

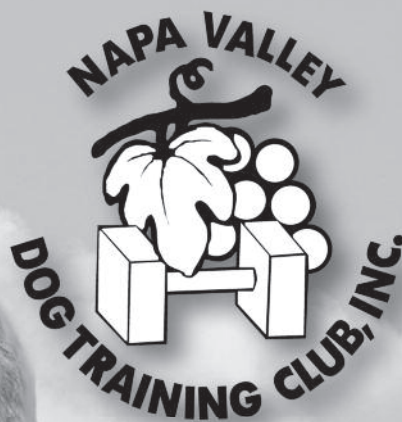
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014

TATTLE TAILS

CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Teresa Russell's Yellow Lab, Perry



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END OF SUMMER POTLUCK!

*All members and
their family* are invited!*
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

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

NVDTC will provide drinks, paper plates and flatware.

**True, dogs are family too however this is one of those events they will just have to miss. :-)*

All the fun
happens at the
6:30 PM
September 8th
general meeting!



Canine Good Citizen Exams September 13 and 14

By Jim Spiva



The Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club has once again invited NVDTC to administer Canine Good Citizen exams at their dog show on September 13 and 14 at the Solano Fairgrounds in Vallejo, and we have accepted.

The exams will be done from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and from 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday on the lawn in front of McCormack Hall. This exam is "walk-in," no appointment necessary, for a fee of \$15— all of which goes to NVDTC. Our members are invited to observe, be part of the "crowd" in the exam, or take part in the exam with their dogs.

The CGC used to be an "award." Now it is a genuine AKC title. At this exam, if you enter on Saturday morning and have difficulties, you may pay the \$15 again and re-try in the afternoon or even the next day.

Anyone who has interest in the exam, contact me through the NVDTC office by calling 707-253-8666.

If you send a photo of YOUR dog (& name) to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!

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My Handsome Boy, Joey

by Bobbie Honsvick

Some of you newcomers to the dog club didn't know my handsome boy, 16 and 1/2 year old Joey Red Runner, a Doxie.

Joey and I started with Good Manners; we attended at least four sessions when he got bored. In 2005 we took up agility, thanks to our trainers, Sydney Nazarro and Joy Woods. With patience and help Joey went on to



win 3 blue first place ribbons and some 2nd place. As Chris Mayer with her Doxie, Casey, said, "Who said Doxies can't do agility?" Joey and Casey did.

When I could no longer run, we tried "Go to Ground." Joey did great but it took three

people to get him out of the tunnel, he really wanted that rat.

Next we tried Rally with the help of Mary Ash. Joey got his Beginning and Advance titles. While trying for his Excellent title we noticed he was having trouble finding his way and refusing to take the four inch jump. It wasn't long after that he started losing his eye sight so Joey and I retired from the ring.

He was now 14 years old and me in my early 80s. We spent the rest of his last two and a half years sitting watching TV with his head on my lap. Even with his diminishing sight he followed me from room to room, always at my side, sleeping curled up next to me. I'm sure, as my handsome boy crossed the rainbow bridge, Chris Mayer's Doxie, Casey, his agility buddy and Anita Boyce's Schipperke, Bo, his traveling buddy, were there to greet him.

I'll always remember our good times, my handsome boy, Joey.



Santa Clara DTC PRESENTS Denise Fenzi

Saturday November 1, 2014

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Building Motivation & Drive for All Sports



Sunday – November 2, 2014

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Problem Solving For Competitive Obedience

Location: Fetch Sam!
342 Race Street in San Jose

Go to aocnc.org to download flyer from the CALENDAR page

Working spots are limited to 12 each day, so send your reservation in early!

Early bird discounts. Continental breakfast will be provided.



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.

Session 6, 2014 Sep 8 to Oct 17

Week off: October 20
Class schedule Subject to Change

Monday

Not all classes held 2nd Mon. of month.

4:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball*	Marcia
5:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball*	Marcia
6:30 pm	Advanced Agility*	Laura
7:45pm	Beginning Jumpers/ Foundation Skills	Laura

Tuesday

11:00 am	Adolescent Dog**	Sandy
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5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge*	Judy
7:30 pm	Beginning Freestyle*	Judy

Wednesday

9:00 am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Jim

5:00 pm	Ado Dog Overflow	Marilane
6:00 pm	Puppy	Lea
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Puppy Overflow	Marilane

Thursday

Daytime	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
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5:30 pm	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Vange
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	Vange

Friday

Classes TBA

*Continued Class

**Puppies younger than 5 months may be included at the instructor's discretion.

If there are other classes you are interested in, sign up on an interest list.

Visit or call the NVDTC office to have your name added.

Session 7, 2014 Oct 27 to Dec 12

Week off: November 23 thru 29
Class schedule Subject to Change

Monday

Not all classes held 2nd Mon. of month.

4:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball*	Marcia
5:30 pm	Intermediate Treibball*	Marcia
6:30 pm	Advanced Agility*	Laura
7:45pm	Beginning Jumpers/ Foundation Skills	Laura

Tuesday

11:00 am	Adolescent Dog**	Sandy
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5:30 pm	Freestyle Drill Team	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge*	Judy
7:30 pm	Canine Good Citizen	Jim

Returning

Wednesday

10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Marlene

5:00 pm	Ado Dog Overflow	Marilane
6:00 pm	Puppy	Lea
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea
8:00 pm	Puppy Overflow	Marilane

Thursday

Daytime	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
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5:30 pm	Rally (all levels)*	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	TBA
8:00 pm	Good Manners 2	TBA

Friday

Classes TBA

**Special classes
scheduled for Session 7!**

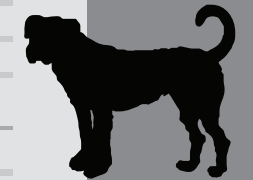
Canine Good Citizen

Tuesday 7:30 pm

Agility Foundation Skills/Beginning Jumpers

Monday 7:45 pm (continuing students)

Sign ups being taken NOW!



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 pm

A. Board Members Present: Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifield, Gerry Glantz, Sue Osborn, Debbie Peyton, Deassa Binstock.

II. MINUTES – Gerry Glantz

A. M/S/A to approve as posted

III. TREASURERS REPORT – Lori Jackson’s written report

- A. CD: \$11,826.09
- B. Savings: \$5,067.19
- C. Checking: \$4,314.49

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Presidents Report – Linda Luchsinger

- 1. Board Award - The Board Award this month went to Lynda Rhyno.

B. Vice Presidents report – Sandy Bonifield

- 1. No Report

C. Office – Sue Osborn

- 1. Thanks to Mary and Sandy who helped in office while Sue was on vacation.
- 2. To Carol, Margretha and Midori thanks for all their help
- 3. Sue reported 53 online responses and 68% of those signed up for classes.

B. Training – Marilane Bergfelt

- 1. September 3rd there will be a Trainers Meeting to go over everything currently pending except the class schedules for the rest of the year.
- 2. In October there will be another Trainers Meeting to complete the class schedules for the rest of the year.

C. Building – Debbie Payton

- 1. Club cleanup day went well and Debbie expressed thanks to all who helped.

D. Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn

- 1. Deadline for Newsletter Oct 20

E. Publicity – Deassa Binstock

- 1. We have new flyers so if you need some just ask her
- 2. Working to get our flyers at Pet Food Express. We cannot get into Petco because of corporate regulations, etc.

V. AOCNC – Mary Ash/Gerry Glantz/Sue Osborn

- A. Summer workshop went well although entries were down.
- B. September 21, 2014 AOCNC Seminar will be held at NVDTTC featuring a speaker from Bergin University. Entries will be taken at September general meeting.

VI. HOSPITALITY

Thanks to Melanie and Midori for treats tonight. Our next meeting is our annual Potluck. Debbie, Mary, Melanie and others volunteered to come early and help set up table.

