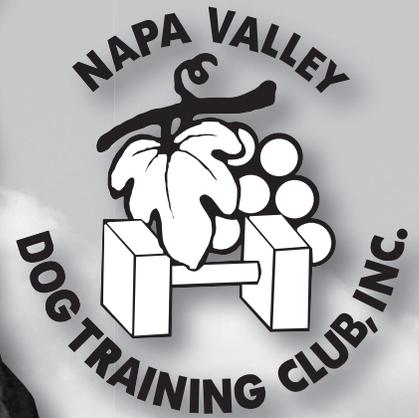


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Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) Celebrates 10 Years

Submitted by
Marilane Bergfelt, LAPS Co-Founder

Not long after my family moved to Napa in 1999, I attended a Napa Valley Dog Training Club general meeting. Like all our members, I reluctantly stood, introduced myself and shared a little about my dogs. As I began to sit down I heard a voice say, "After the meeting I want to talk to you!" It was a club member, Carolyn Lenzi, and she wanted to hear about my volunteer experiences with animal-assisted therapy in Sacramento. Who would have imag-

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**JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL
BARBECUE!**

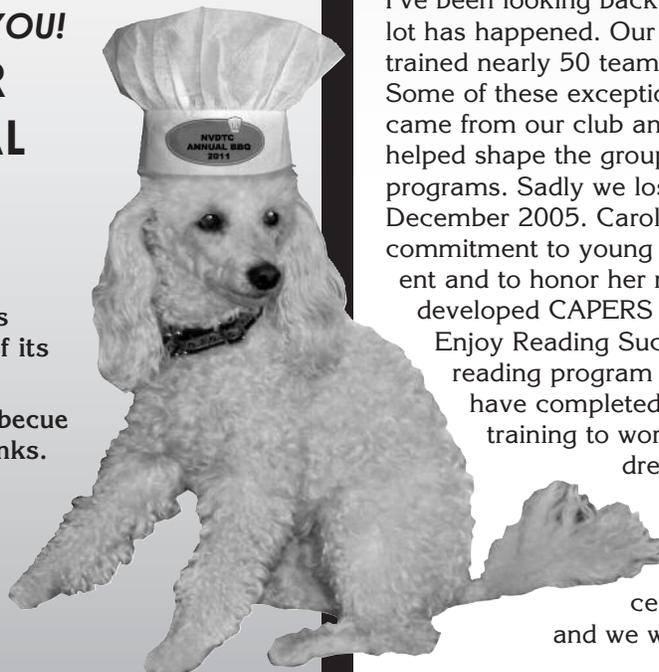
**MEMBERS AND
FAMILY ARE INVITED.**

The club is hosting this event to celebrate all of its members!

The club will serve barbecue brisket and provide drinks.

Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert.

Also bring plates, silverware AND your appetite!



ined this chance encounter would eventually lead to the creation of Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS)?

Quickly Carolyn with her cocker, Bailey, and Laura Ecklin with her goldens, Jilly and Jasmine, also became registered animal-assisted therapy teams with the national Delta Society's / Pet Partner Program. They joined me at Browns Valley Elementary school where we worked alongside the school's speech therapist and special educational instructor with students weekly. Carolyn also joined me on visits to The Springs and Aegis of Napa in the evenings sharing time with older adults. By 2001 we were an official group with 9 Pet Partner teams who were working with a variety of clients and in multiple facilities.

I've been looking back on our ten years and a lot has happened. Our group has tested and trained nearly 50 teams, many retired now. Some of these exceptional people and pets came from our club and training classes, and helped shape the group's goals and therapy programs. Sadly we lost Carolyn Lenzi, in December 2005. Carolyn's love of learning and commitment to young people was very apparent and to honor her memory our group developed CAPERS (Children and Pets Enjoy Reading Success) in 2008. This reading program allows LAPS teams who have completed additional specialized training to work one-on-one with children in schools, after-school programs and libraries.

