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## NVDTC Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

# Christmas POTLUCK

## December 13th!

**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, please bring a gift (gift limit is \$15).

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## Using Western Herbal Medicine For Your Pet

By Dr. Kimberly Schmidt, DVM, CVA, CVWHM, CVCH, CVFT

About the author: Dr. Schmidt is a veterinarian, animal acupuncturist, herbalist and food therapist. She decided to open Napa Valley Holistic Veterinary Services in 2016 to bring the benefits of holistic medicine to as many patients as possible, integrating these therapies into their traditional veterinary care.

Throughout history herbal medicine has been practiced in many regions of the world, in almost every culture. Western Herbal Medicine is a title recently used to differentiate herbalism based on Anglo-American traditional herbal medicine from other systems of herbal medicine such as Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine and Ayurvedic Medicine (originating from India). Western Herbal Medicine is practiced in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, The United

Kingdom, The United States and Western Europe.

Western Herbal Medicine focuses on restoring the body to a state of wellness by using a combination of herbs

(herbal “prescription”), generally given by mixing in your pet’s food. Herbs can be used for virtually any ailment. Unlike pharmaceutical drugs which often mask the symptoms of disease, herbal medicine aims to bring the body into a state of health and vitality. Herbal medicine looks at the whole patient, taking into account their mental state, environment and family unit rather than just focusing on a particular disease process. This concept is known as “holism.” It also acknowledges that there is a vital force, or energy, present in a living being, and when the body is sick this force is not at its strongest. The body can often heal a great many ailments when given the opportunity with proper food, herbal medicine and emotional care.

Although herbs have been used for centuries, modern day research now allows us to understand how many of them work on a molecular level. Echinacea purpurea, for example, is an herb traditionally used to treat colds and flu. Through scientific studies we now know that it activates dif-

ferent components of the innate immune system, such as neutrophils, macrophages, polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs) and natural killer (NK) cells. (2)



In veterinary medicine herbs can be used alone or in combination with medications. Sometimes using herbs and drugs together can give a better outcome than if either are used alone (such as in cancer treatment). Herbs can also protect from the side effects of pharmaceutical drugs when they are used together! Milk thistle, for example, when used in combination with Metronidazole to treat the intestinal parasite Giardia in dogs, helps dogs to have a better appetite and lose less weight during treatment vs. when Metronidazole is used alone. (1)

Although using herbs in animals is very safe, there are potential interactions between herbs and certain medications. St. John’s Wort, for example, is known to interact with certain medications used for behavioral modification in dogs such as Prozac (fluoxetine). Using the herb and drug together can increase serotonin to dangerous levels in the brain causing serious side effects. (3) This is why it’s always very important to work with a trained veterinary herbalist when using herbs for your pet. Herbalists know which herbs and drugs shouldn’t be used together and they also know the appropriate doses of herbs to use or what combinations of herbs to use together to make sure the chances for any side effects in your pet is very low.

I hope this has helped you to understand the concept of Western Herbal Medicine and how it can be safely and effectively used to treat your pet!

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Photos for this article from <https://pixabay.com/>

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## HALLOWEEN FUN



Thank you to Debbie Hilton and her team of helpers for organizing a great Halloween party! Thank you to Marilane and Sue for the photos!

After the meeting, costumed dogs and their handlers marched in a parade taking them through obstacle course around the room as judges Sandy, Carol, and Sue determined who would be the winner for each of a number of different categories. Not easy to choose considering all the unique and creative costumes, bees being the buzziest. And the winners were:

**Cutest Costume:** Tayler Renshaw & Ben Shelby with Whidbey dressed as a pumpkin.

**Funniest Costume:** Linda Luchsinger with Lola.

**Most Creative Costume:** Bunny

Lincoln with her Australian Shepherd dressed as a Serial Killer.

**Scariest Costume:** Marion Sigal with Jewel.

**Best Group Costume:** Sara DeCreval, the beekeeper with some of the cutest little bees ever.

**Most Original Costume:** Paula Segal, another bee, with her own little bee.

**Craziest Costume** went to yet another dog dressed up as a bee.

In addition to each category winning a ribbon and a bag of prizes, three winners were randomly selected to win cute toys for their pups.

