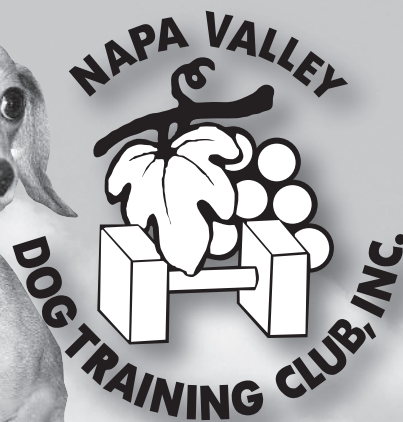


# TATTLE TAILS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## END OF SUMMER POTLUCK

*All members and  
their family are invited!*

**SEPTEMBER 10**

This year we have made a change in our get together for September. Instead of hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill, we are going for an all out, down home, good ol' POTLUCK!

### *Get your cook on:*

This is your opportunity to show off/share your FAVORITE potluck dish and get together with other members and their family for a night of fine visiting and good eating!

NVDTC will provide drinks, paper plates and flatware.

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The fun begins right after the September 10th general meeting!

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## A BIG Thank You to our Agility Volunteers!

By Linda Wargo

The 2012 NVDTTC agility trial was held August 18 & 19 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon, California. Although entry numbers were small (386 runs on Saturday and 286 runs on Sunday) there were two MACHs awarded!

Both crew chiefs praised our knowledgeable full time workers who took charge of key jobs. They really helped the trial run smoothly and kept the atmosphere relaxed.

Much thanks to Linda Luchsinger, Katherine Rhyno, Lynda Rhyno, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Teresa Russell, Gerry Glantz, Laura Ecklin, Joy Wood, and Debbie Payton for pitching in. And special thanks to everyone who assisted in the teardown and putting everything away at the club.

Special thanks also to: Lori Jackson and Katherine Rhyno who helped me with set up on Friday morning, Margretha Lane who made such beautiful packages for the workers' raffle and Teresa Russell who did a fabulous job of

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## Dogs Can Dance is offering Fall Freestyle Workshops

Sunday, Sept 30  
9:00am-11:30pm  
The Next Step: Creating Your Routine

Sunday, October 21  
10:00am-1:00pm  
Moving Forward: Intermediate Handler's  
Workshop

Sunday, November 18  
10:00am-1:00pm  
Stepping Out: Preparing for Performance

Saturday, December 8  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Dancing for Smiles: Freestyle for  
Therapy Dog Teams

All workshops are at  
the Napa Valley Dog Training Club

Cost is reasonable with reduction of  
registering for all 4 workshops.



Visit  
[DogsCanDance.com](http://DogsCanDance.com)  
today to learn  
more  
and to register.

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setting up the raffle and managing it both days.  
Many competitors commented on the great raffle.  
Thanks to all the club members who donated such  
great items!

Lynda Rhyno was a fantastic co-chair who took  
charge of the ribbons, brought breakfast goodies for  
the workers, worked all day and kept me sane  
when the food vendor decided not to come and we  
had to scramble to feed the full-time workers.  
Thanks so much Lynda!

All in all it was a great team effort.

## Fun Facts About Dogs

All dogs can be traced back 40 million years ago  
to a weasel-like animal called the Miacis which  
dwelled in trees and dens. The Miacis later evolved  
into the Tomarctus, a direct forbearer of the genus  
Canis, which includes the wolf and jackal as well  
as the dog.

Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on  
greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in  
family and holiday portraits, according to a survey  
done by the American Animal Hospital  
Association.

A dog's whiskers are touch-sensitive hairs called  
vibrissae. They are found on the muzzle, above the  
eyes and below the jaws, and can actually sense  
tiny changes in airflow.

The origin of amputating a dog's tail may go back  
to the Roman writer Lucius Columella's (A.D. 4-  
70) assertion that tail docking prevented rabies.

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than  
humans. While humans have 5 million smell-  
detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million.  
The part of the brain that interprets smell is also  
four times larger in dogs than in humans.