LAPS currently has 20 certified therapy teams and we work with special needs

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the July 11, 2011 general meeting as published online.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank CD: \$11,732.28
- B. Rabobank Savings: \$10,678.46
- C. Rabobank Checking: \$8,074.91
- D. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

Matts:

- A. To fulfill NVDTTC's obligation to completely mat the one rally and three obedience rings at our annual Obedience and Rally trial in November, the board unanimously recommended purchasing 9 rolls.
- B. Mary priced out 9 rolls at \$5,786 including shipping and 10 rolls at \$6,226 including shipping, a \$440 difference. Buying the extra mat now will save future price increases/shipping.
- C. M/S/C, with one opposition, to purchase 10 rolls.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

- A. Membership packets will be handed out at the September meeting.
- B. Linda Chwistek, who is an instructor for "Nose Work," will be the speaker for the October general meeting.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

A. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn

The September/October newsletter will be published early enough to include information about the Paws & Sock Hop.

B. OFFICE, Barrie Gordon

There is a definite need for more volunteers to work in the office; let Barrie know if you are interested.

C. PUBLICITY, Beth Schutz

Club is okay with passing out NVDTTC brochures at Petco and/or Pet Food Express stores only if these stores are on board to do so.

D. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield

- 1. Sessions six and seven are set.
- 2. The Monday class is a CGC class instead of a GM2.
- 3. With the exception of foundation agility, agility classes will be held on Friday night starting in September. Puppy and adolescent classes have been moved to Wednesday night.
- 4. M/S/C to reimburse Linda Luchsinger \$150 for November 12th Reactive Dog seminar.

E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell



- 1. Fire Department visited the clubhouse regarding fire extinguisher. Mary will be here on Thursday to have this taken care of.
 - 2. The Board approved cleaning and painting of the large west wall by Beth Schutz and Rich Smith.
 - 3. Saturday, September 10, has been set aside for cleaning the clubhouse. M/S/C for the club to buy pizza for lunch. More information will be in the newsletter.
 - 4. Marilane Bergfelt has been working at cleaning up the building. On cleaning day, the crates and tables (as previously decided) will be moved to new areas.
- F. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz
- 1. Joe Silverman Seminar, Sunday Sept 25, 2011
 - a. Drawing was held to select two working teams, two auditors and standbys.
 - i. Working teams selected: Katherine Rhyno and Joy Wood. Standbys for working teams: Barrie Gordon, Sue Osborn, Lori Jackson and Rebecca Schwartz.
 - ii. Auditors selected: Teresa Russell, and Lynda Rhyno. Standbys for auditors: Margretha Lane, Linda Luchsinger, Karen Jackson, and Laura Ecklin.
 - b. Selected standbys will be announced by AOCNC after the September 2 deadline.
 - c. There is a cost of \$12 for lunch for all who attend.
 - 2. Next AOCNC meeting will be in October at which time AOCNC will be planning the February workshop. NVDTTC has signed up for rally rings.

VII. HOSPITALITY

- A. Thank you to Vange Leonis and Chris Meyer for tonight's hospitality!
- B. The next general meeting, on September 12, is the annual potluck barbecue. Bring a dish (salad, dessert, etc.) to share. The club will provide hamburgers and fixings. Bobbie Honsvick and Anita Boyce will take care of buying burgers and condiments. Bobbie will contact Brain about barbecuing. Four members volunteered to help set up.

VIII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

- A. Sunshine extended to Teresa Russell and Dee McNeil as well as to Joy Wood, Nicole Paltrineri, and Mary Ash for fostering puppies.
- B. Mary Joy asked for help keeping the refrigerator stocked with soft drinks and water from the supply she keeps on hand.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agility Trial, Laura Ecklin—August 20 and 21, 2011
 - 1. Thank you for those who have signed up for drinks and have brought drinks.
 - 2. Laura will be sending an email to everyone who has signed up to help.
 - 3. Times to arrive if you are working: No later than 6:45 a.m. on Saturday and no later than 7 a.m. on Sunday (unless you are new then arrive at 6:45 a.m.)
 - 4. Volunteers will receive a dollar off lunch for every class worked plus a voucher.
 - 5. Bring a chair, hat, sunscreen and dress comfortably.
 - 6. A small group will be at club on Friday to load up.

