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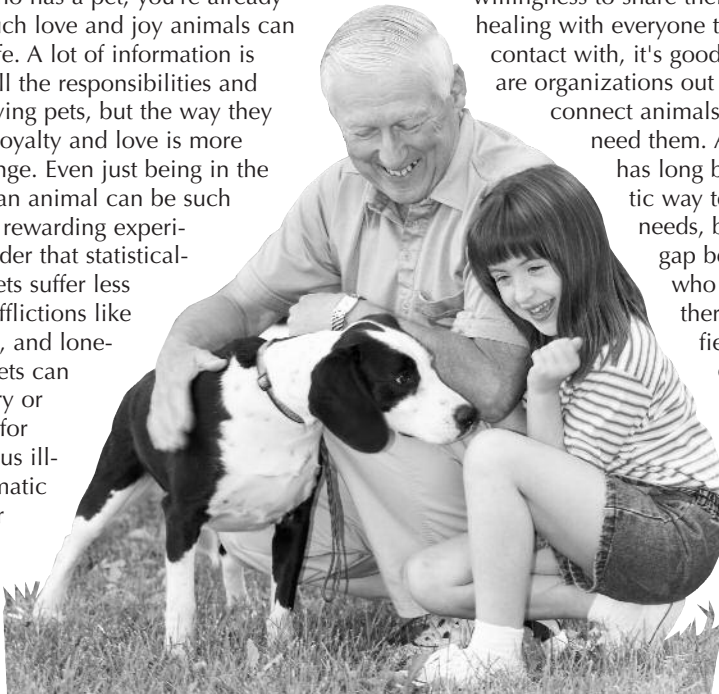
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by Alexis James

Loving Animals Providing Smiles: Improving People's Lives Through Therapy Animals

As someone who has a pet, you're already aware of how much love and joy animals can bring into your life. A lot of information is out there about all the responsibilities and obligations of having pets, but the way they pay you back in loyalty and love is more than a fair exchange. Even just being in the same room with an animal can be such an enriching and rewarding experience. It's no wonder that statistically, people with pets suffer less frequently from afflictions like depression, stress, and loneliness, and that pets can help with recovery or coping strategies for people with serious illnesses, post-traumatic stress disorders or disabilities.

Given this wonderful power that animals have, and their unending



willingness to share their love and healing with everyone they come into contact with, it's good to know that there are organizations out there helping to connect animals with the people who need them. Animal-assisted therapy has long been accepted as a fantastic way to help people with special needs, but there has always been a gap between the number of people who could benefit from this type of therapy, and the number of qualified animal-assisted therapy teams out there who are ready to help.

Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) is an organization that is doing its best to close that gap, by providing therapy animals in any situations where they are needed or could be helpful. This usually involves taking dogs to the people in need, but dogs aren't the only

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Join us for a Presentation on
October 11, 2010

by **Kelly Tracey**,

Napa County Animal Shelter Supervisor

*Learn about new micro chips,
new County ordinance on
license fees, the spay/neuter
fund and volunteering.*



NVDTC AGILITY TRIAL A SUCCESS!

by Mary Ash

Our 2010 Agility Trial was a success! Financially we did great. With a few things still to be paid it looks like we are close to a profit of \$2,500. This is impressive since we were sure we were going to be lucky just to break even. *Continued on page 3.*

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Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N

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Officers

President: Mary Ash
Vice President: Sandy Bonifield
Treasurer: Lori Jackson
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members

Janet Davis
Gerry Glantz
Lynda Rhyno
Teresa Russell

Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



2010 TRAINING SESSION 6

Subject to Change

October 18 through December 10
(7 Weeks)

Week off between sessions 5 & 6: Oct. 11-16

Thanksgiving week off: Nov. 22-26

Monday

6:00 p.m.	Conformation	Michelle & Arlene
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Tuesday

5:00 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Lea
6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Kelly
7:00 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Linda
8:00 p.m.	S.T.A.R. Puppy	Laura & Linda

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	Novice/CGC	Marlene
10:00 a.m.	Good Manners 1	Marlene
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners 2	Marlene
6:00 p.m.	Advanced Agility	Joy
7:00 p.m.	Intermediate Agility	Joy
8:00 p.m.	Jumpers 1	Laura

