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**TRAINING CHAIR:**  
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**AOCNC REPS:**  
Mary Ash, Sue Osborn

**BUILDING USE COORDINATOR:**  
Sue Osborn  
[nvdtc.org/buildingcalendar.htm](http://nvdtc.org/buildingcalendar.htm)

November-December 2020



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# TATTLE TAILS

## NVDTC Newsletter

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Lea's Puppy Grads

## COVID-19 Times at NVDTC

The coronavirus pandemic is transforming our world in almost every dimension. As we live in this unprecedented time of uncertainty, our approach to so much has changed. Our classes are smaller, limited to four to six students per class, our sessions have been shortened, going from 6 weekss to 4 weeks.

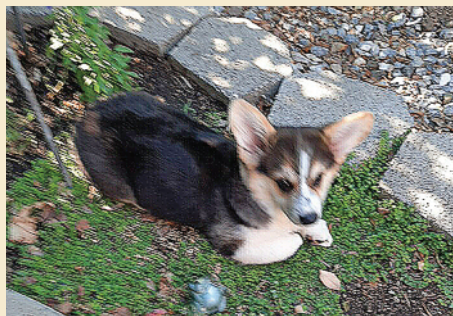
Our staff is being pulled in unexpected directions. Our online registrar is working extra time to handle short sessions, which equates to additional input time setting up classes, taking student information, payments and shot records, our office volunteers spend extra time and extra care returning phone calls, and

our instructors have stepped up to insure the clubhouse is safe by disinfecting between classes, are tightly adhering to keep to the 45 minute allotment set to run each class so students can move in and out without intermingling. Many instructors and staff members are spending more time at the clubhouse in order to handle COVID-19 requirements. When asked to pick up an extra class or two to accommodate the many clients in our community longing to take a class to benefit their dogs and themselves, instructors have stepped up to open up such classes.

NVDTC has just finished its fourth 4-week session of classes during COVID-19 and is thankful to be able to serve our community of dog owners, albeit limited, and still be able to maintain a club that has been around for 50 years.

Students in classes have been very accommodating adhering to COVID-19 requirements, wearing masks, keeping their distance, and in the case of beginning students, have been faithfully watching our on-line videos and coming to class prepared with mats, and dogs who already have pre-basic training competence.





## My puppy showed me how to smile and laugh

during this difficult 2020 year. We were at

the vet for his well puppy appointment. Because of the pandemic, all appointments are curb side drop off. So we were in the parking lot with all the other people in their cars waiting for staff to come get their pet. Nice and quiet UNTIL a sound that only a puppy with big ears could hear made my 16-week-old puppy do a flyover the dashboard hitting all the buttons and levers lighting up the car. The horn honking, all the lights turning on including the flashing hazard lights and the windshield wipers both front and back working like in a rain storm. The parking lot was no longer quiet. Yes there is a puppy in the car. A funny experience that keeps me smiling. Thanks Bixby for the memory.

*Vange Leonis*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# SCENT WORK TRIAL

April 17 and 18, 2021  
at Napa Valley PSI

(Napa Valley Products Services  
& Industries)

We need your help!

Contact **Mary Ash**

## Napa Valley Dog Training 2020 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award:

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 and is now known as the Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award in honor of Gerry Glantz, a foremost, longstanding individual and one of the club's original members who made countless contributions to the club.

This award will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner, which is usually held in February.

### 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) 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 wellbeing and growth of the club.
- 4) Nominee represents the club in a professional and positive way.

### Voting:

**The Selection Committee is made up of the following past Service Award**

**Recipients:** Marilane Bergfelt, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis, and Donna Golemon. Please note: As committee members—these individuals are ineligible to receive the award.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions: \_\_\_\_\_

*Contributions include but are not limited to: Office(s) held; Board/Chair position(s) held; committee(s) worked on; projects for the club; help at the clubhouse/classes/events, etc.*

Return completed  
form by  
**January 15, 2021**  
to Marilane Bergfelt

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

Scanned forms can be sent via email to:  
Marilane at Bergfelt@comcast.net. Title  
the message "Service Award."

Download form by visiting [napadogtraining.org/awards.htm](http://napadogtraining.org/awards.htm)





## BRAGS



### A) Sue Osborn:

Morgan and Brooklyn came home with a nice set of ribbons after going to two shows, one in Reno and the other in Ridgefield, Washington. Morgan scored four 2nd place ribbons in Reno. In Ridgefield, Morgan scored two first place ribbons and a reserve (defeating three bitches). Brooklyn scored two Selects giving her 4 Grand Champion Points.