- 7. Joy Wood is accepting raffle prizes up until next Tuesday night.
 - 8. The club will give ten 2-foot leashes to the agility trial as well as to the obedience and rally trial. Other surplus items will also be provided to both trials (may include a few of the dog toys).
- B. Obedience/Rally Trial, Mary Ash—November 5, 2011
- 1. Gerry Glantz sent confirmation to judges last week.
 - 2. More information and planning on this trial after the agility trial is over.
- C. Variable Surface Tracking (VST) Match held on July 17, 2011
- 1. The match went like clockwork, was simple, there were many spectators, and all the judges were anxious to see the vet's home.
 - 2. Gerry Glantz has sent paperwork in for the March 2012 event.
 - 3. Kaye Hall and Debbie Crain are looking at holding a Thursday morning outdoor tracking class in the fall. Debbie will provide an article about the class for the newsletter.
- D. Sock & Paws Hop—Thursday, September 1, 2011
- 1. Will be held from 6 to 8 o'clock.
 - 2. Featuring Elvis impersonator, Rick Torres.
 - 3. Margretha Lane is photographer, Sue Osborn and Teresa Russell are back ups. Pictures will be available although the website (linked to Shutterfly).
 - 4. There is a raffle to win a ride in Rick's pink Cadillac (only small dogs allowed in Cadillac). Raffle tickets will be provided by NVDTTC.
 - 5. Mary Ash approved agreement everyone who participates will sign.
 - 6. Cost: \$10 with dog, \$5 without dog.
 - 7. Ordering of imprinted scarves made by Rick Torres was made available at tonight's meeting.
 - 8. Teresa Russell will provide a stamp to use on attendees' hands.
 - 9. Sue Osborn will be at club at 5:00 with key for setting up.
- E. CGC Test at Sir Francis Drake Trial (SFDT)
- 1. September 17 and 18; 10 to 4 on Saturday, 10 to 2 on Sunday.
 - 2. SFDT provides tables, baby gates, etc. NVDTTC will receive \$15 for every dog that signs up for test.
 - 3. Jim is looking for more people to help, especially more examiners.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
- Nominating Committee:
- A. Nominations will be taken from the floor in November; the election takes place in November.
 - B. Committee was set at tonight's meeting as follows: Sandy Bonifield (Board member), Margretha Lane, and Marcie Miller. Alternates are Diana Martin and Gary Gordon.
- XI. NEW MEMBERS
- None
- XII. BRAGS
- Barrie Gordon, Christy Rose, Linda Wargo, Katherine Rhyno, Lori Jackson, and Mary Ash.
- XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:58 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Sue Osborn, Secretary

WHO DOES WHAT:

President,
OBED & RALLY TRIAL CHAIR &
AOCNC REP:
Mary Ash

Vice President,
MEMBERSHIP & AOCNC REP:
Gerry Glantz

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary,
NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE &
AOCNC REP:
Sue Osborn

Past President,
AGILITY TRIAL CHAIR:
Laura Ecklin

At Large Board Member,
TRAINING:
Sandy Bonifield

At Large Board Member,
OFFICE:
Barrie Gordon

At Large Board Member,
BUILDING:
Teresa Russel

At Large Board Member,
PUBLICITY:
Beth Schutz

SUNSHINE:
Mary Joy Davis

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Geek Dog



"I found it DIRT cheap on Craig's List and knowing how your pups love stuffed toys..."

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**NVDTC
Obedience/Rally
2011 Trial**

November 5, 2011

AM and PM trials

**Solano County
Fairgrounds
Vallejo, California**

**All AKC-Recognized Breeds
All American Dogs/Mixed Breeds**

VOLUNTEER!

Everyone's help is
greatly appreciated!

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are
available at the club.

**2011 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!

LAPS Celebrates 10 Years continued from page 1

children, troubled teens, older adults and those suffering from dementia, plus hospital and skilled nursing patients. Our teams provide interactions as fundamental as sitting with a client while they pet and brush a dog or cat—to—advanced skills used in physical therapy and educational settings. LAPS encourages our volunteers to extend their pet's training and skill level so they, as a quality therapy team, can reach more people. Our group has one of the highest standards of training, testing and mentoring of animal-assisted therapy teams in the country.