Thursday

9:00 a.m.	Intro to Rally	Mary
10:30 a.m.	Rally	Mary
11:30 a.m.	Rally	Mary
6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
8:00 p.m.	Intro to Rally	Mary

Friday

5:30 p.m.	Competition Obedience	Teresa
6:30 p.m.	Puppy	Lynda
7:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Lynda

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2011 All 2011 Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 1: January 3 — February 11, 2011

Session 2: February 21 — April 1, 2011

Session 3: April 11 — May 20, 2011

Session 4: May 30 — July 8, 2011

Session 5: July 18 — August 26, 2011

Session 6: September 5 — October 14, 2011

Session 7: October 24 — December 9, 2011



Class Fees:

Members* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

All sessions run 7 weeks, one time per week at the day & time shown for 50 minutes.

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

*Members can earn vouchers to offset the cost of classes.

Details: www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm

NVDTC AGILITY TRIAL A SUCCESS

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I cannot thank the members who worked enough. A big thank you to the following for all their help:

Gerry Glantz, Charlie & Christy Rose, Bobbie Honsvick, Anita Boyce, Marcie Neller, Anne Moya, Bobbie Sundrud, Lea Ronald, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Katherine Rhyno, Gary Walker, Teresa Russell, Sandy Bonifield, Sue Ingalls, Sue Osborn, Linda Luchsinger, the Paltrineri family and the Gordon family.

Also thank you to the Agility Trial Committee: Laura Ecklin—Chief Ring Steward, Joy Wood—Chief Ring Steward, and Dee McNeil—Raffle Coordinator.

Whether you volunteered for both days, one day, or even half a day the trial would not have been the success it was without your help.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year—time to pay membership dues.

Continue the camaraderie members enjoy.

Forms can be picked up at the club.

Also, remember, if dues are not paid by January 1st, you cannot earn vouchers.

You Can Help Create Care Packages for K9s and Their Handlers Deployed Overseas

Vange Leonis is organizing the creation of care packages consisting of treats and toys to send to K9s deployed overseas.

The K9 handlers need items too; individually wrapped candies (no chocolate), drink mix packets, gum, paper, pens, baby wipes, crossword puzzles, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, eye drops, nasal spray, deodorant, disposable razors, shave cream/soap (in tubes or boxes, non-aerosol), cotton swabs, baby powder, foot powder, sun block (spf 45), hand & body lotion, bug spray (non-aerosol), mouthwash, toothpaste, floss, multi-vitamins, breath mints/strips, cough drops, nail files, nail clippers, cotton balls, moleskin, shoe insoles (gel type), pocket tissues and Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or aspirin packets.

Please all toiletries should be **TRAVEL SIZE.**
NO HOTEL SAMPLES.

Vange will set up a box at the club for members for the above listed items.



September 13, 2010 NVDTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Janet Davis, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, & Teresa Russell. Absent: Laura Ecklin.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the August 9, 2010 general meeting as published in the September newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Chase Checking: \$14,828.66
- B. Napa Community Bank CD: \$11,628.34
- C. Chase Money Market: \$8,945.91
- D. Lori posted report of detailed expenditures on board at club.
- E. M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS, Sandy Bonifield
Kelly Tracey from the Napa Animal Shelter will be the speaker for the October meeting.
- B. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn
Deadline for newsletter articles and information is the 20th of the month.
- C. TRAINING, Teresa Russell
Jim Spiva was approved as a provisional trainer.
- D. BUILDING, Gerry Glantz
If nothing is scheduled, M/S/C for use of building for a Collie puppy match by Collie Club on February 13, 2011.

V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- A. Quarterly meeting is scheduled for October, NVDTC is hosting.
- B. AOCNC's free seminar is on track for September 26.

VI. HOSPITALITY

Tonight is the annual barbecue potluck. Barrie Gordon and Lynda Rhyno volunteered to bring goodies for the October meeting.

VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy

Nothing to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash, November 6, 2010
 - 1. Premium is completed and is going out with the VDTC premium; should be in the mail by the end of the week.
 - 2. Vallejo DTC will be providing jumps and baby gates.
 - 3. Worker sign-up sheets are now posted.
 - 4. Money can donated for food.
- B. Agility Trial, Mary Ash
 - 1. A check for \$3000+ was received from Lorrie Abbot.
 - 2. Not having to order \$700 worth of ribbons and renting only half the field reduced trial expenditures.
 - 3. There are still some outstanding bills to pay and ribbons that need to be purchased.
 - 4. Overall, NVDTC made only a little less than 2009.
- C. Nose Work Seminar, Mary Ash and Diane Parness
NVDTC made \$750 on this seminar.
- D. Nominations
 - 1. Appointment of a nominating committee was overlooked at the August general meeting.
 - a. Board appointed Sue Osborn as chair of the nominating committee.
 - b. Sue selected two committee members: Marlene Soldavini and Vange Leonis.
 - 2. Sue Osborn presented the following slate of nominees at tonight's meeting:
 - President: Mary Ash, Vice-President: Gerry Glantz, Secretary: Sue Osborn (see #3 below), Treasurer: Lori Jackson, At-Large Board Members: Teresa Russell, Barrie Gordon, and Beth Schutz.
 - 3. Office positions have a three-year term limit. If there are no nominations for an office by the end of the October General Meeting, the incumbent officer, if agreeable and with a quorum vote of the Board, may continue to serve in their position for an additional year. Sue has, without question, reached this limit therefore nominations for secretary are encouraged and welcomed at the October general meeting.

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ones who can help—LAPS animal can be cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, horses, llamas, pot-bellied pigs, birds, or any other kind of animal. LAPS therapy teams are comprised of volunteers and their own pets. The teams go through rigorous training to ensure that they maintain the standard of excellence that LAPS clients are accustomed to, and that safety and commitment are top priorities.

LAPS began in 2001 as the brainchild of three individuals who wanted to bring the miracle of animal-assisted therapy to the entire Napa Valley area. These three founding members each had a long history of personal animal-assisted therapy experience, as well as pet training experience, and backgrounds in administration and education. These areas of expertise were perfect to build a foundation from which a quality animal-assisted therapy organization could be born.

The LAPS assertion that all kinds of animals can be helpful in the therapy process has been what makes this organization more unique in its approach to therapy work.

As an organization, LAPS has three main goals: to bring animal-assisted therapy wherever it is needed, to increase the number of trained and registered animal therapy teams in the community, and to increase awareness amongst the general public regarding the positive effects that animals can have on human development. To achieve this, volunteers must be serious about their dedication to the organization, and must have an attitude toward animal therapy that demonstrates the utmost compassion and respect for those in need of care. In short, LAPS therapy teams are skilled, loyal, and enthusiastic about their work.

LAPS has a history of working with many different kinds of groups in order to help animals help people. For example, LAPS

4. A fourth At-Large board member was not selected. Therefore it is important that members step up and make nominations at the October general meeting.
5. Nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer will present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Point Isabel Fun Day

1. The possibility of setting a fun day for club members to just get together with their dogs at Pt. Isabel in Richmond was presented to members.
2. This would not be a meeting and there would be no credits or vouchers involved.
3. Tabled until next spring.

B. Care Package for Overseas Military Canines & Their Handlers

1. Vange is looking at putting together care package
 - a. Similar to what the San Lorenzo Dog Club has done.
 - b. She will set up a box at the club for members to add items to.
2. Information and details of items members can donate will be published in the October newsletter.

X. NEW MEMBERS—None.

XI. BRAGS—Pat Martin, Karen Jackson, Anne Moya, Christy Rose, Teresa Russell.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 p.m. followed by NVDTTC's infamous barbecue. While everyone enjoyed hamburgers and yummy dishes provided by members, Karen Jackson passed around her survey on May Madness events and Vange Leonis showcased the video of dog dancing performed at the Auburn Horse Show in June.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary

teams have worked with special needs children for over 10 years, providing animal-assisted therapy for kids with special needs. Other programs for minors include sessions for troubled teens and juveniles, which focus on teaching kids the value of unconditional love, and how to communicate feelings and thoughts in positive ways. There is also a program called CAPERS (Children and Pets Enjoy Reading Success), that provides personal reading assistance to kids in elementary school.

