Novice Trick Title



Ginger (Shirley Wong) Novice Trick Title



Csavo & Stefanie Meinhardt Novice Trick Title

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BRAGS





AAINING CLUB









A) Donna Golemon:

Nickel on October 6 and 7 earned the following titles with AHBA (American Herding Breed Association):

HTAD 2 Cattle ,HTAD 2 Sheep, HTAD 2 Goats, HRD 1 Cattle, RHD 2 Sheep, & HRD 2 Goats—All with first places.

4 High in Trials & 3 reserved High in Trials

B) Heather Kearn:

Collina d'Oro Designed by a Hurricane @Bryhe is now a champion!
All Owner Handled.

C) Roxann Gracia:

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My dog Zena received her Novice Title. In addition, Third place in trial for Area Search and Second place in trial for Container Search. Both were awarded with pins for Passive Alerts.



#### D) Sandy Bonifield:

Ink was in the winners circle again in Roseville with a Best of Winners for a 4 point Major. 2 points to go for his Championship. Really fun to show too.

#### E) Sue Osborn:

Brooklyn received her second major at the October 21st Del Valle show—Best of Win-

ners and Best of Breed Owner Handled. She is only one point away from becoming a Champion! Photo by Tara Griffin

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F) Linda Luchsinger:

Teddy was BOV for a 5 pt. Grand Champion major. Pictured with Patricia Elkins.

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October 28, 2018

#### G) Chris Mayer:

Pepper's take for her scent dog work on October 6, 2018. She isn't too worked up about it, but I'm full of myself. She's just full of roasted chicken treats.

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#### **REGISTER ONLINE:**

nvdtc.org/registration.htm Questions?

Call us at 707-253-8666

#### **CLASS FEES**

for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility, Rally, and Special Classes: \$125

Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

#### **CLASS FEES**

for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle and Musical Rally Challenge): \$135

No Discounts

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

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:

**Details:** nvdtc.org/pdfs/

NVDTC\_FeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf







# **Training Session 1, 2019**

## January 7 thru February 16, 2019

One week break before Session 2: (Feb 17 thru Feb 25).)

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| 8:30 am  | Scent Work - Beginning             | Donna     | (continued class) |
| 10:00 am | Adolescent Dog                     | Sandy / K | im                |
| 11:00 am | Puppy                              | Sandy / K | iim               |
| 12:00 pm | Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow) | Sandy / K | iim               |
|          |                                    |           |                   |
| 2:00 pm  | Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching  | Judy      |                   |
| 4:30 pm  | Beginning Freestyle –              | Judy      | (Returning)       |
|          | Puppies & Young Dogs               |           |                   |
| 5:30 pm  | Freestyle Drill Team               | Judy      |                   |
| 6:30 pm  | Musical Rally Challenge            | Judy      |                   |
| 7:30pm   | Scent Work - Advanced              | Donna     | (continued class) |

#### <u>Wednesday</u>

| 9:30 am<br>10:30 am                      | Good Manners 1 Good Manners 2                                   | Marlene / Kim<br>Marlene / Kim   |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>8:00 pm | Adolescent Dog (overflow) Puppy Adolescent Dog Puppy (overflow) | Donna<br>Donna<br>Donna<br>Donna |
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#### **Thursday**

10:30 am Rally (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month) Mary (all levels - continued class)

10:00 – 1:00pm Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White (1st and 3rd weeks of each month)

5:30 pm Rally Mary (all levels - continued class)

7:00 pm Good Manners 1 Mary

**Friday** 

6:30pm Good Manners 1 (overflow) TBA

Schedule subject to change

View Schedule of all 2019 Sessions at: http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/NVDTCTrainingSchedule2019.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 NVDTC 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.

One discount per class. A rescue discount can only be used once.

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September 10, 2018 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

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



### **SLATE FOR 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Linda Luchsinger Vice President: Sandy Bonifield Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt

Secretary: Sue Osborn

**Board Members at Large:** 

De Brilz

**Carol Coawette** Maria Giaccio

November is our election meeting. If there are any other nominations please contact Linda Luchsinger ASAP so we can reflect them in the ballot.

> 2019 **MEMBERSHIP** APPLICATION IS **ONLINE!** Renew Today!

### 2019 Membership

The club's membership renewal form (aka 'application') is now available. Hardcopies can be found at the clubhouse and the digital version is on our website under 'Membership."

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**AKC and Motel 6 offer cost-saving discounts** to AKC registered dog owners. Details can be found on the AKC website.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 6:37
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, and Sue Osborn. Absent: Tandi Blonigen, Maria Giaccio, and-Joy Wood.