## SESSION SCHEDULE For Remainder of Year:

### Session 6

September 17 — October 26, 2012  
NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSION 6 & 7

### Session 7

October 29 — December 14, 2012  
INCLUDES ONE WEEK BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING

DOWNLOAD THE 2012 SCHEDULE SHOWING  
ALL SESSIONS

ON A FULL YEAR CALENDAR AT LINK BELOW:  
[www.napadogtraining.org/pdfs/TrainingSession2012Calendar.pdf](http://www.napadogtraining.org/pdfs/TrainingSession2012Calendar.pdf)

All 2012 Sessions are 6 Weeks

### 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.

## New Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) Training Session Starts in September

Call the LAPS office (707-265-6642) to  
reserve a spot in the session starting  
Sept 21 & 22, 2012.

Saturday classes are held at Napa Valley Dog  
Training Club from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Class size is limited!

Download flyer from the NVVDC website for  
more information!

[www.napadogtraining.org/  
pdfs/LAPS\\_TrainingFlyer-Fall2012.pdf](http://www.napadogtraining.org/pdfs/LAPS_TrainingFlyer-Fall2012.pdf)

## TRAINING SESSION 6 2012

*Subject to Change*

Sept. 17 – Oct. 26, 2012

### Monday

6:00 pm Competition Obedience Teresa  
Every Other Week - Odd Mondays

### Tuesday

5:30 pm Good Manners 1 Lea  
6:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Lea  
7:30 pm Clicker Foundation Kelly  
continuation

### Wednesday

9:00 am Canine Good Citizen Jim  
10:00 am Good Manners 1 Jim  
11:00 am Good Manners 2 Jim  
5:30 pm Puppy (0-5 1/2 mo) Sandy  
6:30 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Sandy  
7:30 pm Intermediate Agility Laura  
continuation  
Prerequisite: Completion Beg. Agility or equiv.

### Thursday

9:00 am Rally\* Mary  
10:00 am Rally\* Mary  
11:00 am Rally\* Mary  
5:00 pm Rally\* Mary  
6:00 pm Rally\* Mary  
\*Level Not Specified - Prerequisite Required  
7:00 Good Manners 1 Linda

### Friday

6:00 pm Good Manners 2 Linda  
7:00 pm Adolescent Dog (6-12 mo) Linda

NO week off between Session 6 and 7.

If there are other classes you are  
interested in, sign up on an interest list by  
visiting the NVVDC clubhouse office.



Rest in Peace Chloe

*It's Never Easy*

It's never easy to say good-byes,  
 When they speak to us with their eyes.  
 When their bodies are tired, weak and old,  
 And the love we've shared becomes pure gold.

The measure of friendship is put to the test,  
 When the showing is finished and it's time to rest.  
 From deep in their hearts their eyes will ask,  
 " Please ease my pain " - your most difficult task.

There's joy in the memories, treasure them all,  
 Winning a ribbon or chasing a ball.  
 So go now, you're free, to run and to play,  
 Where the sun always shines, day after day.

For the Master you serve now is gracious and fair,  
 And he'll love you and guide you until I am there.

Author unknown

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Board members present: Gerry Glantz, Heather Kearn, Linda Luchsinger, Lori Jackson, Lynda Rhyno, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Sue Osborn. Christy Rose, absent.

**II. MINUTES**

M/S/C to accept the minutes from the July 9, 2012, general meeting.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson**

A. CD: \$11,766.82  
 B. Saving: \$7,580.61  
 C. Checking: \$5,097.82  
 D. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report

**IV. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz**  
 No report.

**B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger**  
 Linda Wargo will give an agility steward demo.  
 Next month is the annual barbecue.

**C. OFFICE, Heather Kearn**  
 Office workers are always needed.

**D. TRAINING, Sandy Bonifield**  
 Cora Lee Mack had to give up her dog. Sandy is requesting a \$100 refund.  
 M/S/C to give Cora Lee Mack a full refund of \$100.

**E. BUILDING, Sue Osborn**  
 Estimate from Rick Wood, PSI, to clean the building. He will have one supervisor and two workers for \$40 total. One stipulation is that he wants to sell PSI dog cookies in our building.  
 M/S/C to have PSI clean the building for \$40 per week with one supervisor and two workers. We will sell PSI cookies in return.