VII. SUNSHINE - Deassa Binstock

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agility Trial Lori Jackson
 - 1. Entries low but all arrangements are made.
 - 2. To help with set up on Friday come at 1:00 pm
 - 3. On trial date, arrive at 6:30 to help in rings.
 - 4. Our 1 judge will be Kera Holm

- 5. Hospitality could use some more water and diet sodas if you want them

B. 2015 Obedience/Rally Trial June 29

- 1. Meeting last week all jobs filled except Raffle
- 2. Site is set and AKC application sent in.
- 3. Committee is working to complete all arrangements.
- 4. Gerry and Sue working on getting Judges

C. Nominating Committee

- 1. Deassa volunteered to chair committee and we need two general members to complete the committee. Vange volunteered to help

D. Complaint form/Code of Conduct

- 1. Linda handed out proposed code. Members were asked to look through it and submit suggestions for additions or changes to Linda by email or in her box at club.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marilane talked about Laps event she had emailed about on August 23rd. She has flyers as needed.
- B. Deassa is fostering a puppy that she really needs to find a home for. Contact her if interested.

X. NEW MEMBERS

- A. None

XI. BRAGS

- Laura adopted a new little terrier mix.
- Linda Wargo has a new puppy.

XII. ADJOURN 7:10

Respectfully submitted, Gerry Glantz, Secretary

WHO DOES WHAT:

President:
Linda Luchsinger

Vice President:
Sandy Bonifield

Treasurer:
Lori Jackson

Secretary & Past President:
Gerry Glantz

At Large Board Members:

Office:
Sue Osborn

Office Assistant/Reproduction:
Karen Jackson

Publicity & Office Assistant:
Deassa Binstock

Building:
Debbie Payton

Training:
Marilane Bergfelt

AOCNC Representatives:

Mary Ash

Gerry Glantz

Sue Osborn

MEMBERSHIP

Sandy Bonifield

SUNSHINE:

Deassa Binstock

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or has experienced a loss, please let Deassa know!

CGC:
Jim Spiva

Newsletter & Website:
Sue Osborn



Dog Joint Health By Sandy Eckstein, WebMD

Dogs’ joints take a pounding, from running after tennis balls to jumping off the back deck. And for some dogs, that’s a problem. More use means more injuries and can lead to joint-related problems such as ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) tears and osteoarthritis. WebMD talked with James L. “Jimi” Cook, the director of the Comparative Orthopaedic Laboratory at the University of Missouri-Columbia, about canine joint problems and what’s new in their treatment.

Q: What causes osteoarthritis or joint problems in dogs?

A: The two major categories of joint problems are developmental and degenerative problems. With developmental problems, you have things like hip or elbow dysplasia, where the joint does not develop correctly in a number of different ways.

Degenerative problems cover a number of areas. But the most common, and the most common cause of arthritis in dogs, is cruciate ligament problems, where the ligament is degenerating over time and causing instability and secondary osteoarthritis.

Q: What are the signs of joint problems?

A: Most of the time, people notice that their dogs are doing less or having more difficulty with common activities. The dog now has problems getting up on the couch, or going up the stairs, or getting in the back of the SUV. With more athletic dogs, maybe they can’t run as long with their owner, or they don’t want to play as long at the dog park.

From there it progresses to overt lameness -- holding the limb up, or holding the limb funny. Those are the most common things we see. Rarely do we see overt pain as the first complaint. Usually it’s a slower process.

Q: It seems more dogs now are having treatments for joint problems. Are there more problems, or are we simply treating them more often?

A: We have improved diagnostics and improved health care. People pay more attention to their dogs and seek care earlier and more often. And a portion of it is a breeding issue. Breeders are breeding for the traits they want. But that can breed in other traits that aren’t so desirable, such as the orthopedic problems.

AGILITY TRIAL THANK YOU

by Lori Jackson, Agility Chair

Thanks to Margie, Laura, Jim, and Bobbie for the monetary donations for hospitality. Thanks to Vange, Chris Mayer, Linda Wargo, and Linda Luchsinger for the supplies of water (Linda delivered the water at the trial site when she was not feeling very well—it was much appreciated).