### B) Carol Coawette:

October 10, 2020 Handler Discrimination Scent Work Trial:  
Jacques took 2nd Place  
Pierre took 4th Place  
and they both received their  
Novice Handler Discrimination Title



### C) Donna Golemon:

New WTCH  
(Working Trial Champion)

Very proud of nickel. Nickel earned her WTCH on October 24, 2020. This title is offered by the Australian Shepherd Club of America.

Nickel also earned Highest scoring Advanced dog over other breeds, which earned her a third belt buckle. Nickel earned a belt buckle for each level: Started, Open and Advanced. The belt buckles are awarded to the highest scoring dog over the 3 days of trials.

In addition to earning her WTCH over the weekend, she earned multiple HIT's, several first places and some second places. Nickel earned them working cattle, ducks and sheep.



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## YEAR END AWARDS



It's time to start thinking about 2020 Year End Awards.

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 will be available in the office and online at [napadogtraining.org/awards.htm](http://napadogtraining.org/awards.htm) very soon.

You have until December 31, 2020 to complete your titles. Forms must be completed and returned to Linda Wargo by January 6, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Linda Wargo at 707-649-0192.

## What's the Difference Between Stay and Wait?

From article by Laurie Luck, Professional Dog Trainer, Smart Dog University, LLC. For complete article go to:  
[https://smartdoguniversity.com/wp-content/uploads/9\\_WaitStay.pdf](https://smartdoguniversity.com/wp-content/uploads/9_WaitStay.pdf)

There are bunnies and squirrels in our yard. I am hoping to avoid the carnage of dogs vs. itty-bitty wild creatures. I tell the dogs to wait while I open the back door and clap my hands several times in warning.

When I'm satisfied that I've sounded the "dogs are coming" alarm, I release the dogs and they're off, bounding into the yard in search of bunnies, squirrels, chipmunks, birds, or whatever else might be spending time in our fenced yard while the dogs aren't looking.

That's a wait—the dogs are put "on hold" briefly while I do something or other, and then I release them from wherever I am. It's definitely not a stay. It's more of a "hang on a minute, we're going to do something, but you have to wait until I'm ready."

My doorbell rings and there's our UPS delivery driver with a package and his trusty clipboard that I must sign. I tell the dogs to sit and stay, and then I chat briefly with the driver while I sign for my package. The door is wide open to the unfenced front yard. I need my dogs to stay in place until I return to them.

That's a stay - the dogs should get

comfortable and not move until I return to them. Stay means "get comfortable, nothing else is happening until I am back by your side."

This article will delve into these two behaviors and explore their differences and why you might want to teach them both to your dog.

**Wait** tells the dog to hang on a minute, I'll be right back to her. It's a sort of pause button. My dogs have learned that wait means that shortly, something else is going to happen. It means "stay tuned, you're going to be asked to do something (or released to do something) in the near future. It helps the dog know that she should stay alert for my next instruction.

I find it helpful to have both a wait and a stay because they are very different behaviors and I have a good use for both.



Waiting for dinner to be served.

**Stay** is different from a wait. Stay means "get comfortable." I use stay in these situations:

- When I'm greeting a visitor at our front door
- When I'm walking out the door or leaving the room and the dogs aren't coming with me

Stay, in my mind, is a more formal behavior than the wait. There's another important distinction between stay and wait. In a stay, my dog never leaves that position until I return to her, release her from the stay, and then we move away together. I don't ever call my dog out of a stay—she stays there 'till return.

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[www.nvdtc.org/meeting](http://www.nvdtc.org/meeting)

October 12, 2020 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

Past and present minutes are  
available online at:  
[napadogtraining.org/meeting/](http://napadogtraining.org/meeting/)

### SLATE FOR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Sue Osborn

Vice President: Sandy Bonifield

Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt

Secretary: Roxann Gracia

Board Members at Large:

Mary Ash

Carol Coawette

Debbie Hilton

Marion Sigel

Past President: Linda Luchsinger

Election of Board of Directors will  
occur at November's general meeting.

2021  
(2 Page)  
MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
(FOR MEMBERS  
ONLY) IS  
ONLINE!

### 2021 Membership

The club's membership renewal form (aka 'application') is now available online. Hard-copies are at the clubhouse and the digital version is on our website under 'Membership.'

