

SEPTEMBER 2009

# TATTLE TAILS



club newsletter

www.NapaDogTraining.org

The Upcoming September General Meeting is

## NVDTTC'S ANNUAL BARBECUE!



September 14th  
6:30 p.m.

Members and their family are invited.

Please join us for this year's annual barbecue! The club is hosting this event to celebrate all of our members! We appreciate you!

The club will barbecue hamburgers and provide all the fixings. The club will also provide drinks.

*Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert. Also bring plates, silverware AND your appetite!*

Dogs Stay At Home

## 2009 AGILITY TRIAL REPORT

See page 3.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

### Officers

**President:** Laura Ecklin  
**Vice President:** Joy Wood  
**Treasurer:** Lynda Rhyno  
**Secretary:** Sue Osborn  
**Past President:** Linda Luchsinger

### Board Members

Sandy Bonifield  
Janet Davis  
Marlene Soldavini  
Gary Walker

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

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





# 2009 TRAINING SESSION 6



After a one week break following Session 5 (which ends September 25), Session 6 commences October 5th and ends November 20th.

## Session 6 2009 • October 5, 2009 — November 20, 2009

DAY	TIME	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	5:00 p.m.		
(General 2nd)	6:00 p.m.	Competition Obedience	Teresa
(Board 3rd)	7:00 p.m.		
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Puppy	Mary
	5:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Kelly/Mary Alternate
	6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Kelly/Laura Alternate
	7:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Kelly/Laura Alternate
	8:00 p.m.	Good Manners II	Teresa
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene
	10:00 a.m.	Good Manners I	Marlene
	11:00 a.m.	Good Manners II	Marlene
	6:00 p.m.	Agility Advanced	Katherine
	7:00 p.m.	Agility Jumpers III	Joy
	8:00 p.m.	Agility Intermediate	LeAnn
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
	11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
	5:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	8:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Lea
	6:30 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
	7:30 p.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Teresa

**Class Fees  
(7-weeks):  
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 have the  
opportunity to earn vouchers  
to offset cost of classes.*

## TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

January 4 — February 19, 2010

March 1 — April 16, 2010

April 26 — June 11, 2010

June 28 — August 13, 2010

August 23 — October 8, 2010

October 18 — December 10, 2010

**Check  
dogscandance.com  
for information on  
upcoming  
Dogs Can Dance! classes.**

# NVDTC'S AGILITY TRIAL 2009

by Mary Ash, Agility Trial Chair



Napa Valley Dog Training Club's Agility Trial was held at the Dixon May Fairgrounds on August 15th and 16th. Although it was a little warm it was not unbearable.

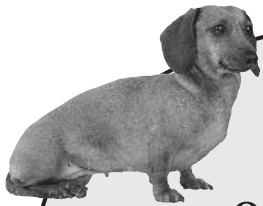
I do not have the final figures yet as there are still some outstanding bills to be paid. My best guess is we will net approximately \$2,400. This is not too bad a figure as entries at most agility trials have been down by 25% to 30%.

I would like to thank the Core Committee of Joy Wood, Laura Ecklin and Dee McNeil for all their hard work. Also a big thank you to the following club members who donated their time to make this event a success: Lynda Rhyno, Linda Wargo, Karen Jackson, Katherine Rhyno, Christy Rose, Lori Jackson, Stefanie Meinhardt, Teresa Russell, Frances Harvey, Anita Boyce, Kathryn Fletcher, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Marcie

Neller, Janet Davis, Bobbie Honsvick, Tim Kak, Lea Ronald, Christina Martin, Charlie Rose, Lori Jackson, and Gerry Glantz. These members worked very hard; some of them worked almost every class both days.

If I have forgotten anyone who worked I apologize and thank them also for all their hard work.

We could have used a lot more club members to help out and hopefully next year we will have more volunteers.



## 1st Annual Dachshund Derby

Oct 10th at 2:30 p.m.

Elk's Club in Napa  
(Derby organized by the Democrats  
of Napa Valley Club).

All Doxies, Doxie-mix breeds  
welcome. For info or to reserve a spot,  
email: cometluvr@gmail.com



**For more upcoming events  
go to [nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)**

***Also check out [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com),  
[www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com), [www.k9wag.com](http://www.k9wag.com), and  
[www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for additional details for  
listings shown below and for information on  
additional conformation shows, obedience and  
agility trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.***



Thank you to (L to R) Katherine Rhyno, Marcie Neller, Janet Davis, and Baby Roxanne for their participation in the First Annual Canines and Wines event at HALL Wines in St. Helena on August 2. What a wonderful way to publicize the Napa Valley Dog Training Club! Way to go girls!