Plus a special cake to celebrate Napa Valley Dog Training Club's win by being voted as Napa Valley's Finest Non-Profit was served.





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## Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



### Training through the holidays

The holidays present challenges, but also opportunities! Some say they are way too busy to train over the holidays. Others, like myself, find their profession takes a break and slows down for a few weeks. Throughout the year, I am dedicating my time to other teams, the holidays are my turn! Here are a few hints to help you stay on track with your training over the holidays and into the New Year!

#### 1. Set a date with your dog.

It doesn't have to be a long time, even five minutes will count toward "money in the bank" so to speak, when it comes to accomplishing your team's goals. I specify a time on my calendar a few days a week to dedicate to my team's training. Make it an appointment that you refuse to break. Working from home? How about the first five minutes of your lunch hour? Working away from home? Dedicate five minutes before you leave for work so that your dog and your heart will have peace of mind through the whole day.

#### 2. Prepare treats ahead of time.

Spend fifteen minutes cutting up treats to freeze in individual snack bags for each training session and put them in the freezer. Pull it out when you leave the house to train, or ten minutes before your "date" and you are prepared! This simple step has helped me more than any other.

#### 3. Lock yourself down to one goal, one criterion.

What one thing do you want to improve upon in your training session? When you are pressed for energy or time, bring your mind down to just one element to accomplish. You will both feel the satisfaction of that accomplishment instead of being overwhelmed or disappointed. Dogs want to feel confident. You have that control within your goal setting!

#### 4. Finally, set up your play list ahead of time.

Unless you are training a specific routine as we often do in the sport of freestyle, use the music that inspires YOU! Go back in time to a period of your life where you felt "unstoppable." That's the attitude your dog wants from you!

I hope this inspires you to continue training through the next two months. Your dog and you deserve it. Next newsletter topic: "The Magic of Training with Music."

**If you enjoyed this viewpoint, consider signing up for "Better Healing with Music" starting Session 1 in 2022. Tuesday nights, 6:30pm**

**Questions? [Judy@DogsCanDance.com](mailto:Judy@DogsCanDance.com)**

## Make a Dog's Day Celebrated



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Napa County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and their support organization, Friends of the Napa County Animal Shelter. You made a dog's day!

Three large boxes were filled with over 80 items and were delivered to the shelter for National Make a Dog's Day.

This year's National Make A Dog's Day was October 22nd and provided an opportunity to give many dogs the best day of their lives.

Thank you to Marilane for organizing this drive, followed by collecting, and delivering the donations.



**"No man can follow a rollicking, bungling, and overjoyous pup all day without laughing a lot and crying a little."**

**Havilah Babcock**



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## WHEN VISITING MY HOUSE, PLEASE REMEMBER:



If you don't like dog hair, stay off the sofa.

To you I am the dog, but here I am the baby.

I live here. You are the guest.

They like me more than they like most humans.

You will be sniffed & possibly licked. deal with it.

They love me, they are only friends with you.

## The holidays are just around the corner.

### So is NVDTC's first session of 2022!

Be sure to include your pups in your holiday plans, sign them up for a 2022 session 1 class!

Online registration opens November 22nd at 8 AM and closes December 13th at 9 PM.

Class payment is due by December 20th.

Classes start the week of January 10th.

Class schedules: [nvdtc.org/classes.htm](http://nvdtc.org/classes.htm)

## Napa Valley Dog Training 2021 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: Debbie Hilton, Marilane Bergfelt, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sandy Bonifield, and Vange Leonis. 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, 2022 to Debbie Hilton by

- 1) Mailing to  
Debbie Hilton  
625 Stonehouse Drive  
Napa, CA 94558 OR
- 2) Leaving in the Building  
Manager's mailbox in the  
NVDTC office OR
- 3) Scanning and emailing to  
[mhpelps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhpelps@sbcglobal.net).

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





## BRAGS



### Carol Coawette

On October 16, 2021 in Lodi:

Jacques won his AKC Scent Work Advanced Handler Discrimination Title AND took 2nd Place.