NOTE: For members: An electronic version of the 2 page renewal membership application is also included after the last page of this newsletter. If you are not a current member, attend a general meeting to join.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President, Linda Luchsinger, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
- B. Board members present: Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Marion Sigel.

#### II. TREASURER'S REPORT—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. As of October 2nd:
  - 1. Savings: \$22,341.27
  - 2. Checking: \$37,751.76
  - 3. Paypal: \$849.79
- B. One month's past arrears rent has been paid with full October rent.

#### III. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Sue Osborn

MSC to approve September 14, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as published.

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

##### A. PRESIDENT—Linda Luchsinger

###### Property Manager's Written Agreement

- 1. Commencing June 2021, NVDTTC's lease with Sawyer Properties will be a triple net lease, which means as a tenant, NVDTTC will be paying for related property taxes, insurance premiums and maintenance costs.
- 2. Linda has communicated with other businesses in the complex and as of now, none have triple net leases with Sawyer Properties (however may happen when their leases renew).
- 3. Linda's proposal for NVDTTC to pay someone to review our lease to see what can be done about the triple net cost and to negotiate with Sawyer Properties on our behalf was acceptable by those in attendance. Linda will contact a property manager for assistance.

##### B. VICE-PRESIDENT—Sandy Bonifield

No Report.

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### C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS—Carol Coawette

1. Membership applications for 2021 are available at the clubhouse. Current members can download a 2021 membership application from the NVDTTC website.
2. Debbie and Sue are meeting after tonight's meeting regarding update of membership packets

### D. OFFICE—Sandy Bonifield

1. Sandy, Marilane and Mary are taking care of office duties and all is running well.
2. Robin Miller is interested in helping in office. Mary will contact her with details.

### E. TRAINING—Linda Luchsinger

1. Sessions 1 to 3 worked on at recent October 4th training meeting, all three sessions will continue on 4 week schedule with hopes of going back to six weeks in April.
2. Next training meeting is set for Saturday, December 5th at 11 AM at clubhouse.
3. Information about reimbursement form for trainers/assistant dog related classes/seminars has been emailed to instructors and assistants and is available online on the "Resources" page.
4. **Board Approvals from October 5, 2020 Meeting**  
(See attached information sent to all instructors.)
  - a. New registration procedure recommendation from training meeting was approved as follows: "Before the official registration closing date, if a class is not filling to the minimum number of students required for a class to commence, instructors are responsible for contacting Donna to let her know they can find enough students to run the class. If trainer does not contact Donna by official registration closing date, the class will be closed, no exceptions. If contacted by instructor in time, Donna will keep such classes open until start date of class." See attachment for additional information..
  - b. Deadline set for class registration as follows: "Student class payment must be received by

the 26th of the month or student's place will be given to someone on the waiting list."

*See attachment for additional information..*

5. Marilane touched base with Reactive Rovers about training in the NVDTTC building when building is not in use.
6. Mary Ash is checking with Pat White about renewing her contract, which expires in December. If not, other classes can be opened on times/days previously filled with Pat's classes.

### F. PUBLICITY—Marion Sigel

No Report.

### G. BUILDING—Debbie Hilton

1. **Pest Spraying** has been scheduled during Thanksgiving week between 8 and 12 on November 24th.
2. **Rollup Door:** Ross Mini had someone look at our rollup door, a new one to be installed.
3. **Phone/Internet Installation** took place Friday, October 9th.
  - a. There are two Comcast units in the office. One is for phone lines. The other is for the Internet.
  - b. Current login and password for the internet is on the bottom of the larger unit.
  - c. There are two modes for internet connection, a slower one for use with cell phones and a faster one for use with laptops or iPads.
  - d. Debbie has placed an instruction sheet under the Plexi glass on the office desk.

### H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

1. **Submissions for News Items:** October 20th for newsletter & November 20th for meeting announcement.
2. **Forms for Year end Awards and Service Award:**
  - a. Both need to be included in the upcoming newsletter.
  - b. Sue will send last year's Service Award form to Marilane for her to update.
  - c. Need a chairperson for coordinating year end awards before updating form; Linda Luchsinger will check with Linda Wargo.
3. **Class Payment Deadline** as outlined above (Item IV-E-4-b) has been added to registration

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**The holidays are just  
around the corner.**

**So is NVDTC's  
first session of 2021!**

**Be sure to include your pups in  
your holiday plans, sign them up for  
a 2021 session 1 class!**

**Online registration opens December 7th  
and closes December 21st.**

**Class payment is due by December 28th.  
Classes start the week of January 4th.**



## **Dog Aging Project**

*Longer, healthier lives  
for all dogs... and their humans.*

The goal of the Dog Aging Project is to understand how genes, lifestyle, and environment influence aging. The Dog Aging Project wants to use that information to help pets and people increase health span, the period of life spent free from disease.