#### II. SECRETARY, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the September 10, 2018 general meeting, as published online.

#### III. TREASURER, Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$43,915.77 as of September 30, 2018.
- B. Money Market: \$22,279.34 as of September 30, 2018.
- C. Paypal: \$624.39 as of September 30, 2018.

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

MSC to have a gift exchange at Christmas potluck meeting in December. Gift limit to be \$15.

#### V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

- A. Tonight is "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night" and dog Halloween costume contest.
- B. Mary Ash and Sandy Bonifeld are looking into asking a canine officer to give a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

#### VI. MEMBERSHIP, Carol Coawette/Sandy Bonifield

MSC to accept Chantal Wikstrom as a new member. Chantel has a 9-month-old German Shepherd.

#### VII. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

A. OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield

Sandy welcomed members to volunteer to work in the office.

- B. TRAINING, Marilane Bergfelt
  - 1. Session 7 starts the end of October; the schedule is online and classes will be promoted as much as possible.
  - 2. Sessions 2 & 3 will likely be set up at training meeting on October 24th.
  - 3. Trick Title slots have all filled up for the October 22nd Trick Title event. If interested in a spot, email Donna Golemon.
- C. PUBLICITY, Tandi Blonigen Absent Sue has designed flyers and Marilane is posting them at clubhouse and throughout the community.

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It's time to start thinking about the 2018 Year End Awards.

To be eligible for these awards, a member must have attended 3 general meetings in 2018 and worked at least one major event or on a committee. You must have competed in any venue (agility, obedience, rally, etc.) and received a title in that venue. NVDTC not only recognizes AKC events but mixed breed events as well.

If you competed in a non-AKC event, it must require that you receive at least three legs (or equivalent) in order to title. The official application for year end awards is below, is available in the office and online. If you have any questions please contact Linda Wargo through the club at 707-253-8666.

A PDF of just this form can be downloaded from napadogtraining.org/awards.htm

#### Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2018

HAPA VALLE

You have until December 31, 2018 to complete your titles. However, if you have received awards so far this year, please fill out your paperwork ASAP.

Please fill out all information below. You must fill out a separate application for each individual award.

| Your Name                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Phone: Email:                                                                     |
| Dog's Registered Name (if applicable)                                             |
| Dog's Call Name                                                                   |
| Dog's Breed Variety/Color                                                         |
| Date/Title Received                                                               |
| Title Received (i.e.: AKC Agility Novice Jumper, AKC Champion, CD (Companion Dog) |
| Do you already have a plaque?                                                     |
| Do you only need a new engraving for your existing plaque?                        |

#### Include a separate sheet of paper to tell us about your dog.

To receive your year end award you must have attended at least 3 meetings in 2018 and worked on one event or committee.—*no exceptions*. See Carol Coawette if in doubt about whether you have fulfilled this requirement.

This form must be returned to Linda Wargo, (Forms and plaques can be left at the club in a bag or envelope with Linda Wargo's name on it) no later than **January 5, 2019**.

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## Dog-a-Boo Fun

The October general meeting was a "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night" So what better, being the month of Halloween happenings, then to bring your dog in costume and have a costume contest. And the winners are:















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## MINUTES Continued from page 5

D. BUILDING, Maria Giaccio - Absent There have been issues with flooding water in the bathroom likely caused by neighboring tenant's air conditioning unit. Marilane will contact George from property maintenance.

#### E. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER, Sue Osborn

- Meeting announcement was sent out on September 30th and included info on Trick Title event, Scent Work trial, and proposed slate for 2019 board.
- Deadline for the November-December newsletter is October 20th.
- 3. Scent Work Trial premium is now posted on website.
- Service Award and Year End Award Forms will go in the next newsletter. Sue will contact people involved for details.

## F. ASSOCIATED OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AOCNC)

Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

- Scent Work Seminar held on September 23rd was great; Laurie Leach put on a wonderful presentation providing a wealth of information about the sport of scent work.
- 2. Next quarterly meeting is October 13th in Richmond.
- 3. The Winter Workshop is being organized with date of February 10, 2019.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS-2019 Board Nominations

Nominations presented by the nominating committee are as follows:

- · President: Linda Luchsinger
- · Vice-president: Sandy Bonifeld
- · Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt
- · Secretary: Sue Osborn
- At Large Board Members: De Brilz, Carol Coawette, and Maria Giaccio.

There were no nominations from the floor. Two additional board members needed. Voting will take place at the November general meeting.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS-Sunshine

Sandy Bonifield has agreed to take on the role of sunshine.

