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Mary Ash, Office  
Debbie Hilton, Building

**NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:**  
Sue Osborn

**BUILDING GROUP  
USE COORDINATOR:**  
Debbie Hilton

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

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information for above members

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## NVDTC Newsletter

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### FOR NVDTC STUDENTS and MEMBERS! Get Your Dog's Holiday On

by having a FREE\* Christmas photo taken  
of him or her on November 20th at the club!



See page 2 for time & details.

### Mark Your Calendar! Christmas POTLUCK is December 12th!

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

- All Members, Family and Friends are welcome.
- Please bring a side, 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 (\$20 gift limit).





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## Dogs and Pack Mentality in the Household by Pam Hair

Most experts agree that dogs descended from wolves.

We've all heard about wolf packs. Behavior of wolves in the wild is governed by their position in the pack (like the alpha). Those ideas seem to be generally accepted in the domesticated dog world as well, but exactly how similar they are is still widely debated.

### Wild Wolf Packs

Wolf packs in the wild consist of a mated couple and their offspring from up to three prior years. As the wolves mature, they leave and form their own packs. Much of the study of wolf behavior, though, came as a result of watching captive wolves where multiple adults of the same age were housed together. Since this is a situation that would never arise in the wild, there's some question as to how valid this research truly is. There's a school of thought that since dogs are descended from wolves, they also have a pack mentality. But that's not universally believed, either. And since the information we have on wolf pack behavior may be somewhat erroneous, can we apply any of those beliefs to dog behavior anyway?

### A Human's Place in "The Pack"

Many people contend that dogs consider themselves and humans part of the same pack. But others contend dogs know full well their humans aren't other dogs. Humans don't look like dogs, they don't smell like dogs, they don't act like dogs, and they certainly don't communicate like dogs. However, most agree there is definitely a social hierarchy among dogs. Whether this exists separately from a pack mentality, in addition to it, or is simply another name for the same thing, one thing is certain: you can use it to your advantage when living with your dog. Dogs acknowledge a leader. In a one-dog family, the dog can (and should) recognize one of the humans as the leader. If the dog lives in a household with a mother, a father, and some children, the dog will often accept the parent that the children go to for guidance and permission as the leader. In families with multiple dogs, there will be an alpha dog for dog dealings, although the alpha may vary from day to day, or based on the circumstances. But they should still acknowledge a human in the family as their leader.

### Inducting A New Member to the Pack

When you bring a puppy home, you need to establish yourself as the leader. Set rules and expect him to abide by them. Puppies are taught that there are rules and that breaking rules have consequences by their dog mothers. You can build on that teaching by establishing and enforcing the rules. However, from humans, dogs respond better to positive reinforcement than negative, so try to praise and reward your puppy for his positive behavior



**DETAILS For  
"Get your  
dog's  
holiday on"  
Photo Event**

**First Come.  
First Serve.**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022  
1:00 to 4:00 PM**

**Free Christmas Photo Session**

**Location: Napa Valley Dog Training Clubhouse  
68 Coombs, Building N in Napa • [nvdtc.org](http://nvdtc.org)**

Fill out the form below and bring with you and your dog.  
Dogs must be both people and dog friendly and be on leash.  
**Photos will be emailed to the email address you provide below.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (PRINT CLEARLY):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Coloring \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 Training Session 1

### January 9th through February 18th, 2023

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

Registration for 2023 Session 1 classes is ONLY accepted between Nov. 14th and Dec 5th.

Except for specialty\* & continuing classes, registration is by phone ONLY:

**707-253-8666**

### Monday (4 Weeks\*\*)

(1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6)

9:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

10:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

11:00 am

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

12:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

3:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

4:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

5:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

6:00 pm

**Scent Work**

Donna (continued class)

### Thursday

10:30 am

**Rally – All Levels**

Mary

11:30 am

**Rally – Overflow**

Mary

5:00 pm

**Rally - All Levels**

Mary

6:00 pm

**Rally - All Levels**

Mary

7:00 pm

**Good Manners 1**

Mary

### Tuesday

10:00 am

**Good Manners 1**

Mary

11:00 am

**Good Manners 2**

Mary

### Wednesday

9:00 am

**Puppy**

Carol

10:00 am

**Adolescent Dog**

Carol

11:00 am

**Puppy**

Sandy

12:00 Noon

**Adolescent Dog**

Sandy

4:00 pm

**Ado Small Dog**

**RETURNING**

20 pounds or less at maturity

Vange

5:00 pm

**Puppy**

Sandy

6:00 pm

**Adolescent Dog**

Sandy

### SPECIALTY CLASSES\*\*\* from Judy Gamet [www.dogscandance.com](http://www.dogscandance.com)

**Tuesday 3:30 pm Private Coaching – DCD**

**Tuesday 4:30 pm\*\*\***

**Musical Dynamic**

**Rally Challenge**

**Tuesday 5:30 pm\*\*\***

**Drill Team**

**Tuesday 6:30 pm\*\*\***

**Creating Your Routine**

**Tuesday 7:30 pm\*\*\***

**Better Heeling to Music**

**Schedule subject to change.**

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



### Friday (3 Weeks\*)

(1/27, 2/3 & 2/10)