Dogs vary widely in lifespan, they get the same age-related diseases as humans, they share our environment, and they have a sophisticated healthcare system. These factors allow the Dog Aging Project to study the impact of biology, lifestyle, and environment on health and lifespan. You can read more on their blog post entitled *Dogs Are Science's Best Friend*.

[dogagingproject.org/dogs-are-sciences-best-friend/](https://dogagingproject.org/dogs-are-sciences-best-friend/)

### **Stay and Wait continued from page 4**

This is mostly a safety issue. I know that my dog's stay is rock-solid. She's never practiced leaving that position. Coming to me isn't something we've ever paired together with the stay. Here's the point: you don't want to put your dog on a stay, walk to the mailbox, and then—before you know it—see your dog in the road because she thought you were going to call her and just came running. If you routinely call your dog to come to you from a stay, that situation could very well be a disaster in your future because the dog could easily anticipate your call and leave the safety of the stay.

### **Is A Stay Always Longer Than a Wait?**

The difference between the two has less to do with the amount of time staying or waiting, and more with what happens after the stay or the wait. In the wait, the dog stays more alert, watching and listening to you for what to do next. In the stay, the dog knows that he's staying put until you return to him.

I think of stays as more relaxing for the dog. She is free to daydream, sleep, or watch what you're doing.

She knows that she doesn't really have to pay attention until you return back to her side. It's like telling her she's off-duty until you're back by her side.



"I've been listening to many webinars about canine health and behavior over the past+ year. The one thing I keep hearing from professionals and researchers is that they have not found a causation between serious canine health issues and diet, sterilization, vaccinations, etc. That is what encouraged me to enroll Aeronaut in this study as a puppy. Of course he is one of the less popular breeds and his breed lines are easy to trace. This made him interesting to the study. However, the project accepts mixed breeds and dogs of all ages.

"Dog owners, living in the US, can nominate their own pet(s) for this long-term project. Periodic emails are sent, asking questions for the study. And some pets are selected for additional research, depending on what the team is finding from questionnaires. There is no cost to owners to participate and the time to respond to emails is minimal."

Marilane Bergfelt



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page on website (as well as to DogBizPro registration responses to students).

4. Sue will begin posting agendas along with item submission deadlines on the NVDTTC website at [agendas@nvdttc.org](mailto:agendas@nvdttc.org).

### I. AOCNC—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash

The 2021 Winter Workshop likely will not happen—waiting on confirmation from reps.

### J. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Debbie Hilton for the Halloween decorations and goodies for tonight's meeting!

### K. SUNSHINE

On behalf of the club, Sandy sent a card to Debbie Crain for her loss of Mayo.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Scent Work Trial—April 17 & 18, 2021

1. Committee for scent work trial: Mary Ash, De Brilz, Donna Golemon, Roxann Gracia, and Sue Osborn.
2. One judge has been confirmed. Because of limited availability, a second judge may need to be come from out of the area resulting in hotel expenses.
3. Volunteers from the club needed, exact number to be determined when closer to trial dates. Suggestion is for a club member to be contact person for signing up volunteers; there will also be an outside person to manage and organize volunteers.
4. Parking will be set up for social distancing.

### B. Nominations for 2021 Board

Following nominations were presented by the

nominating committee: President, Sue Osborn, Vice President: Sandy Bonifield, Secretary: Roxann Gracia, Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt, Members at Large: Mary Ash, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Marion Sigel, Past President: Linda Luchsinger. No nominations from the floor. Election will be held at the November general meeting.

### C. Joy Wood Memorial Ideas

1. Canopy over Rollup Door—Tabled until next meeting.
2. Mary Ash is still checking on planting of tree in Joy's memory.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Rental of NVDTTC Building

Mariah Kelin, Cal Fire Academy, interested in using the NVDTTC building for one day for an in-person workshop. Linda will contact them for more details and to find out if they are non-profit.

### B. Year End Banquet

MSC to plan a year-end banquet keeping in mind COVID-19 implications. .

## VII. BRAGS

Carol Coawette, Robin Miller, and Sue Osborn.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50 PM.