But kids are certainly not the only ones who can benefit from animal assistance. Elderly people in assisted-living or nursing facilities often find themselves with nothing to think about except their circumstances, and dwelling on this can lead to various emotional and physical health issues. In these cases, LAPS teams can come in and give these individuals some mental "time off" from the stresses and

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Election of 2011 Officers & Board Members

The nominating committee presented the following slate of nominees for 2011 officers and board members at the September general meeting:

President: Mary Ash

Vice President: Gerry Glantz

Secretary: Sue Osborn

Treasurer: Lori Jackson

Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members: Teresa Russell, Barrie Gordon, and Beth Schutz

Additional nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor. Especially needed are nominations for a fourth at-large board member. All nominees must be present (See September 13th meeting minutes on this page for exception). Voting will take place at the November general meeting.

Canine Good Citizen Exam Held at Solano Fairgrounds

NVDTC held a CGC exam at the Sir Francis Drake Dog Club show at the Solano County Fairgrounds on September 19th. Twelve dogs were tested, eleven of which passed the CGC requirements! Taking part in this extravaganza were Mary Ash, Steven Ward, Cristina Martin, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Jim Spiva and Kate, the wonder dog. Kate was the official "friendly dog." A nice crowd showed up for the dog show and, although there was a little rain in the morning, the weather cooperated nicely making for a beautiful day. All dogs were "walk-ins" as there were no preregistered dogs. The Sir Francis Drake Dog Club provided NVDTC with a set up arena, a large EZ Up, tables, chairs, and fencing, all very much appreciated! What a wonderful opportunity to hone CGC testing skills and to make a little extra money for the club!



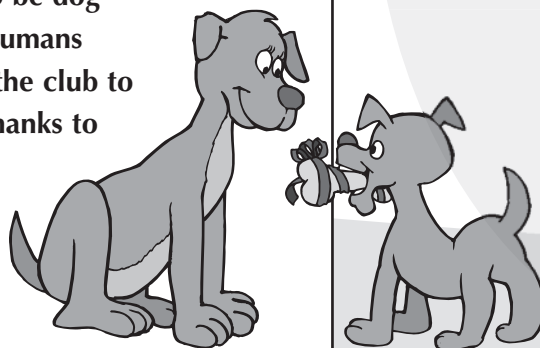
**For upcoming events
go to nvdtc.org/events**

*Visit www.infodog.com, www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com, and www.k9cpe.com
for information on conformation
shows, obedience and agility trials,
tracking tests, field trials, etc.*

2010 NVDTC Obedience & Rally Trial RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We need any raffle items you can donate, they don't have to be dog specific, they can be for humans too. Boxes are located at the club to put your raffle items in. Thanks to everyone in advance for anything you can donate!

**Sandy Bonifield,
Raffle Chairperson**



NVDTC's OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL NOVEMBER 6, 2010

**Solano County Fairgrounds
Vallejo, CA**

PREMIUM IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE at NVDTC.org

JUDGING PANEL AND CLASSIFICATION

Novice A & B Mrs. Loretta B. Delinger Mr. Kenneth L. Blanchard
Open A & B Mrs. Beatrice Moore Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray
Utility A & B Mr. Michael J. Baviacqua Mrs. Loretta B. Delinger

Rally Novice A & B Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray Mrs. Beatrice Moore
Rally Advanced A & B Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray Mrs. Beatrice Moore
Rally Excellent A & B Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray Mrs. Beatrice Moore

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE TRIALS!

**SIGN-UP SHEETS
ARE NOW POSTED AT THE CLUB
or contact Mary Ash, 253-8666**

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strains of daily life. By bringing animals into the environment, there is an instant dose of happiness, smiles, and even laughter. Pets can make any place seem more home-like, and being able to pet and interact with animals can help relieve the stress brought on by illness, injury, or even just loneliness.