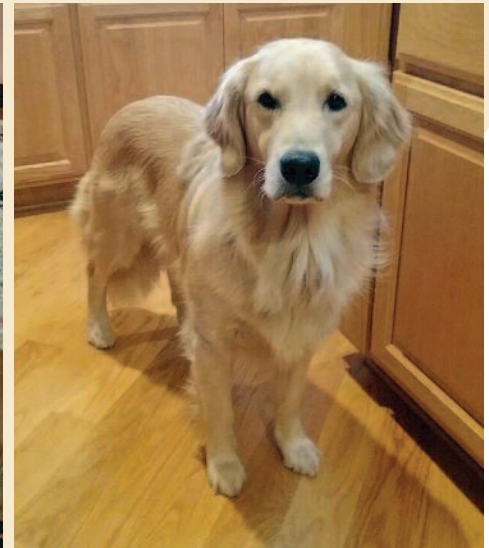
Pierre won his AKC Scent Work Advanced Handler Discrimination Title AND took 4th Place.



### Roxann Gracia

Tanner participated in his very first Scent Work Trial.

He entered 4 events: Interior, Exterior, Containers and Buried. He qualified in all four and placed second in Containers and Buried, by finding the hides in 4 seconds and 7 seconds while competing against 24 other dogs. (He missed first place by only 0.06 seconds!) Off to a good start in his career. (Here he is capturing his favorite duck!)



### Donna Albini

A little brag – our girl VeeVee passed her CGC test earlier this month at Pets Lifeline.

Pets Lifeline is a rescue shelter in Sonoma and they also offer classes in dog training.



### Donna Golemon

On October 10th, after two + years with doing no scent work trials, we took the plunge. Nickel earned her second leg in Advanced buried with a 3rd place and her 1st leg in Excellent containers.

Then on October 16th, we trialed for the first time in Handler Discrimination. We earned 2 legs, one with a 3rd place. Picture is of her boxes from the HD trial her ribbons– and my scented socks. Nic is doing a freeze on the sock.

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## YEAR END AWARDS

It's time to start thinking about the 2021 Year End Awards. To be eligible for these awards, a member must have attended one general meeting in 2021. You must have competed in any venue (agility, obedience, rally, scent work, etc.) and received a title in that venue. NVDTTC 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 and is available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wargo at 707-649-0192.

**A PDF of just this form can be downloaded from [napadogtraining.org/awards.htm](http://napadogtraining.org/awards.htm)**

### Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2021

You have until December 31, 2021 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 1 meeting in 2021 — no exceptions. See Carol Coawette if in doubt about whether you have fulfilled this requirement.

*This form must be returned to Linda Wargo, 230 James Road, American Canyon, CA 94503 (OR 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 6, 2022.*



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MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
(FOR MEMBERS  
ONLY) IS  
ONLINE!

## 2022 Membership

The club's membership renewal form (aka 'application') is now available on-line. Hardcopies 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.

## Dog Food Recall Alert

Fromm Family Foods is recalling approximately 5500 cases of its canned dog food entrees because they may contain high levels of vitamin D. According to the Food and Drug Administration, high levels of vitamin D can lead to kidney failure and death in dogs.

Some nearby locations where Fromm Family Foods are sold:

- Western Ranch in Vacaville
- The Pet Shop in Vacaville
- Mugay's Boutique & Bakery in Vallejo
- Higbys Country Feed in Dixon
- Pups n Purrr in Benicia
- Pawsarotti's in Santa Rosa

Reference:

[www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall-alerts/](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall-alerts/)



October 11, 2021 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

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



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

- I. Call to order: 6:33 pm
  - A. The Board received a letter of resignation from Roxann Gracia. Marilane Bergfelt is taking tonight's minutes.
  - B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Marilane Bergfelt, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Linda Luchsinger and Sue Osborn.
- II. Treasury Report as of September 30, 2021
  - A. Savings at \$ 22,345.25
  - B. Checking at \$43,332.60
  - C. PayPal at \$2,620.34
- III: Corrections to September 13, 2021 minutes. Under 'Sunshine' names should be noted as: Judith Judson Baker and De Brilz. Minutes approved with changes.