1:00 pm

**Confidence Building**

**Puppy**

Vange

2:00 pm

**Confidence Building**

**Adolescent**

Vange

3:00 pm

**Confidence Building**

**Good Manners 1**

Vange

### Sunday (3 Weeks\*)

(1/29, 2/5 & 2/12)

10:00 am

**Strengthening the Basics**

Vange

11:00 am

**Mighty Might**

20 pounds or less at maturity

Vange

12:00 Noon

**Delightful Distractions**

Vange

**Puppy:**  
12 weeks to 5 1/2 months

**Adolescent:**  
6 months to 1 year

**Good Manners:**  
1 year+

**MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE \$10 DISCOUNT PER CLASS**

**6 Weeks of Standard Classes:**  
\$135 (\$60 max in vouchers)

**\*3 Weeks of Standard Classes:**  
\$65 (\$30 max in vouchers)

**\*\*4 Weeks of Standard Classes:**  
\$85 (\$40 max in vouchers)

**\*\*\*6 Weeks of Specialty Classes:**  
\$135 (\$40 max in vouchers)



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## Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet



## Here Come the Holidays

Opening Scene: Fade in “Over the River and Through the Woods” music...

Bella the Rottweiler: I do love the holidays. The long car rides to family gatherings, food slipped under the table by the youngest children: but I sure miss that special time training with my special human. She tells me she just doesn't have time to train today, and then another week goes by, still no training. Next comes the promise that after the New Year we will commit to training again. Coach Judy, can you give us some suggestions so that the holidays are both fun and productive?



Coach Judy: Sure Bella, as you know, it's not the amount of time you spend in training, but rather it's the event itself that gives you both contentment. Remember any training, even a few minutes is like depositing money in the bank, say committed and results will follow. Let's take a look at

From the Dogs Can Dance playbook... Each day, pick any one of these ideas:

1. Write out five skills you want to improve upon and write them on 5 flash cards. Shuffle the cards and let your dog pick one. Spend 2-3 minutes training that one skill during a commercial break of that holiday Hallmark movie. Have those small bags of treats ready for the week so the preparation won't give you an excuse to skip the training.

2. Ask your human “what gets the yes” or reward marker. It might be different each day, that's ok. See how many times you can earn that “yes” and then reward in 2 - 3 minutes. Bella, it's not hard if your human is specific and clear with their intent. Have your handler watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/GXXliETdEmo>

3. Have your handler pack some training treats in the car. When running an errand, when you find an open parking lot, jump out and do 2-3 minutes of training. The new location is a great way to work on focus. Go ahead, blast that holiday music while you train.

Here's another example: <https://youtu.be/Mvml8Yyfu8k>

4. Make a date with your handler to attend the **Dogs Can Dance Holiday Freestyle Workshop** on Sunday, December 4 from 3:00 - 4:30. It's a no-stress fun workshop based upon the song “Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” Learn some freestyle moves, work on focus, and clean up your body language. It's a great way to kick off the holidays! \$30 per team or bring a friend for \$50. Sign up by emailing [Judy@DogsCanDance.com](mailto:Judy@DogsCanDance.com)

Bella, I hope this gives your human some fun ideas to keep them motivated to train through the holidays. It will keep you sharp and give you both that contentment that we all need at this time of year. That quality time is a priceless gift!

Have a wonderful holiday season,  
Judy Gamet, CPDT-KA, IACP member

## Where's Rawldo? Contest #5

Find Rawldo in this newsletter (other than the image of him at right) and email [rawldo@nvdtc.org](mailto:rawldo@nvdtc.org) by OCT. 13th to correctly identify where you found him for a chance to be entered in a drawing to win a certificate for a 11" x 14" pencil drawing of your choice of an animal or a person. Winner will be announced at the OCT. 14th general meeting. Must be a NVDTTC member who has not won before and be present at the Oct. 14th meeting to win.

