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NVDTC Newsletter

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The 2019 Gerry Glantz Memorial Club Service Award Goes To...

Marilane Bergfelt

Marilane is always taking care of things for the club, tirelessly working behind the scenes and puts in many, many hours taking care of details and matters related to dog training.

Marilane is always looking out for ways to improve training and educational opportunities for the club. She researches and sets up seminars and is always on the lookout for new and educational events to benefit our members, trainers, assistants, and the club overall.

Then there are the hours of paperwork she does to make sure club documents are current and match the club's needs. She makes sure any changes brought up at meetings are incorporated.

She works with outside parties who can benefit us as well as the club being a benefit to them. For instance, she coordinates activities with Napa Humane and the Napa County Animal Shelter by taking donations to them from our members.

Often you can find her at the clubhouse organizing equipment and cleaning items and making sure the office area is organized. In 2019, she helped out in the office by handling phone calls as well!

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For the Love of Dachshunds

by Debbie Hilton

I first became entranced by the dachshund breed when I was working for a florist that had a shop dog, a dachshund. "Oopie" was a smart cookie and she ruled the roost. She had quite a personality, full of antics and an arsenal of tricks she'd mastered. Customers would stop by just to say hi to her and watch her perform.

Needless to say, when Michael and I talked about getting a dog, my vote was for a miniature dachshund. Our first dog, a chocolate and tan, was named "Cup of Joe" (aka Joey). We loved him for 7 years, before he passed from a brain tumor. What a heart break and a void in our lives. At first it seemed there was not a thought of replacing Joey. It took a couple years but, we began to realize that another dog was what was missing and it had to be a dachshund.

We brought Archie (a light red short hair) home in November of 2018 at 10 weeks old. He 's a sweetie, very attached to his human parents, not really interested in other dogs or most people...he can be quite a handful but we love him just the same.



For you dachshund (and small dog) lovers check out Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund on the internet to view pictures and fun videos of him and his step brother and new adopted sister (itsadaphneday). They have quite a following internationally on Instagram and Facebook.

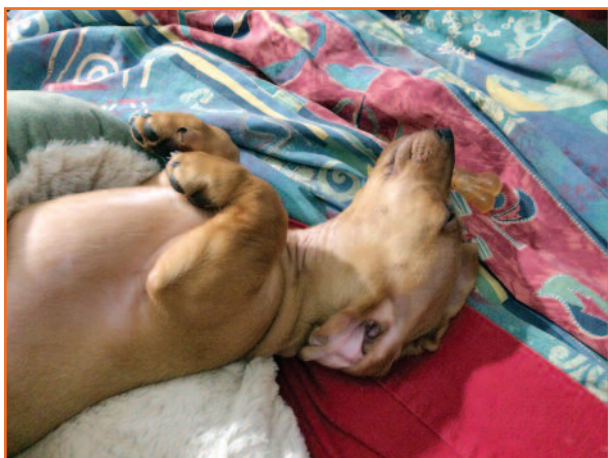
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She is an asset to the trainers and the training chair in that she acts as an advisory figuring out what classes will work best in upcoming sessions and helps set up class schedules for print and display once schedules are determined by the training meeting.

And then there is all the PR she stays on top of, making sure flyers are distributed throughout the community and posted at the clubhouse, that Facebook posts are kept up to date, and articles are written for the newsletter.

And of course she is a trainer and an assistant, both very important roles for a dog club!

Marilane is one of the main backbones of this club and without her, the club would be quite lost.



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BRAGS:

Carol Coawette



Jacques qualified in AKC Scent Work trial in Advanced Exterior, Advanced Buried and 2nd leg in Novice Handler Discrimination. He also received his AKC Advanced Exterior and Interior Titles.

Pierre qualified in AKC Scent Work trial in Interior and Handler Discrimination. He also received his Novice Interior Title and his overall AKC Novice Scent Work Title



Linda Luchsinger



Introducing Sassy, Tru-Luv's Sassin' Back! Born May 12th, 2020. She is very smart and fun to train. I brought her home at 9 weeks and got "pick of the litter." She is awesome!



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Some fun and affordable webinars

by Marilane Bergfelt

With being in our 1000th Day of Captivity, I listened to my umpteenth webinar. One in particular was via the Dog Training College in Britain. Their instructors and presenters are from all over the world and all have had great insights to share. Most of the stuff I have been listening to is about science, genetics and such—because I find reading research reports difficult. (What a surprise, I know.)