Thanks to Mary and Linda Wargo for teaching the novice agility workers, Chris Mayer, Kathy Wade, and Margie Vulk for helping at all the different agility jobs for Saturday's trial. They all worked very hard.

Thank you Sue, Charlie Rose, Linda Wargo, and Christy Rose for also helping out. Special thanks to Christy for the hard work she did even when Chudleigh got sick on Saturday. She worked every class on Sunday and helped take down the rings on Sunday.

Lynda Tjarks, Mary, Teresa, Karen, and Linda Wargo all provided a positive and easygoing event.

Margretha and Teresa did a great job organizing the workers' raffle. Teresa did an extraordinary job selling raffle tickets and showing everyone the J and J raffle items. She brought in \$145.

Hospitality was a success because of Karen.

Gerry did a marvelous job giving out the labels and ribbons to the qualifiers.

Mary and Teresa were wonderful as chief ring stewards; pitching in as needed and being pleasant and amiable to all.

Again, without Linda Wargo, the Napa agility trial could never have happened. She did so much to keep the agility events going on.

We did not have enough people on Sunday to help out, especially for the takedown. As tired as we all were, Karen, Linda, Mary, Teresa, and Cheryl Sindt of the Vallejo Dog Training Club took down the rings, tables, chairs, heavy equipment, and canopies.

It was a small show with the entrants on Saturday and Sunday being under 330. Therefore we had only one judge. Luckily for us, Linda Tjarks convinced Kera Holm to judge instead of Tammy Domico. Linda Tjarks gave us, the club, a check in the amount of \$2,580.00.

Teresa and Chief did very good and my very noisy Black Lab had a ball.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped out. It was a very fun show. Thanks to the general membership for allowing us to have a 2014 agility trial.

Your 2014 Agility Trial Chair,
Lori Jackson

AGILITY TRIAL SO MUCH FUN

by Teresa Russell, Chief Ring Steward

I can't remember the last time I had so much fun at an agility trial! Probably 15 years ago when I was running Jack Russell Terriers! The whole atmosphere of the trial was positive. Handlers were friendly and congratulatory. The Trial Secretary, Lynda Tjarks, actually smiled and was open and friendly with ALL exhibitors, even Novice handlers. The Trial was comparatively small (around 300 runs) but everyone volunteered to pitch in and help. No one growled at the workers or refused to get in line when it was their turn or was sarcastic and bossy and arrogant and just plain rude as I had experienced in the last several agility trials I had attended. The difference, I am convinced, is that our Napa Club made the bold and risky move to change Agility Trial Secretaries. In spite of veiled threats and boycotts, Lori Jackson, Agility Chair, pressed for a friendlier, more sportsmanlike working environment and her risk was vindicated. It was a truly enjoyable show. Club members like Chris Mayer, Kathy Wade, Margie Vulk, and Sue Osborn were tireless on Saturday doing everything from pole setting to leash running to timing and scribing. On Sunday, Christy Rose worked all day, in spite of her concern after the unfortunate illness her Boxer, Chudleigh, suffered on Saturday which precluded him from continuing to run.

Charlie Rose, predictably, worked on Saturday until he and Christy had to leave with their dog. Linda Wargo was everywhere—timing, scribing (sometimes both at the same time) and in general keeping things going. She also took on the task of pulling and marking winners of the workers' raffle both days. Gerry Glantz worked the full weekend. Mary Ash, and of course, Karen and Lori Jackson were also everywhere—lining up workers, doing hospitality, and setting up and tearing down the rings, Easi-Ups, and so on. Margretha Lane did not attend but was instrumental in providing and assembling the plastic bags that contained the donated items for the workers' raffle.

It was hard work but worth it in terms of camaraderie, friendliness, good food and drinks, and cooling breezes under the trees. I ran a dog. He did well. I'll save my brag for the potluck in September. Good job everyone!