LAPS also provides the opportunity for schools and other community groups to request special one-off visits or seminars to help raise awareness of various issues. For example, teams might go into an elementary school to do a demonstration on dog safety for the children. Private groups can also request LAPS seminars that detail the benefits of animal-assisted therapy, and how this kind of therapy could help their group. Speakers at these seminars are experienced handlers who are fully prepared and qualified to answer any questions the group might bring up. LAPS teams also enjoy showing up for special occasions like Christmas parties, if the presence of an animal-assisted therapy team would prove beneficial.

LAPS therapy sessions are generally based on multiple therapy teams working together to create a positive experience for everyone involved. This means that there is always a growing need for more and more teams to be trained and registered. Those who are interested in going through the training program with their pets can

begin by visiting the various LAPS programs with their pet, to experience what a successful session looks like, and to learn what is entailed in the different types of sessions. Some teams may find that certain programs fit their schedule better than others, or just that they find certain programs more interesting.

All new teams that register as volunteers with LAPS go through an extensive hands-on training period, so that they can learn how to interact with clients in a beneficial and professional manner. This involves training classes, a home study course, and a guidelines manual that team members need to be familiar with. Trained teams are registered with Delta Society/Pet Partners, and must renew their registration every two years in order to demonstrate ongoing commitment to maintaining and developing skill levels.

Some people who are considering volunteering for LAPS may look at the membership process and think that it's all a bit too much, that the training requirements are excessive and unnecessary. But LAPS prides itself on highly skilled therapy teams, an incredibly low turnover rate, and an extremely impressive safety and reliability record. In other words, making the membership process so involved insures that those who make the effort to go through it all are truly dedicated to the cause, and are willing to do whatever it takes to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

The commitment, of course, doesn't end when the training period ends. Active members are expected to participate in a minimum of two therapy sessions per month, and are also



required to attend meetings and help in more supportive roles like assisting with fundraisers and special events. If you make a commitment to be a LAPS member, you have to understand that it is more than just therapy sessions - your dedication to the entire organization is vital. The people in the communities that LAPS serves count on the organization to come through for them, and that strong work ethic trickles all the way down to the very newest members.

On the other side of the coin, if you work in a managerial or administrative role at a facility that you think would benefit from the presence of animal-assisted therapy, you can contact LAPS to discuss your options. Of course, the number of programs that can be scheduled is limited by the number of teams ready and available, but the organization does the best it can to meet the needs of potential new clients.

If you want to get the ball rolling for a LAPS program at your facility, first you will have to go through a trial program phase. During this part of the process, you will be asked to provide LAPS with as much information as possible about the facility, and what you hope to accomplish by including animal-assisted therapy in your monthly program of events.

LAPS will work with you to ensure that everything gets set up efficiently and correctly during the trial period, and a program coordinator will continue to check in on a regular basis to assess how things are going and make any adjustments as necessary.

Even if you are not in a position where you and your pet can become a fully qualified LAPS therapy team, you can still become a part of the organization and make a very meaningful contribution. LAPS is continually recruiting associate members to help out with all aspects of organizational support, and the requirements for becoming an associate member are much less involved than for full therapy teams. Associate members do not have the same attendance or dues requirements as full members, and in fact the only requirement is to support the LAPS volunteer values of integrity, commitment, and quality. Associate members help out when they can, whether it be with fundraising efforts, administrative work, or helping to educate the public on the benefits of the work that LAPS does.

LAPS is a 501(c)(3) public charity corporation that focuses its efforts on helping people in the community benefit from the positive influences of animal-assisted therapy. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved with LAPS and its work in any capacity, whether on the giving or receiving end, visit <http://www.lovinganimalsprovidingsmiles.org/> for contact details and additional information about LAPS programs.

source: <http://www.incirclepets.com>



**Next General Meeting at the Club:
Monday, October 11, 2010
6:30 p.m.**



**Guest Speaker
Kelly Tracey**

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Scheduling of Board Meetings

Except for December., Board meetings, open to all interested members, are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are posted at the club.

**If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDTC
Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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- Training:** Teresa Russell
- Building:** Gerry Glantz
- Office:** Lynda Rhyno
- Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis
- Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn
- Membership:** Linda Luchsinger
- Publicity:** Janet Davis
- CGC:** Jim Spiva

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