The presenter was Ian Shivers of Bondi Behaviorist in Australia. He is a canine trainer/behaviorist. Much of what he covered he also has on his website, with some lovely 'fact sheets.' If you have time and/or need some ideas on how to explain things to owners, these might help?

<https://www.bondibehaviourist.com/factsheets>

I particularly liked their info and chart about The Dog's Mind:

Red	The emotional part of the brain is functioning The dog is no longer thinking about anything other than: PANIC - FIGHT OR FLIGHT - SELF PRESERVATION
Amber	Arousal levels are increasing, medium levels of anxiety and stress The dog is unsettled and more reactive, displaying 'fiddle' or 'freeze' behaviours DOGS IN THIS FRAME OF MIND STRUGGLE TO THINK, REMEMBER AND LEARN
Yellow	The thinking part of the brain is still functioning Arousal levels are elevated due to curiosity in stimulus such as play or food GOOD FRAME OF MIND FOR LEARNING
Green	The thinking part of the brain is functioning The dog is calm, happy and relaxed. No anxiety is present BEST FRAME OF MIND FOR LEARNING

We say it all the time, "If the dog is stressed or over-aroused, it can't learn." His 'Traffic Light System' is an easy way to see when a dog is over threshold.

Links to check out:

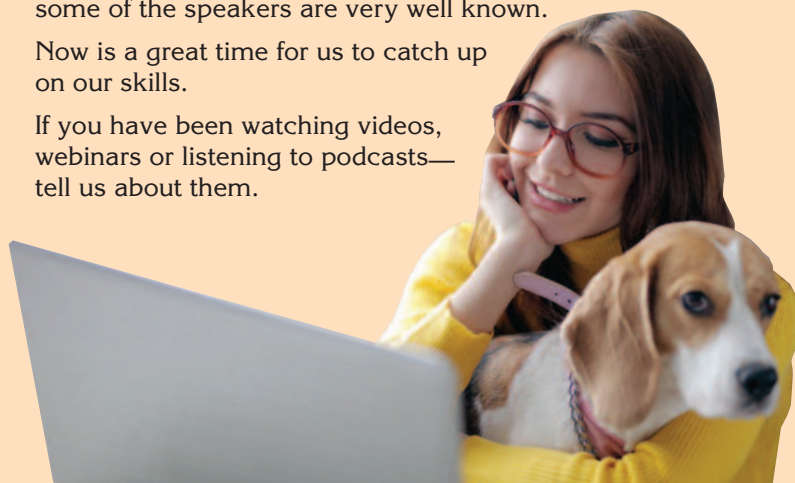
<https://www.bondibehaviourist.com/the-dogs-mind>

<https://dogkindtraining.com/events/>

The ones I watched at the third link above were great and I would highly suggest taking a look. Very affordable considering some of the speakers are very well known.

Now is a great time for us to catch up on our skills.

If you have been watching videos, webinars or listening to podcasts—tell us about them.





August 10, 2020 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

are available online at:

napadogtraining.org/meeting/

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President, Linda Luchsinger, called the meeting to order a 6:35 PM.
- B. Board members present: Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn. and Marion Sigel.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. As of 7/31/20:
 - 1. Savings: \$22,339.40
 - 2. Checking: \$32,372.86
 - 3. Paypal: \$834.00
- B. Profit for July: \$6,700
- C. Year to date loss: \$15,500
- D Fifty percent (\$2100) for August rent was mailed 7/27/2020.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT—Sue Osborn

- MSC to approve July 13, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as published.

IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT—Linda Luchsinger

- 1. Status of Property Manager Terms/Written Agreement:
 - a. Stephen & Guy from Sawyer Properties called back on July 15th (after initial teleconference on July 10 to negotiate half rent) with the following proposal, which Linda accepted:
 - i. Reduced rent July, August, Sept with an option to continue through Dec 2020.
 - ii. A new lease for 3 years beginning May 2021.
 - iii. Repayment of reduced rent as soon as finances permit or at the beginning of 2021.

- iv. Sawyer Properties was to email Linda a written proposal of agreement, which has not yet been received. Linda will send a follow up email to request written agreement.

- b. Linda is recommending the club pay as much back as soon as able to keep club financially stable as much as possible should there be another setback due to the pandemic.