The event included a tasting of select Artisan wines and a presentation of delectable treats for dogs and their people, along with doggie facials and massages, Q & A time with a veterinarian, samples, a little shopping & more, all under the shady arbor at HALL Wines!



# August 10, 2009 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Laura Ecklin, President, called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Sandra Bonifield, Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, Marlene Soldavini, and Joy Wood. Absent: Linda Luchsinger and Gary Walker.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the July 13, 2009 general meeting as published in the August newsletter.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lynda Rhyno

- A. Checking: \$5,553.
- B. Money Market: \$8,942.
- C. CD: \$11,452.
- D. Rent has been paid.
- E. \$350 in outstanding invoices to be paid.
- F. \$170 rebate received from landlord for utilities.
- G M/S/C for treasurer's report.

## IV. President's Report

- A. At the trainers meeting on August 24, the training committee will be looking at holding some short specialty classes since club will be closed starting after session six for about 5 or 6 weeks.
- B. Training committee is also considering having a break during summertime, a time when enrollments are low. There would still be a week break between sessions.
- C. Committee is also looking at other creative ways to utilize the building.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. TRAINING, Joy Wood

1. Training committee will meet August 24, at clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.
  - a. All trainers and assistants are invited.
  - b. Next schedule will be discussed.
2. Classes are relatively full.
3. Since Friday night will be dedicated to setting up for agility trial, Marilane is going to do orientation and Marlene will teach first CGC class.
4. Teresa Russell will not be teaching the last 5 or 6 weeks due to lack of students, even with drop-ins.
5. There are now a lot of names on interest lists.
  - a. Each list has a lead person assigned for each group.

- b. Calls will be made to acknowledge people who have signed up.

6. Kelly has submitted a proposal for a clicker class, which will be reviewed at training meeting.

### C. Building, Gary Walker

1. Building is staying nice and clean thanks to Marilane Bergfelt and her son.
2. Garbage can needs to be washed out. Marilane will come down Thursday afternoon to do this.
3. Marlene Soldavini will purchase tape to retape mats.

### D. AGILITY TRIAL, August 15 & 16, 2009

1. Everything is in place for this weekend.
2. Teresa Russell will be picking up the judge, Terry Culley, at the airport.
3. The trial is small: 474 runs on Saturday and 494 runs on Sunday.
4. Anyone who signed up to bring water or drinks, deliver them to club before Friday.
5. Lists of workers will be posted at the rings.

### E. OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield

Christina Martin volunteered to work in the office Wednesday evening.

### F. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

The Napa Valley Dog Training Club is now on facebook. Those interested in updates from NVDTTC via facebook can sign up on facebook (if not already signed up) to become a fan.

### G. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis

1. Thank you to Katherine Rhyno, Marcie Neller, and Janet Davis for hosting a table at Canines and Wines in St. Helena.
2. Thank you to Sue Osborn for newly printed brochures.
3. If anyone knows of vets who need brochures, let Janet know.

### H. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

A Day of Canine Freestyle—September 13

1. Gerry requested applications and check for \$10 for workshop be turned into her by tonight.
2. Free workshop will be held at NVDTTC club.

### I. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Chris Meyer and Janet Davis for tonight's goodies!

### J. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

1. Congratulations to Amanda for birth of her new son, William, born July 19.

- 2. Diane Moore and Bobbie Honsvick are still having health issues.
- 3. Mary Joy showcased blankets made by Critter Comforters.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. CLUB MEDALLIONS, Board Recommendations:

- 1. Members will be eligible for a club medallion when they earn a title; there will be a limit of one medallion per dog.
- 2. A handler may choose a medallion on a ribbon or as a lapel pin.
- 3. Members who have been awarded the Club Service Award are also eligible to receive a medallion of their choice. This is to recognize members who are unable to compete but who are very active in the club.
- 4. Key chains may be purchased; this is a method of advertising for and promoting the club; charge to be determined based on actual cost.
- 5. Medallions may be given to members/dogs who earned prior titles assuming they have not already received one.
- 6. Medallions will be given to handlers at the annual dinner rather than at club meetings.
- 7. M/S/C to accept above proposal as recommended by board with caveat to look at equivalent breed titles i e., similar situations such as at Jack Russell events.