### IV: BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. PRESIDENT - Sue Osborn
  1. So happy to see our members and pets participating in tonight's Halloween Costume Contest. Thank you, Debbie Hilton, for organizing !!
  2. Celebrating winning the 2021 Napa Valley's Finest, Local Nonprofit Category with a specially decorated cake.
  3. The Board approved the following voucher increases:
    - Donna Golemon and Anne Stanley will receive voucher amounts of \$60.00 per session, effective immediately. This matches office helpers and training assistants.
    - Board members will receive \$150 in vouchers / year, starting next year, January 2022.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT – Sandy Bonifield  
Have a good time at the party tonight and please attend the November, Annual Meeting.
- C. MEMBERSHIP - Carol Coawette  
Welcome to our new member Ron Sundred and his Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

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### D. OFFICE - Mary Ash

The current helpers are doing great, and the office is running well.

### E. TRAINING – reported by Sue Osborn

1. Session 7, 2021 and Sessions 1 and 2 for 2022 have been set.
2. Staffing:
  - Donna Albini and Bunny Lincoln are currently participating in Wednesday morning classes as provisional assistants.
  - Application from Jyl Wilkinson was received. She is interested in teaching starting in 2022. Jyl has been asked to observe classes and give feedback to the Training Committee.
3. Refund and Class Credit Voucher Requests: The Board approved the return allowing instructors the discretion of handling credit vouchers and refunds for the first 3-weeks of each session. Requests made after that time will go to the Board.

### 4. Stand Alone Classes

This is a new option, for a stand-alone, one-time class. Board approved an instructor could reserve Club with Building Use Coordinator, collect registration paperwork and collect \$25 fee in cash or check (no discounts or vouchers accepted). Minimum of 4 dogs needed for the class and instructors could charge their current fee.

### F. PUBLICITY - Marilane Bergfelt

1. Fliers for the upcoming session and special classes were made and shared with staff for current classes.
2. Facebook is kept current with this same information and ‘fun stuff’.
3. Thank You to everyone who has brought items for ‘Lets Make a Dog’s Day’. Additional donations welcome. Last day to bring items in October 21st. Delivery to shelter will be October 22nd.

### G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton

Wheels on the rolling stairs have been fixed.

### H. WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER – Sue Osborn

Report tabled to make more time for party.

### I. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Debbie Hilton and the Shelby Family for our treats and drinks.

### J. SUNSHINE – Debbie Hilton

A donation was made to Ripple Effect on behalf of De Brilz’s family.

### V: OLD BUSINESS

- a. Farm Dog Title event has been cancelled.
- b. Joy Wood Memorial – the club has provided \$200 for a tree planting in Joy’s honor.

### VI: NEW BUSINESS

1. A subcommittee was created to review current class registration process and make recommendations. The committee is: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Judith Baker and Linda Luchsinger.
2. The 2022 Membership Applications have been updated and copies available at the clubhouse.
3. Building Use –
  - a. The rental rates for the clubhouse have been Board approved as: Nonprofit is \$40 for half day and \$75 for full day. All other groups are now \$150 a day.
  - b. Irish Terrier Club will be renting the building on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. 2022 Board of Directors Nominations.

No new nominations from the floor. Sue reminded members that they can send their nominations to her at any time. Voting will take place at the November General meeting. Current nominations are:

Officers:

President, *Open*

Vice President, *Open*

Secretary, *Open*

Treasurer, Lori Jackson

Board Members at Large:

Past President, Sue Osborn

Training Chair, David Le Count

Office, Mary Ash

Building Manager, Debbie Hilton

Publicity, *Open*

### VII: BRAGS

- Mary Ash’s Kit and Donna Golemon’s Nickle did well at a recent scent work trials.
- Sue Osborn’s Brooklyn received the official AKC paperwork noting her as a Grand Champion.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 – followed by Halloween & Costume Party

*Submitted by Marilane Bergfelt*

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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 2022 newsletter  
is DECEMBER 20, 2021.

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



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

68 Coombs Street #7, Napa, CA 94559 ~ (707) 253-8666

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: \$35.00

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

**MEMBERS ONLY  
RENEWAL**

**2022**

Please, no dogs at meetings unless notified otherwise.

### 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:		

### 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 NVDTTC 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: _____
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### **BOX BELOW IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

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