2. Phone Bill:

Sandy will follow up on obtaining a quote for a lower 2-line phone rate with internet and voice mail options and present to Board for review. Current cost for club phone service is approximately \$200.

3. August 3, 2020 Board Meeting Report:

No report as items are covered in other areas.

4. Status of Membership Packets:

Linda Luchsinger and Carol will review what needs to be done to update the membership packet.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT—Sandy Bonifield

No report.

C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS—Carol Coawette

MSC to accept Pauline Seago as a returning member.

D. OFFICE—Sandy Bonifield

Sandy lets people who call into the office to go online to register and if they cannot pay through Paypal, to send a check to the Box 7 mailing address.

E. TRAINING—Linda Luchsinger

1. Session 5, 6, & 7 Status:

All three sessions have been set and sent to Sue, Donna, and instructors. Session 5 is online.

- 2. Posting of flyers for Beginning Tricks (Session 5),

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REGISTER ONLINE:

nvdttc.org/registration.htm

Registration for Session 6
is **ONLINE** only.

Opens September 7th

Closes September 21st

Questions?

email registration@nvdttc.org
or call 707-253-8666

FEES

FOR ALL 4-WEEK CLASSES:
\$100

*All fees must be received
BEFORE class starts.*

\$40 MAX IN VOUCHERS
NO DISCOUNTS AT THIS TIME

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FEES & VOUCHER ALLOWANCES  
FOR SHORTENED CLASSES:

3-Week Session: \$75.00 class fee  
Vouchers: \$30.00 (max)

2-Week Session: \$50.00 class fee  
Vouchers: \$20.00 (max)

Puppy: 12 weeks to 5 months  
Adolescent: 6 months to 1 year  
Ado/Good Manners 1: 6 months+  
Good Manners 1 or 2: 1 year+

Members can earn vouchers to  
offset the cost of classes.

Details:

[www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm](http://www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm)



## 2020 Training Session 6

October 5th thru October 31st, 2020

(Session 6 classes run for 4 Weeks—unless noted otherwise.)

**Monday** (Not all Monday classes meet 4x—Check with Instructor or online registration portal)

|          |                                    |       |                   |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 8:30 am  | Scent Work Intermediate            | Donna | (continued class) |
| 9:30 am  | Scent Work Advanced                | Donna | (continued class) |
| 11:00 am | Scent Work Beginning               | Donna | (continued class) |
| 6:00 pm  | Handler Discrimination             | Donna | (continued class) |
| 7:00 pm  | Scent Work Intermediate / Advanced | Donna | (continued class) |

**Tuesday**

|          |                                        |       |           |
|----------|----------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 10:00 am | Good Manners 1                         | Kim   |           |
| 11:00 am | Good Manners 1.5 - 2                   | Kim   |           |
| 12:00 pm | Delightful Distractions                | Kim   | RETURNING |
| 2:00 pm  | Private Coaching – Dogs Can Dance      | Judy  |           |
| 4:30 pm  | Intermediate Freestyle / Musical Rally | Judy  |           |
| 5:30 pm  | Freestyle Drill Team                   | Judy  |           |
| 6:30 pm  | Better Healing with Music              | Judy  | RETURNING |
| 7:30 pm  | Good Manners 1                         | Linda |           |

**Wednesday**

|          |                |          |  |
|----------|----------------|----------|--|
| 9:00 am  | Puppy          | Sandy    |  |
| 10:00 am | Puppy          | Sandy    |  |
| 11:00 am | Adolescent Dog | Sandy    |  |
| 12:00 am | Adolescent Dog | Sandy    |  |
| 4:00 pm  | Puppy          | Marilane |  |
| 5:00 pm  | Adolescent Dog | Marilane |  |
| 6:00 pm  | Puppy          | Lea / De |  |
| 7:00 pm  | Adolescent Dog | De / Lea |  |

**Schedule  
subject  
to change**

View Schedule of  
all 2020 Sessions by  
visiting our CLASS  
SCHEDULES page.