Because of this LAPS gets requests from outside groups and individuals wishing to watch our therapy sessions and participate in

our training program.

Loving Animals Providing Smiles has never been about numbers but has remained focused on quality and commitment since its inception. I feel extremely fortunate to have made this journey with so many lovely people and wonderful pets. On behalf of all our LAPS volunteers and alumni, I wish to thank the Napa Valley Dog Training Club for its continued support. Without such help, our exceptional therapy teams could not make such a

positive difference in our community. To learn more about LAPS and our volunteers—visit www.lovinganimalsprovidingsmiles.org



LAPS Founders:

Marilane Bergfelt with Fasching & Bear-Bear, Carolyn Lenzi with Bailey, Laura Ecklin with Jilly & Jasmine



LAPS 2011 Group Shot

Taken by professional pet photographer, Cris Kelly (258-1825/criskellyphotography.com)

Back Row (starting at left): Marilane Bergfelt with Trooper and Comet, Sheryl deLeuze, Laura and Mark Park with Suzi Q, Michelle Antonio with Buddy, Sheryl McNamare with Shania, Tina Wielandt with Bobby & Juanita Boutwell with Sadie.

Middle Row (staring at left): Sue Ingalls with Peanut, Dottie Deems with Logan & Gayle Keane with Devlin.

Front Row (starting at left): Vange Leonis with Boca (owned by Chris Morris) and Radar, Lynne Dilsaver with Stretch, Deassa Binstock with Albert, Laraine Jeffries with Abbey, Nancy Large with Roxy, Kathy Tucker with Maya and Zoe, & Gwenn McKenzie.

Sitting in Front (starting at left): Megan Trifio with Yorba & Lisa McWilliams with Nate.

**Loving Animals Providing Smiles
(LAPS)**

is hosting a

**10th Anniversary
Open House**

**Saturday,
September 24th**

at the

Napa Women's Club

1pm to 4pm

**All NVDTC members
are invited**

(sorry no pets)

Please respond with
number attending
by Sept 14:

reply2laps@yahoo.com

**2012 Board of Directors
Nominating Committee**

A Nominating Committee has been formed for the 2012 Board of Directors and consists of Sandy Bonifield (Board member), Margretha Lane, and Marcie Miller. Alternates are Diana Martin and Gary Gordon. The Committee will present their slate of 2012 Board nominees to the membership at the September 12th general meeting.

The slate, as nominated by the nominating committee, will be published on the October postcard mailer. Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance, provided the person so nominated does not decline. Election will occur at the November general meeting. See bylaws for more in-depth details regarding nominations and elections of the NVDTC Board of Directors.

Bylaws are posted online. Go to <http://www.nvdtc.org/resources.htm>

UPCOMING TRACKING CLASS!

Does your dog like to follow his nose? Would you like to find some way to channel that interest? Kaye Hall and I will be offering one tracking class this year. Tracking teaches a dog (on lead) to follow the scent of where someone has walked until the dog finds an object that person has dropped. Classes will be on Thursday mornings starting at 9 am on Oct 13 and running for 8 weeks. The first 2 classes will run approximately 1 hour. Other classes can run up to 3 hours in length. Class will be limited to 6 dogs on a first come first served basis. Classes are conducted outdoors in various locations in and around Napa. Tracking is an all weather sport, so class will be held come rain or shine. If you are interested in enrolling in this class please contact me.