**Christy Rose was the winner of “Where's Rawldo Contest #4!”**





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## HALLOWEEN FUN



After our October 10th general meeting, costumed dogs and their handlers marched in a parade around the room as judges David and Sue determined who would take home a ribbon from one of eight different categories. Not easy to choose considering all the unique and creative costumes there were! The winners were:

**Cutest Costume:** Dena Parrish with Mmys in little girl's dress..

**Funniest Costume:** Donna Golemon with Ubi as an airplane pilot.

**Most Creative Costume:** Pauline Seago with dogs dressed as bugs.

**Scariest Costume:** Mary Ash with Kitt dressed as a devil.

**Best Group Costume:** Alissa Azevedo as a witch with dog Honey as a frog.

**Most Original Costume:** Grey Nelson with exact matching red hair dog.

**Craziest Costume:** Neanna Gracia with Tucker in Hawaiian sweater.

**Weirdest Costume:** Sara Decreal with 18 year old sleeping dog (slept throughout the whole meeting and festivities).

Thank you to Debbie Hilton for the great Halloween decorations. Thank you to Heather Azevedo and Pauline Seago for the fabulous Halloween themed refreshments! Thank you to Sue and Marilane for the photos!





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**Congratulations to all our  
Session 6 Graduates!**

**Pictured:  
Wednesday PM Good Manners 1 class.**

More graduation pictures on pages 8 & 9.



## The holidays are just around the corner.

### So is NVDTTC's first session of 2023!

**Be sure to include your pups in  
your holiday plans, sign them up for  
a 2023 session 1 class!**

**Online registration opens 12 NOON November 14th  
and closes December 5th.**

**Class payments/shots are due by December 12th.**

**Classes start the week of January 9, 2023.**

**Visit <http://www.nvdtc.org/registering-for-classes/>  
to register.**

## Napa Valley Dog Training 2022 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award:

Thanks to the work of devoted members our club has remained strong since 1970. In 2001, the NVDTTC 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 NVDTTC's Service Award:

- 1) Nominee must be a current club member and in good standing.
- 2) Nominee must follow and uphold NVDTTC'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:** Sue Osborn, 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 16, 2023  
to Sue Osborn by**

**1) Leaving in the Past President's  
mailbox in the NVDTTC office**

**OR**

**2) Scanning and emailing to:  
[sue.osborn49@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.osborn49@yahoo.com)**

**Download form by visiting <http://www.nvdtc.org/club-awards/>**

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## YEAR END AWARDS

It's time to start thinking about the 2022 Year End Awards. To be eligible for these awards, a member must have attended one general meeting in 2022. You must have competed in any venue (agility, obedience, rally, scent work, 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 and is available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wargo at 707-649-0192.

**Forms are also available in the club office plus a PDF of just this form can be downloaded from <http://www.nvdtc.org/club-awards/>**

### Napa Valley Dog Training Club Year End Awards Application 2022

You have until December 31, 2022 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 2022—no exceptions. See Lori Jackson 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, 2023.**

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

2023  
(2 Page)  
MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
(FOR MEMBERS  
ONLY) IS  
ONLINE!

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

The club's membership renewal form (aka 'application') is now available. Hardcopies are at the clubhouse

**NOTE TO MEMBERS:** The 2-page renewal membership application is also included after the last page of this newsletter.

And a digital version is on our website: [www.nvdtc.org/membership/](http://www.nvdtc.org/membership/).

Scroll to bottom of page for link to renewal application.

If you are not a current 2022 member, attend a general meeting to join.

## Grads from AM Wed. Session 6 Ado.



October 10, 2022 General Meeting

## MINUTES (unapproved)

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

**Note: Provided attachment not included in this newsletter. See online version to view.**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by Interim President Mary Ash. Additional Board members in attendance were Debbie Hilton, Lori Jackson, David LeCount and Sue Osborn.
- II. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
- III. The September 12, 2022 General Meeting minutes were approved as written. (MSC)
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT-Lori Jackson
  - A. Business Checking Account: \$39,019.64 as of 10/10/22
  - B. Business Savings Account: \$22,364.10 as of 10/10/22
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS
  - A. President-Mary Ash  
No report
  - B. Membership/Vouchers-Lori Jackson  
No new members joining tonight.
  - C. Office-Mary Ash  
Session 7 registration going well. Still need volunteers to work in the office.
  - D. Training-David LeCount
    1. Next Training Meeting will be Oct 27 at 5PM.
    2. New "Student Assessment Waiver" was displayed. It's for Instructors to have potential students sign when they bring their dog in to be evaluated for class placement.
  - E. Publicity  
NVDTC will have a booth at Hall's Winery Harvest Hounds Fund Raiser Event for Napa Humane to be held on Nov. 5, 22. Debbie Hilton, Sandy Bonifield, Linda Luchsinger and Jennifer Vaughn have volunteered to "man" our booth.
  - F. Building-Debbie Hilton  
Pest Control Spraying will take place on Oct 21. The building will be closed until 5:30.
  - G. Newsletter/Website-Sue Osborn
    1. Service Award and Year End Awards Forms will be included in next newsletter.
    2. November-December Newsletter Deadline is October 22 for items to be submitted.
  - H. Hospitality
    1. Tonight's fabulous Halloween themed refreshments were provided by Heather Azevedo and Pauline Seago. Thank you!
    2. November hospitality volunteers are Mary Ash and Dena Parrish.
  - I. Sunshine-Debbie Hilton  
The Club will send our sympathies to Bobbie Honsvick and family on the loss of her son-in-law, William.