**Thursday**

|          |                                                                 |          |                                |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 10:30 am | Rally (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks of each month) | Mary     | (all levels - continued class) |
| 4:30 pm  | Rally – Advanced                                                | Mary     | (continued class)              |
| 5:30 pm  | Rally - Novice                                                  | Mary     | (continued class)              |
| 7:00 pm  | Agility Foundation for Competition                              | Stefanie | (Part 3 of 4)                  |

**Friday**

|         |                     |      |           |
|---------|---------------------|------|-----------|
| 6:00 pm | Canine Good Citizen | Mary | RETURNING |
| 7:00 pm | Canine Good Citizen | Mary | RETURNING |

**Saturday**

|          |                                 |            |  |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| 10:00 am | Adolescent Dog / Good Manners 1 | Sandy / De |  |
| 11:00 am | Puppy                           | Sandy / De |  |

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Unless noted otherwise, all sessions  
run 4 weeks, one time per week at the  
day & time shown for 45 minutes.

If there are other classes you are interested in,  
sign up on an interest list. Visit or call the NVDTTC  
office to have your name added.

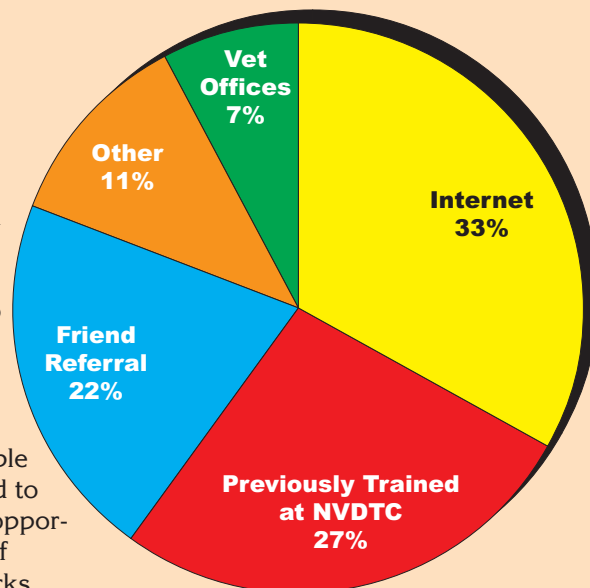


## How do students find out about NVDTTC?

Thanks to DogBizPro, our online registration portal, the club can now easily track how people are finding out about our club. The data shown in this pie chart is derived from information gathered since March of 2018, when the club first started taking online registrations. This data is from that time period until mid-August of 2020. The categories shown relate to the five questions asked through DogBizPro.

This is a great tool to address which areas are working best for the club and how we might want to direct future efforts.

The Internet category, which includes social media, is obviously responsible for most of our students. Vets are our lowest pull. Does this mean we need to work with them more or is it the others just intrinsically provide a higher opportunity for pulls? What does the "other" category cover? A few examples of many are the animal shelter, Judy Gamet, Pet Food Express, and dog parks.



## Know Your Dog's TEMP (Tail, Eyes/Ears, Mouth, Posture)

Dogs can't talk to us, but they can communicate. Knowing what a dog is telling you is vital. Dogs have many signs to show what they are feeling.

T.E.M.P. is an acronym that likely came from the late Dr. Sophia Yin. It stands for "Tail, Ears, Mouth, Posture." The "E" is for Ears / Eyes because TEEMP is not as neat an acronym as TEMP.

### T for Tail

The tail is fairly obvious. Many people will say "oh the tail's wagging, happy dog". Not necessarily. You've got to look at how the dog's tail is wagging.

### E for Eyes

If a dog's eyes are full, bright, and alert, that's a good sign.

### E for Ears

No matter what earset a dog has, you can see alertness with the ears 'held high.' If the ears are up high on the head, the dog is confident or may be focused on something.

### M for Mouth

Pay attention to the way a dog is vocalizing.

A dog growling is saying "I'm not comfortable with the situation, please take me out of it."

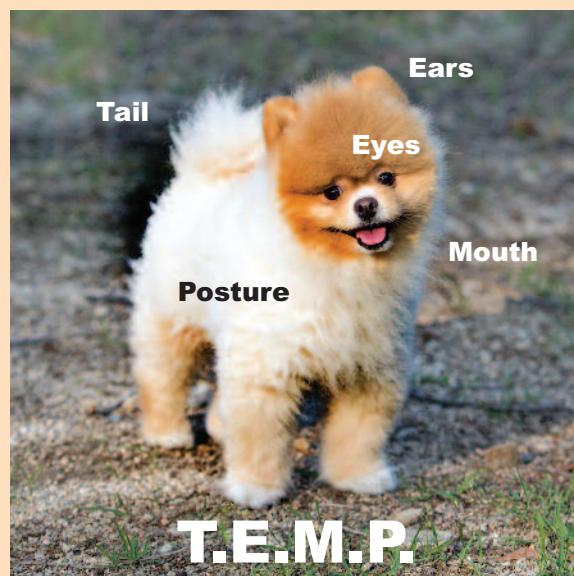
Whining could be that a dog is stressed or anxious. Whining could be an overly excited dog as well. Is the dog barking? Barking could be happy.