Teresa



Just some of our agility trial volunteers who slowed down for a few seconds to pose for a photo.

Winner of the 2014 International Dog Team Dance Off!



Sandy Bonifield accepts plaques from Vange Leonis at our July general meeting for titles won by the Napa Valley Dog Training Drill Dance Team.

To view the drill team in action visit the VIDEO LINKS page on NVDTTC's web page.



AOCNC Seminar

Sunday, September 21, 2014

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location:

Napa Valley Dog Training Club

IDENTIFY YOUR DOG'S
PERSONALITY TRAITS AND LEARN HOW TO
ADAPT TRAINING TO COMPLEMENT THEM.

PRESENTED BY

Bergin University of Canine Studies

\$12 fee for each person attending

Attendees will be selected by lottery at the September 8, 2014 General Meeting. Be sure to intend to put your name in to go to this very informative, fun, and interesting seminar.

Bring \$12 in case you are selected.

Contact Mary Ash for more information.

6 Breeds Who Love to Work

Australian Shepherd—The Australian Shepherd lives for his job, which still involves herding livestock and working as an all purpose farm and ranch dog. He needs a lot of activity and a sense of purpose to be truly content. Due to the breed's intelligence and versatility, "Aussies" also excel in AKC events such as agility, obedience and herding.

Belgian Tervuren—The Belgian Tervuren is highly devoted to work and family. While Tervs excel in obedience and agility competitions, this breed also makes an excellent therapy or guide dog, and is still outstanding at its original job of herding. Historically, this protective breed provided security for its farm and family and assisted with daily maintenance of the stock. The Belgian Tervuren enjoys having a job to do and needs daily exercise.

Bluetick Coonhound—The Bluetick Coonhound is very skilled at trailing and treeing raccoons and other small animals. Blueticks have a "bawling" bark that it uses frequently while out hunting! Blueticks can stay on the most intricate of tracks, making it a prized companion for active sporting families.

Briard—The Briard's most common job has been herding, but his acute sense of hearing also makes him an excellent watchdog. The Briard is happiest leading a busy, active life. Briards are independent thinkers, so patience is necessary when training. Like many sheepdogs, this breed may be wary of strangers, but makes an excellent pet if time and effort is put in to raising him.

German Wirehaired Pointer—The GWP was created in Germany to be a versatile, multi-purpose hunting dog. A high energy and high drive breed, the German Wirehaired Pointer must receive regular exercise or have a job to do – otherwise, their creativity and independence may get them into trouble!

Giant Schnauzer—The Giant Schnauzer developed in Germany, where the breed was in high demand as farm help. He aided the shepherd in driving livestock to market and was used as a guard dog by the butchers and breweries. An extremely intelligent, energetic, strongly territorial dog, the Giant Schnauzer loves his owners and feels great responsibility to protect them. He learns quickly, however, and can distinguish between friend and foe. Giants need a lot of exercise, requiring daily walks, playtime with another dog or romps in the yard. He especially loves having a job to do.

Other breeds who love to work are Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Old English Sheepdogs, and Rottweilers.

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Leave your dog
at home.

**Next
General Meeting
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
6:30 p.m.
POTLUCK!**

**If you have items to bring up at
general or board meetings,
please notify club president two
days in advance of meeting so
they can be put on the agenda.**

**REMAINING SESSION
SCHEDULE FOR 2014:**

Sept 8 - Oct 17 — Week off: Oct 20

Oct 27 - Dec 12 — Week off: Nov 24
(Thanksgiving week mid session)

**Congratulations to recent
Board Award Recipients!**

JULY: **Bobbie Honsvick**

AUGUST: **Lynda Rhyno**

The Board Award recognizes a member on a monthly basis; someone who has been paramount in making the club a better place by what they have done latterly. Unlike the annual Service Award wherein recipients are selected by general club members, Board members make the choice for Board Award recipients—hence the name, Board Award.

**Training Meeting
September 3rd
6:30 PM
at the clubhouse**

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the *THIRD* 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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