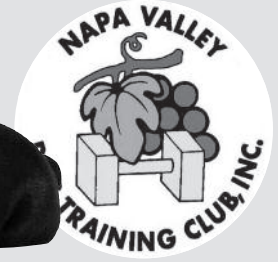
B. YEAR END BANQUET

- 1. Linda Luchsinger volunteered to do awards.
- 2. Sue Osborn to email Linda to remind her to take forms to club.
- 3. If forms for awards are not available on website, Sue will take care of adding them.
- 4. Laura Ecklin volunteered to coordinate and Joy will help with banquet details: venues, menus, costs, dates available...

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL BARBECUE

- 1. September 14, next general meeting, is this year's date for barbecue, to be held at the clubhouse.
- 2. Bring a dish to share and your own plates and eating utensils.
- 3. Bobbie Honsvick will ask her family to barbecue and will coordinate buying the food working with Mary Ash on quantities.
- 4. Bring your family if they are part of family membership.



B. AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP EVENT

- 1. Board recommended NVDTTC not participate this year since it is too late to plan.
- 2. Plans to participate will go on agenda in February/March of 2010.

C. CONFORMATION WORKSHOP PROPOSAL, Sandy Bonifield

- 1. Nitsa Trayler offered to put on a workshop on Saturday, September 26.
- 2. Cost will be \$150 per team with a maximum of 26 teams.
- 3. All participants will get a booklet for their specific breed.
- 4. Auditors will be allowed.
- 5. For more information: visit [YourBestTrainedDog.com](http://YourBestTrainedDog.com)
- 6. NVDTTC members will have first choice to sign up before information is sent to other clubs.

D. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Tabled for the next meeting. Members are asked to come up with ideas by next meeting.

E. 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1. Janet Davis, Gerry Glantz and Linda Wargo volunteered to be on committee
- 2. Those interested can ask any board member about duties.
- 3. Slate to be ready for October general meeting. At that time nominations will be taken from the floor. Voting to occur in November.
- 4. Laura Ecklin is not interested in running for president.

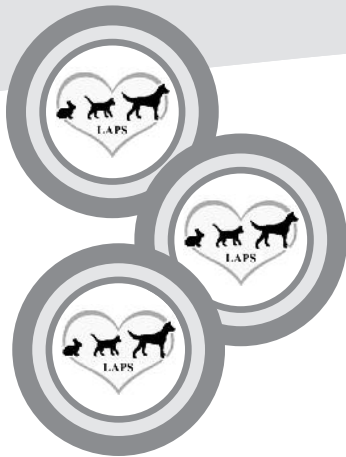
VIII. BRAGS: Vange Leonis, Christy Rose, Stephen Ward, Lori Jackson, Stefanie Meinhardt, and Linda Wargo.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m followed by a very interesting presentation by Judy Gamet from *Dogs Can Dance* on how dogs respond to and are influenced by music.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

# TOKENS FOR LAPS

by Marilane Bergfelt, LAPS Co-Founder



To all friends and supporters of Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS):  
We are pleased to announce that Whole Foods Market, Napa, has chosen LAPS as a recipient in their "Nickels for Nonprofits" program starting Monday, August 24th and continuing through November.

When you shop at Whole Foods Market, Napa, PLEASE bring your own bags, even if you only buy one or two items. The cashier should ask you if you want to "donate your bag credit" or take a 5¢ credit. (If the cashier doesn't ask, please politely ask for your donation credit. We hope you will choose to donate your bag(s) credit. The cashier will give you a wooden token for each bag. You then deposit the token in the LAPS jar located on a small table near the check stands.

There will be 3 jars, as Whole Foods Market usually picks 3 types of charities to participate each 3-month period: environment, children, and animals. Be sure at least one of your tokens goes in the LAPS jar!

Every little bit helps our growing group and hardworking volunteers. Thank you in advance for your support.

## WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE OLD ONES

Author Unknown

The ones that are past, their glory gone by,  
The ones that didn't win, however they try,  
The ones that did win, but later turned shy,  
The first one you bought, that had a light eye.

They're eating their heads off, the food bills are high.  
Find them good homes, the answer is clear,  
But the only good home that mine wants is here.  
Their own special sofa, covered with hairs,

They all cut their teeth on the dining room chairs.  
The safe and familiar paths of their days,  
The garden, the outing, their own funny ways  
That only I know...and even their food  
If not given by me, wouldn't taste half as good.

So now I'm deep in old ones, who are not good at all  
Who clutter the sitting room, kitchen and hall,  
Who need to be brushed, to be walked, to be fed,  
Who only want me to put them to bed!