#### X. BRAGS

Chris Mayer, Roxanne Gracia, and Sandy Bonifield all had brags.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 pm followed by the Halloween dog costume contest for members and guests, which included prizes and lots of yummy refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Osborn, Secretary

Session 6 Graduates: Tues 10:00 am Adolescent Class, Tues 11:00 am Puppy Class, & Tues 12 Noon Puppy Class







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#### Is Neosporin Safe for Dogs?

Just like their owners, dogs are susceptible to minor injuries and are not immune to getting cuts, scrapes, or burns. But can you use Neosporin® on dogs? The answer isn't completely straightforward. In some instances, applying the topical, antibiotic ointment can help heal your dog's wound, but there are situations when it is not advisable or necessary to use it on your canine companion.

Since most people immediately reach for some type of ointment when an incident occurs, it's not unusual that your first instinct might be to do the same for your dog. But before you go ahead and start applying Neosporin, there are a few things to take into consideration.

With abrasions (scrapes and scratches), you should first clean and flush the wound with soap and water, then rinse thoroughly and pat dry. Your veterinarian should see all puncture or penetrating wounds, including dog bites, as soon as possible.

Neosporin is comprised of three different antibiotics: bacitracin, neomycin, and polymyxin

B. Together, they work to kill bacteria on the skin and prevent topical infection. Dr. Rachel Barrack, a licensed veterinarian, certified in both veterinary acupuncture and Chinese herbology with Animal Acupuncture in New York City, points out that Neosporin has been formulated for people and is not necessarily safe for use on dogs.

"Bacitracin has been deemed safe for use on animals, as has polymyxin B. However, neomycin has been linked to loss of hearing," she says. "This was primarily shown with intravenous use, but it is recommended that you do not administer neomycin topically to your dog without first consulting your vet."

Because Neosporin is topical and applied directly onto the skin, there's always a chance that your dog could have an allergic reaction. It's a good idea to administer a small patch test first. The best way to do this is by picking a small area of skin and applying a tiny

dab of Neosporin, then monitor the area to see if your dog develops a mild rash, redness, or hives.

"Typically, small amounts of Neosporin are not harmful," says Dr. Danel Grimmett, a veterinarian with Sunset Veterinary Clinic in





## Napa Valley Dog Training Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award for 2018:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong since 1970. In 2001, the NVDTC Service Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions. This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner in February, 2018.

# Return completed form by <u>January 15, 2019</u> to Sandy Bonifield,

c/o Napa Valley Dog Training Club, P.O. Box 4097, CA 94558 or leave in club office in envelope with Sandy's box.

A PDF of just this form can be downloaded from napadogtraining.org/awards.htm

#### **Nominations:**

Any member is welcome to make a nomination, and a member may nominate multiple people each year. Nominations must be given in writing and must include the contributions of the nominee.

#### Criteria for the NVDTC's Service Award:

- $1) \ \mbox{Nominee}$  must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTC's bylaws and rules.
- 3) Nominee has contributed to the overall well-being and growth of the club.
- 4) Nominee represents the club in a professional and positive way.

#### Voting:

The Selection Committee is made up of past Service Award Recipients:

Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis, Donna Golemon, Linda Wargo, Deassa Binstock, and Marlene Soldavini. Please note: As committee members—none of these individuals are eligible to receive the award.

| Your name:       |
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| Name of Nominee: |
| Contributions:   |
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#### Neosporin continued from Page 7

Oklahoma. By performing a patch test in advance, you'll know for certain whether your dog can tolerate this antibacterial cream before he really needs it.

The advantage of using Neosporin is that it kills off any live, existing bacteria, and stops them from growing. When applied to the skin, it helps to create a physical barrier against bacteria to prevent them from entering the wound and offers protection against infection. But there are some instances in which applying it to your dog might do more harm than good.

If your dog's wound is located in a spot that's easily reachable, he might try licking the Neosporin off, which not only defeats the purpose but also might make your pup sick.

"The main concern regarding ingestion of Neosporin is the potential impact to the GI flora (normal gut bacteria), resulting in GI upset such as vomiting and diarrhea," explains Dr. Grimmett. "A second potential cause of GI upset would be the lubricant base, which could also give them diarrhea, etc."

You can try covering the area with a sterile dressing, but Dr. Grimmett points out that not all dogs tolerate bandaging,

and the same desire to lick something off their skin will most likely prompt them to chew, as well. "A bandage can act as a tourniquet, reducing adequate blood flow to extremities, if not managed well," he says. "Great care must be taken to prevent any constriction."