**F. Building, Sue Osborn**  
 Deadline for newsletter is on August 20.

**G. PUBLICITY, Christy Rose, absent**  
 No report.

**H. AOCNC, Mary**  
 Joel Silverman seminar coming up on September 23. The cost is \$12. Four spots are available. A drawing for the four spots was held. Those not chosen will be a on the alternate list. Chosen people were: Margretha Lane, Lori Jackson, Frances Anamosa, Linda Luchsinger. Alternates, Joy Wood, Laura, Maria, Jim.

**V. HOSPITALITY**

Thanks to Chris Mayer for tonight's refreshments. Next month is our potluck.

**VI. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis**

Absent, no sunshine.  
 Motion to eliminate soft drinks from fridge and just offer water.  
 M/S/C to only buy water for the dog club refrigerator.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. 2012 Agility Trial, August 18 & 19, Linda Wargo, Committee Chair

1. Agility trial starts at 7:30 a.m. The entry numbers are low.
2. We will recycle the cans and bottles at the trial .Lori will donate the money to NVDTC.
3. Teresa requested up to \$100 towards raffle expenses  
 M/S/C to approve up to \$100 towards raffle expenses.

B. 2012 Obedience Trial, November 3, Teresa Russell, Committee Chair

Teresa needs two more names to be on the obedience committee. Obedience Committee is composed of: Teresa, Joy, Marilane, Jim, and Linda L. Discussion about whether to offer special awards.

C. VST test, Linda Wargo  
 We have our judges and we will be ready in March at the Veteran's home.

D. Doggy Holiday Fair, Vange  
 Vange wants to market this event to other dog clubs. Currently there are 12 proposed booths. Vange needs a cashier and three booths: to give out information on our classes, some healthy treats (PSI treats?), and then stocking stuffing. \$5.00 entry fee is for the club.

E. Walk for the animals. Heather reported that the event raised about \$38,000. We should consider having a PR table next year.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. There is a request from Debbie Crane to use building on Oct. 7 for a freestyle meeting.  
 M/S/C to let Debbie use the building for the meeting for \$25 charge.

B. Jim Spiva needs some help on Sept. 15 & 16 for the CGC exam at the Sir Frances Drake trial in Vallejo at the Solano Fairgrounds.

C. Barbecue next month needs someone to barbecue. Group decided to make the event a pot luck instead of a barbecue. The club will provide drinks, paper plates, and utensils and napkins. Lynda will take care of the place settings and Sandy will make sure there is water. Bobby will get some tablecloths.

D. Gerry, member packets will get updated and out to the membership.

**VIII. NEW MEMBERS** None.

**IX. BRAGS** Vange, Karen, Linda W., Linda L.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. followed by an agility worker presentation by Linda Wargo. Thank you, Linda.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lynda Rhyno



www.nvdtc.org/meeting

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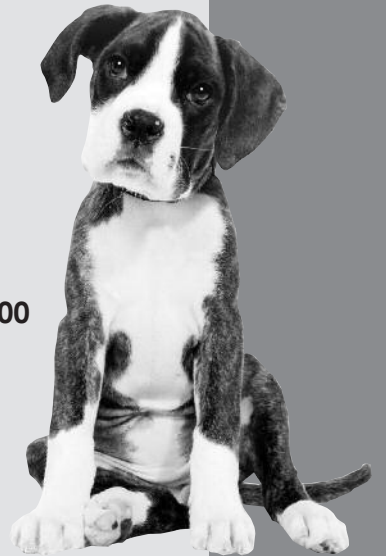
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## Judy Gamet's Movie Connection

Judy Gamet's Anabelle appears in the movie, Doggie Boogie, which had its theatrical premiere in San Francisco on August 31. Judy, owner of Dogs Can Dance, served as the dog dance choreographer. She trained inexperienced dance teams to help create this wonderful movie.

Doggie Boogie is a feel-good family movie where a devoted Bichon puppy helps his college-bound owner and her dog-dancing uncle go for their dreams. Its fantastical sets, intricate costumes and inspiring story make it a hit for the entire family.

And Rick Torres, the Elvis impersonator for the Sock and Paw Hop held at the club, also appears in the movie!

## Firecracker Showcase

On, July 21st, the North Coast Freestyle Guild, the local Canine Freestyle Federation dog dancing group, held a "Firecracker Showcase" as an opportunity to practice in the facility they plan to use for their December tiling event.