Debbie Crain
crain26@earthlink.net



Feel scarcely tolerated at your current venue? Ever feel like running your dog on a Standard course is like a giant border collie running on a equestrian cross country course? Then the TDAA is for you! And now it is here in California. Join our group on Yahoo and get the latest info on Northern California fun matches and trials. pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/SmallDogAgilityCA

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Subject to Change

Sept. 5 through Oct. 14

Monday (9/5 - 10/10)

5:00 pm CGC - Canine Good Citizen Mary
6:00 pm *Interm. Beg. Competition OB Linda
7:00 pm *Beginning Competition OB Linda

Tuesday (9/6 - 10/11)

5:30 pm Good Manners 2 Teresa
6:30 pm Puppy Kelly
7:30 pm Adolescent Dog Kelly

Wednesday (9/7 - 10-12)

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim
11:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene
5:30 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane
6:30 pm Puppy Marilane
7:30 pm **Jumpers 1 (continuing class) Laura

Thursday (9/8 - 10/13)

10:00 am Rally Mary
11:00 am Rally Mary
5:30 -7pm Rally Mary
7:00 -8pm Good Manners 1 Linda L

Friday (9/9 - 10/14)

6:00 pm **Intermediate Agility Katherine
7:00 pm **Beginning Agility Katherine

Class Fees:

Members & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

Subject to Change

Oct. 24 through Dec. 5

Monday (10/24 - 12/5)

5:00 pm Good Manners 2 Mary
6:00 pm *Interm. Beg. Competition OB Linda
7:00 pm *Beg. Competition OB Linda

Tuesday (10/25 - 12/6)

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea
6:30 pm Puppy Kelly
7:30 pm Adolescent Dog Kelly

Wednesday (10/26 - 12/7)

10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim
11:00 am Good Manners 2 Marlene
5:30 pm Adolescent Dog Marilane
6:30 pm Puppy Marilane
7:30 pm **Jumpers 2 Laura

Thursday (10/27 - 12/8)

10:00 am Rally Mary
11:00 am Rally Mary
5:30 -7pm Rally Mary
7:00 Good Manners 1 Linda L

Friday (10/28 - 12/9)

5:00 PM Reactive Dog Deassa
6:00 pm **Intermediate Agility Katherine
7:00 pm **Beginning Agility Katherine

*Competition OB meets 1st and 3rd Mondays
**Agility classes are continuing classes, not open to new students without instructor approval of previous experience.

NOTE: Club closed between sessions:
No classes between 10/17 - 10/21
and between 12/21/11 - to end of year.

What types of classes are you interested in?

Following are classes that have interest lists. If any of these classes are something you would like to enroll in, the lists are available in the NVDTC's clubhouse office. Sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at barrielougordon@gmail.com.

Agility • Animal-Assisted Therapy Skills • Canine Good Citizen • Clicker Training • Competition Obedience
Conformation • Freestyle/Dog Dancing • Rally • Tracking • Tricks & Games

SOCK and PAWS HOP September 1st 6 to 8 p.m.

at the NVDTC clubhouse

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

**SPECIAL GUEST STAR!
RICK TORRES**

Top Bay Area Elvis Entertainer

Entrance fee: \$10.00 with dog
\$5.00 without dog

Well mannered non-reactive dogs and their human partners

First hour: Learn & practice freestyle dog dance moves

Second hour: ROCK & ROLL with Rick Torres, Elvis Presley impersonator

Finish up with pictures of you, your dog, and Elvis.



Raffle:

4 winners ride (following the Sock Hop) with Elvis in his 1963 Pink Cadillac
\$3.00 each raffle ticket or two for \$5.00

Participants recommended to bring:

- Comfortable Chair
- Dog Blanket
- 2 ft. or 4 ft. Leash
- Lots of Treats
- Sense of Adventure

HELP STILL NEEDED FOR A RAFFLE PERSON

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2011

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, LINDA CHWISTEK WILL SPEAK ON "NOSE WORK"



**Next General
Membership Meeting
Monday,
September 12, 2011
6:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse**

No dogs at the meeting.

FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS
GO
TO
nvdtc.org/events



Also check out
www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com,
www.aocnc.org and
www.k9cpe.com for additional
details on listings and for
information on additional
conformation shows, obedience
and agility trials, tracking tests,
field trials, etc.

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and, except for December, are scheduled the
fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date
and location of meeting. Minutes from board
meetings are posted at the club.

If anyone has metal folding
chairs they can donate to
NVDTC, please call the
clubhouse at
253-8666

Submission deadline for the
November/December newsletter is
October 20.
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org

**NVDTC's 2011
OBEDIENCE & RALLY
TRIALS
NOVEMBER 5th**