Other instances when Neosporin would not be beneficial to your dog are if he is bleeding heavily, the wound is deep, or appears to be severe. In these circumstances, it's important to call your veterinarian or nearest animal hospital immediately for assistance.

While using Neosporin to treat a minor injury to your dog may be fine at times, there are several products that are designed specifically for canines and completely safe, even if ingested.

Whatever type of injury your dog sustains, it's important to first talk with your veterinarian before administering any new medications, especially if they're made for humans. "Your veterinarian is better equipped to treat your dog's potential infections than you are at home," says Dr. Barrack.

By Alexandra Anastasio as published on AKC website/Sep 21, 2018

#### **A Disease Called Trust**

There is a deadly disease stalking your dog, a hideous, stealthy thing just waiting its chance to steal your beloved friend. It is not a new disease, or one for which there is an inoculation. The disease is called "Trust."

You knew before you ever took your puppy home that it could not be

trusted. The breeder who provided you with this precious animal warned you, drummed it into your head. Puppies steal off counters, destroy anything expensive, chase cats, take forever to house train, and must never be allowed off lead!!!

When the big day finally arrived, heeding the sage advice of the breeder, you escorted your puppy to his new home, properly collared and tagged, the lead held tightly in your hand.

At home, the house was "puppy proofed." Everything of value was stored in the spare bedroom, garbage stored on top of the refrigerator. Cats

separated, and a gate placed across the living room to keep at least one part of the house "puddle free." All the windows and doors had been properly secured, and signs placed in all strategic points reminding all to "Close the door!"

Soon it becomes second nature to make sure the door closes nine tenths of a second after it was opened and that it is really latched. "Don't let the dog out" is your second most verbalized expression. (The first is "NO!") You worry and fuss constantly, terrified that your darling will get out and Disaster will surely follow. Your friends comment

about who you love most, your family or the dog. You know that to relax your vigil for a moment might lose Him to you forever.

And so the weeks and months pass, with your puppy becoming more civilized every day, and the seeds of trust are planted. It seems that each new day brings less destruction, less breakage. Almost before you know it, your gangly, slurpy puppy has turned into an elegant, dignified friend.

Now that he is a more reliable, sedate companion, you take him more

places. No longer does he chew the steering wheel when left in the car. And darn it if that cake wasn't still on the counter this morning. And, oh yes, wasn't that the cat he was sleeping with so cozily on your pillow last night?

At this point you are beginning to become infected, the disease is spreading its roots deep into your mind. And then one of your friends suggests obedience classes and after a time, you even let him run loose from the car into the house when you get home. Why not, he always runs straight to the door, dancing a frenzy of joy and waits to be let in. And, remember he comes every time he is called. You know he is the exception that disproves the rule. (And sometimes late at night, you even let him slip out the front door to go potty and then right back in).

Years pass.

It's hard to remember why you ever worried so much when he was a puppy. He would never think of running out the door left open while you bring in the packages from the car. It would be beneath his dignity to jump out the window of the car while you run into the convenience store. And when you take him for those wonderful, long walks at dawn, it only takes one whistle to send him racing back to you in a burst of speed when the walk becomes too close to the highway. He still gets in the garbage, but nobody is perfect

This is the time the disease has waited for so patiently. Sometimes it

only has to wait a year or two, but often it takes much longer. He spies the neighborhood dog across the street and suddenly forgets everything he ever knew about not slipping outdoors, jumping out windows or coming when called due to traffic. Perhaps it was only a paper fluttering in the breeze, or even just the sheer joy of running.

Stopped in an instant. Stilled forever, your heart is broken at the sight of his still body.

The disease is trust. The final outcome--hit by a car.

Every morning for seven years my dog bounced around off lead exploring.

Every morning for seven years he came back when he was called.

He was perfectly obedient, perfectly trustworthy.

He died fourteen hours after being hit by a car.

Please do not risk your friend and your heart.

Save the trust for things that don't matter.

Please read this every year on your puppy's birthday, lest we forget.

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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 <u>CLICKING HERE</u> or by scanning the QR code below.





PAINING CL

Submission deadline for the JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 newsletter is DECEMBER 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. January through November.

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

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Next Meeting: November 12, 2018 6:30 PM

Leave dogs at home.



This edition's special and cute photo is of Nala, photo provided by Marilane.

Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share?

If you send a photo of YOUR dog to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter, on club PR materials or on NVDTC's facebook page!

email to: sueann@napadogtraining.org



Visit NVDTC on the web for the current info & photos: www.napadogtraining.org