There were just a handful of participants, but there was some nice floor work, including a lovely brace improvisation that served to acquaint a young dog with the space and the sound of an audience, and there was some interesting new music.

Just as important, the audience included a handful of people who had never before seen canine freestyle. Debbie Crain did an admirable job of answering questions in a way that left the visitors nodding and smiling.



One of the important things that was done with this event was to create video of each participant's floor time, to share with them and help them see what the audience sees.

## Blood Test For Canine Cancer

The National Canine Cancer Foundation has announced to all dog owners and veterinarians the availability of a new tool to assist in the management of canine cancer. It is a blood test called VDI-TKcanine+.

VDI-TKcanine+ test is a very good adjunct to assess if cancer might be present in dogs where there are other signs of the disease. A positive test should always be followed by additional confirmatory tests, including imaging, biopsy, etc.

If you want to know more about if this test is the right tool for your dog, we encourage you to contact your Vet and discuss the all the options available to you and your dog.

Q: What is this test?

A: VDI-TKcanine+ is a blood test for dogs, used to help aid diagnosis when cancer is suspected, and to monitor the course of treatment once the presence of cancer is confirmed. VDI-TKcanine+ is a test run by veterinarians and is made available to all veterinarians in the U.S.

Q: What does this test measure?

A: The principle element, or biomarker, that VDI -TKcanine+ measures in the dog's blood is an enzyme called thymidine kinase or TK for short.

TK is released into the blood stream by cells that are undergoing unusually rapid cell division; a hallmark of cancer.

Q: How effective is this test?

A: VDI -TKcanine+ is very good at confirming the presence of cancer when the test returns a 'positive' result (a result above the range of normal). The test is also good, but not perfect, in confirming that cancer does not exist, when the result falls in the normal range. There is a possibility that certain types of cancer, or cancer in very early stage, might still result in a 'normal' result. No diagnostic test is perfect. Like most diagnostic tests, VDI-TKcanine+ is most effective when used in combination with the other established procedures veterinarians have available to them.

Q: How can this test be used on my dog?

A: VDI -TKcanine+ is used to help confirm a diagnosis of cancer, often in combination with a physical examination and other diagnostic procedures. The test is also used following the diagnosis of cancer, to help determine if the cancer has spread or returns, through periodic monitoring.

Q: What should I discuss with my vet regarding

this test?

A: Contact your veterinarian if you suspect your dog might have cancer. Discuss the reasons for your suspicions and ask whether the VDI -TKcanine+ blood test can assist in the diagnostic process. If your vet is not familiar with the test, they can obtain information by contacting the laboratory that provides the test, Veterinary Diagnostics Institute (VDI).

Have your vet visit: [www.VDILab.com](http://www.VDILab.com) or call: (805) 577-6742



## NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB 2012 Trophy Sponsorship

As in the past, we hope club members will support our annual **Obedience & Rally Trials** (on November 3rd) by sponsoring awards for high scoring competitors. Your favorite dog, breed, person or purpose will be included in the trial catalog which is provided to exhibitors, plus we will post sponsorships at the clubhouse.

Please specify your dedication 'In Honor' or 'In Memory', and return the completed form with your donation. Usual sponsorship is \$20.00, however we appreciate any amount you can give.

Please print the following as you wish the information to appear in the catalog:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel: \_\_\_\_\_ (office use only)

In Honor Of - OR -  In Memory Of

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DONATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY **OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** to ensure they are included in the catalog. **Please make your checks out to the NVDTTC** and return with this form to Marilane Bergfelt (care of NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558). If you have questions, please call Marilane at 253 8585.

**DON'T FORGET  
TO ADD THE  
OBEDIENCE & RALLY  
TRIAL DATE  
TO YOUR CALENDAR!**

**November 3, 2012**

**ALSO, VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED!**

**SIGN UP TODAY  
at the Clubhouse!**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next  
General Meeting**  
*Monday,  
September 10, 2012  
6:30 p.m.  
at the clubhouse*

## END OF SUMMER POTLUCK

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**SEPTEMBER 10**

*See details on page 1.*



**No dogs  
at the meeting.**

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UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
GO  
TO  
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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.



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Submission deadline for the  
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