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## VI. OLD BUSINESS

2023 Board Nominations were taken from the floor tonight (as there was no one who volunteered to be on the nominating committee).

- A. President: no nominations/nominations closed (MSC).
- B. Vice President: no nominations/ nominations closed (MSC).
- C. Secretary: no nominations/nominations closed (MSC).
- D. Treasurer: Lori Jackson nominated (MSC).
- E. At large directors: \*
  - 1. Mary Ash nominated (MSC)
  - 2. David LeCount nominated (MSC)
  - 3. Karen Jackson nominated (MSC)

\* ( At large directors positions are generally Training Chair, Publicity Manager, Office Manager and Building Manager. 2023 President will determine which positions the directors will be assigned to.)

- 4. Past President: remains Sue Osborn

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

## VIII. BRAGS

Several members shared accomplishments tonight.

- A. Linda Wargo with Happy (her cocker spaniel) received:
    - AKC Scent Work Interior Advanced Title
    - AKC Scent Work Exterior Advanced Title
    - AKC Scent Work Containers Advanced Title
    - AKC Scent Work Buried Advanced Title
    - AKC Scent Work Advanced Title
  - Linda Wargo with Bill (her golden retriever) received:
    - AKC Scent Work Interior Excellent Title
    - AKC Scent Work Containers Excellent Title
  - B. Anne Stanley with Fig (her terrier mix) received:
    - An Animal Actor Certification
  - C. Roxann Gracia with Tanner (her Portugese Podengo Pequeno) received:
    - AKC Scent Work 2nd leg in Advanced Containers
    - AKC Scent Work 2nd leg in Advanced Exterior
  - D. Chris Mayer with Pepper (her Chiweenie) received:
    - AKC Scent Work Containers Excellent Title
    - AKC Scent Work Exterior Excellent Leg 3rd Place
    - AKC Scent Work Buried Leg
  - E. Mary Ash with Pi (her Aussie) received:
    - 1st Place Obedience Novice Trial 1
    - 1st Place Obedience Novice Trial 2
  - Mary Ash with Cort (her Aussie) received:
    - 4th Place Obedience Beginning Novice Trial 1
    - 1st Place Obedience Beginning Novice Trial 2
- Congratulations to all!

## IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:08 PM followed by refreshments and the Halloween Costume Contest.

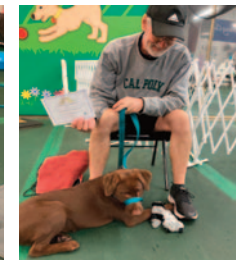
Minutes submitted by,  
Debbie Hilton

## Pack Mentality *Continued from page 2*

more than you punish him for bad behavior. You can show your dog you're the leader by feeding him on a schedule you set, not when your dog requests food (unless he's just reminding you that suppertime was at 7:00 and it's now 7:15). You tell your dog where to sleep and whether or not he can get on the furniture. If he's lying in the middle of the floor, nudge him out of the way or tell him to move instead of walking around him or stepping over him. Make it clear in a loving but consistent fashion that he will obey your rules. Older children should be taught the rules the dog is to follow, so they also reinforce the rules when an adult is not around. Young children should not be left alone with a maturing dog until you are certain the dog understands that even this small human has a higher standing in the social hierarchy than the dog. Dogs want to please their humans and love being part of a human family. They are social creatures and prefer being part of a group, which is why they are such loyal companions. By giving your dog boundaries, leadership, guidance, and love, both you and your dog will have the relationship you desire. ([Website Source](#))

*Author Pam Hair is a pet industry copywriter with Fuzzy Friends Writer, where she combines her three passions: a love of animals, a strong desire to help other people, and the joy of writing. She has been a pet parent over the years to dogs, cats, and a variety of rodents. Currently she and her husband share their home with two guinea pigs.*

## Grads from AM Wed. Session 6 Puppy



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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 [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 newsletter  
is DECEMBER 22, 2022.

Send submissions to:  
[editor@nvdtc.org](mailto:editor@nvdtc.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 NVDTC's facebook page!

email to:

[editor@nvdtc.org](mailto:editor@nvdtc.org)

### Scheduling of Board Meetings:

Board meetings are open to all members and are scheduled on the *FIRST* Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

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



Visit NVDTC 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

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: \$35.00

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

**MEMBERS ONLY  
RENEWAL**

# 2023

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: _____	

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

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