### P for Posture

A dog who is relaxed will have low whole-body wag. Their tails wag and their bodies wag, and their ears are up and confident.

The above descriptions are just the tip of the iceberg. Read more of the ins and outs about TEMP by visiting:

<https://susangarrettdogagility.com/2020/08/your-dogs-temp/>.







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Small Dog Ado/GM 1 (sessions 5 & 7) Delightful Distractions (Session 6), Beyond Basics (Session 7) will happen soon. Board decided Instructor names will now be included on flyers

3. Session 5 adolescent classes are filling up, Session 5 puppy classes are not filling up very fast.
4. Next training meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00PM.
5. Recommendation was made for visitors observing classes to sit in the area near the crates when it gets too crowded to sit outside the rolling door in the interest of social distancing.
6. Sue Sternberg online class: Cheryl recommended Sue's Zoom classes, a lot of good information is being presented. Two more Saturday classes are scheduled. Go to puppyworks.com for more information.
7. Student Amy Martenson is donating a new tunnel that folds up into a disc which can be used in classes.

### F. PUBLICITY—Marion Sigel

1. Napa Humane Virtual Walk for Animals
  - a. Video taping a walk by members as suggested by Marion was cancelled due to time constraints.
  - b. NVDTTC will donate a medium size leash and one class session for the event.
  - c. If anyone wants to take part in the virtual walk or donate, visit Napa Humane's website.
2. Business Cards, Totes, Shirts
  - a. Ordering of 50th Anniversary shirts is on hold until September.
  - b. 50th Anniversary Totes were passed out tonight to those who did not yet have one.

### G. BUILDING—Debbie Hilton

1. New fire extinguisher now in place
2. Agility equipment has been organized; Debbie and Stefanie worked together to organize agility equipment.
3. Big thank you to Debbie for all she has done to brighten and organize the clubhouse: awards and plaque display, board and instructor photo display, Debbie is always down at the club cleaning and improving things.

### H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

1. Building use page updated to address when building is available. Cleaning day to be changed to Fridays.
2. Deadline for September-October newsletter is August 20th.
3. Flyer page being eliminated. Flyers will now be available as a list of documents in a directory on website. Go to [nvdtc.org/flyers](http://nvdtc.org/flyers) to view current class flyers.

### I. AOCNC—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash

All current activities and meetings on hold. Winter workshop is still undecided even with Cow Palace agreeing, to rent one bay instead of two to AOCNC.

### J. HOSPITALITY

None

### K. SUNSHINE

None

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. AB5:

Marion will get together with Sue to go over updating website and other materials to reflect NVDTTC as an animal service.

#### B. COVID-19 Documents: Waiver, Cleaning Procedures, Reopening Guidelines:

All has been taken care of. Thank you to Marilane and Debbie for taking care of posting all needed signage. If there are any questions on these materials, contact Linda Luchsinger, Marilane or Sue,

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Elections

Sandy is the board member for the nomination committee. She will be sending out an email to the current board to see where they stand for 2021 board positions.

#### B. Inventory of Equipment

1. Mary and Sandy have inventoried all the leashes, collars, and bait bags, this inventory will serve as the baseline for future purchases.
2. Thirty-four large martingales with heavy chains will be donated to Napa Humane.

### VII. BRAGS

Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, and Stefanie Meinhardt.

### VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:28 PM

Respectively submitted by Sue Osborn,  
NVDTTC Secretary

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## Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters?  
Missed that announcement about rattlesnake aversion or an upcoming presentation or workshop?

You can access past emails sent out from NVDTTC via MailChimp by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Submission deadline for the  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 newsletter  
is October 20, 2020.  
Send to: [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org)

**Next Meeting:**  
**September 14, 2020**  
**6:30 PM at the Clubhouse**  
**All COVID-19 Guidelines**  
**to be followed.**



**Scheduling of Board Meetings:**  
Board meetings are open to all members  
and are scheduled on the *FIRST* 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 available at the club.*



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the latest news & photos:  
[www.napadogtraining.org](http://www.napadogtraining.org)