They're faithful and loving and set in their ways,  
So I'm stuck with them all, for the rest of their days,  
But I have to confess that when we do have to part  
I'll miss them so much...it will just break my heart



## NVDTC is hosting a Conformation Workshop with Nitsa Traylor Canine Behaviorist & AKC Judge

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009  
9:00 a.m.**

**Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
68 S. Coombs Street Bldg N, Napa, CA**

You will Learn  
| Handling Skills | Your Standard |  
| AKC Rules and Regs | Ring Procedures |

**Flyer & registration form can be downloaded from  
[www.napadogtraining.com](http://www.napadogtraining.com) and  
[www.yourbesttraineddog.com](http://www.yourbesttraineddog.com)**

*Entries must be received by September 22, 2009.*

## Napa Valley Dog Training Club is now on FACEBOOK.

Receive the latest news and updates from the club through NVDTC's new facebook page. To get there, go to the club's home page ([www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)) and click on link at bottom of page. You do not have to be a facebook member to view updates and news.

# DOGGONE EXTREME MAKEOVERS



By Judy Gamet, Owner of Dogs Can Dance

With on-going reminders of the dangers associated with being overweight, many people start off a new year with an exercise and diet resolution. With 60 percent of canine family members also overweight, those extra pounds pose the same life-threatening risks for our four-legged furry friends. Excess weight places a dog at risk for any number of health problems including cardiovascular disease, respiratory problems and joint /skeletal disorders.

Knowing how to recognize the signs of obesity and take corrective action is important. If you think Max might be overweight, a visit with your veterinarian is a good idea. This way, you can learn how to bring back quality and extra years to Max's life.

Certain breeds are more susceptible to obesity such as Basset Hounds, Dachshunds and Labrador Retrievers. While some breeds of dog may gain weight more easily, it doesn't mean the dog must become overweight. Maintaining a healthy body weight requires more careful attention to the amount of food and exercise Max receives.

To get Max started on his way to his new slender self, use a measuring cup when serving his meals. No more guessing, this simple habit can make a noticeable difference. If Max's food is gradually reduced, he won't even notice!

Also, don't forget to follow the "tricks for treats" rule. Treats must be earned, no more free snacks. Ask Max to perform an activity for you before rewarding him with a biscuit. Ask him to fetch his favorite toy, perform sit and down drills or play hide and seek. Anything that encourages movement equals calorie burning.

Finally, create a workout program for you both. Dogs don't exercise on their own, but Max will gladly join you in an activity which looks like you're having a good time. Look for a fun activity in which you can participate alongside Max.

Paws 4 Fitness is a half day canine freestyle workshop focusing on helping dogs regain their flexibility, lose pounds and inches, and increase their strength and overall condition. The Dogs Can Dance classes, offered at NVDC is a unique freestyle program dedicated to coaching the human-dog team to learn dance movements while developing a joyous musical bond as the two dancers create freestyle routines. Classes begin again this September.

If you are interested in joining us for the Paws 4 Fitness workshop on Sept. 13, contact Marilane Bergfelt, or myself Judy@DogsCanDance.com! Whatever steps you take, be it dance or walking, proper exercise and diet is imperative for maintaining a healthy lifestyle for you and your dog. For more inspiration, read "Bella's Story" at [www.DogsCanDance.com/](http://www.DogsCanDance.com/).



## Dogs Can Dance

*Presents*

## A Day of Canine Freestyle

### 2 Workshops!

September 13th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Napa Valley Dog Training Club

68 S. Coombs Street Bldg N, Napa, CA

Download Flyer and Registration Form from  
[www.nvdtc.org](http://www.nvdtc.org)

# NEW CANINE GOOD CITIZENS

Session Four's Wednesday morning CGC (Canine Good Citizen) class had four passes on July 29, 2009. Congratulations to Mary Ash and Kodi, Sandy Bonifield and Ditto, Lynda Rhyno and Beau, Kathy Tucker and Maya. A job well done by all students. Keep up the good work. Thank you to the evaluators Mary Joy Davis, Jim Spiva and Stephen Ward.

By Marlene Soldavini  
CGC coordinator





**September General Meeting at the Club  
Monday, Sept. 14, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**



**No dogs!**



**Scheduling of Meetings**

Board meetings are scheduled monthly or bi-monthly depending on club activities. Board meetings are open to all interested members. Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. General meetings for members and guests are at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

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

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

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**Training Assistant:** Marlene Soldavini

**Building:** Gary Walker

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**Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis

**Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn

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**Publicity:** Janet Davis

**CGC:** Marlene Soldavini

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