Respectively submitted by Sue Osborn,  
NVDTTC Secretary

Attachment:

New Registration Procedures

(See online version to view attachment.)



Graduate Jackson from Kim's Wed puppy class

## Congratulations to all our Session 6 graduates!

All pups from our beginning classes receive a certificate and a cute, squeaky toy upon graduation. Be part of the next round of happy grads by signing up for session 1 in 2021!

Registration for session 1 opens December 7th and closes December 21st. Classes fill quickly so mark your calendar. Our session 1 schedule will be posted on our website soon. In the meantime, set up your online registration account ahead of time to give yourself a jumpstart when you go to sign up for a class. To set up your account, visit:

<https://nvdttc.dogbizpro.com/Public/Registration/Register.aspx>



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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 rattlesnake  
aversion or 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  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021 newsletter  
is DECEMBER 20, 2020.

Send submissions to:  
[sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org)



**Momma Journey  
with one of her  
one-week-old pups.**

**Photo courtesy of  
Malina Tzartzanis.**

**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  
NVDTTC's facebook  
page!**

**email to:**

**[sueann@napadog-  
training.org](mailto:sueann@napadog-training.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 December.

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



Visit NVDTTC on the web for  
current info & photos:  
[www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)





# NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

P O Box 4097, Napa, California 94558 ~ (707) 253-8666

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: \$35.00

Monthly meetings are held the second  
Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS ONLY  
RENEWAL**

# 2021

Please, no dogs at  
the meetings.

### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Information you provide is used only by Napa Valley Dog Training Dog Club  
and is not sold or given to third-parties unless required by law.

NAME:	HOME PHONE:
STREET	WORK PHONE:
CITY, STATE, ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

**BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE CLUB NEWSLETTERS & NOTICES.**

☐ Please check here if you do not wish to have your address printed on the published membership list.

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:

NAME OF OTHER DOG CLUBS WITH WHICH  
YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED:

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR DOGS

CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		
CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		
CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		
CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		
CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		
CALL NAME:	SEX:	AGE:
BREED:		

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS AND/OR EXPERIENCE

Please indicate any area in which you have interest and/or experience and would be willing to help the club.

<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting Training Classes
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Serving as a Club Officer or Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Web Experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Office work/Phones	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping with Trials/Workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

## IMPORTANT

\*\*\* BE SURE TO READ AND SIGN AGREEMENT ON PAGE 2 OF THIS FORM. \*\*\*

\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE. \*\*\*



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To Promote responsible pet ownership by offering classes for the community in dog obedience and handling; to educate our members about responsible ownership of dogs; to advocate for the protection and well-being of all dogs; and to adhere to the guidelines of the American Kennel Club in our activities.

## **VISION**

To provide dogs and their owners with the best possible training in an atmosphere of courtesy and respect.

## **CODE OF SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

MEMBERS SHALL:

- 1.) Commit themselves to the values of fair play, honesty, and courtesy to all others.
- 2.) Welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the club and participants to dog related events.
- 3.) Respect the AKC and NVDTC Bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- 4.) Reject behavior that discourages achievement of the Mission Statement.
- 5.) Always consider as paramount, the safety and welfare of all dogs and handlers.
- 6.) Reject any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- 7.) Respect differences in opinions, training goals, and privacy of all others.
- 8.) Show grace while winning or losing during competition or receiving constructive criticism.

Copy of the Complaint Process is available in the office at any time.

## **AGREEMENT**

By signing my name below, I acknowledge the dogs listed on this form are currently inoculated for DHPP and Rabies. Furthermore, I agree to hold the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Inc., Owner(s) of the Property, and/or other Business/Operations, and the Members, Governors, Officers and Employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the actions of these dogs, myself or my guests, while in or upon the training premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto. I personally agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or damage to me, my guests or these dogs by disappearance, theft, injury, death or otherwise, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, injury, death or damage be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of any other person, or by any other cause or causes.

In addition, by signing my name below I am acknowledging I agree to abide by the Mission Statement, Vision and Code of Sportsmanlike Conduct (as shown above), the insurance release, the AKC rules, the Napa Valley Dog Training Club Constitution, and Bylaws.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEMBERSHIP SPONSORS (For New Members Only)**

SPONSOR #1: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR #2: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BOX BELOW IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

DATE OF MEETING ATTENDED:	PAID BY	CASH		CHECK		
CLASS ATTENDED:	AMOUNT: \$	CHECK #				