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NVDTC Newsletter

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JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER PIZZA PARTY!

September 9, 2024

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

Members and Family are invited.*

NVDTC is hosting a PIZZA NIGHT to celebrate all of its members!

To help us plan for this event (we don't want you to show up and not get pizza!) your answers to our short 4 question survey will be helpful & very much appreciated! If you missed the email sent out to take the survey or haven't taken it yet, [CLICK HERE](#) or scan OCR code.



**Respond by
September 5th**



**Salad, paper
plates/cups, napkins
included.**

**Bring your
own drinks.**

***Leave dogs at home.**

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!



Pizza the way it oughta be!

EAT & DONATE WITH US

Please Join Us At Our Fundraiser Event With



**To support affordable dog training, as well as recreation and
exercise for dogs and their owners.**

MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA

Timing : 11AM to 9PM | Sun - Mon, Sep 8 & Sep 9, 2024
1501 Trancas St, Napa, CA 94558, USA, 707-751-6100

Show or mention this invitation
and 20% of your order will be donated to our fundraiser.

THE MORE WE EAT, THE MORE WE RAISE!

Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Order pizza for the office lunch! Can't find the time? Send pizza to a friend. Can't get out of the house? We deliver.

Invitations must be mentioned before the order is placed. It may not be combined with other discounts, specials or promotions. Other restrictions may apply. Ask the store for details. *Alcohol not included.





Why Does My Dog Put Their Paw on Me?



Your dog gazes at you with love and longing. Suddenly, you feel your arm or leg gently caressed by their paw. You may be wondering, why does my dog put their paw on me? Is it a sign of hand-holding canine style? Or, per-

haps they want a treat, a few pats on the head, some attention, or maybe a trip outside for playtime or a potty break.

"When your dog puts a paw on you, it is most often a sign of communication, and it doesn't always mean the same thing," says Dr. Mary Burch, Ph.D., a certified applied animal behaviorist and the Director of the AKC Family Dog Program.

Whatever the reason, the connection with your dog is real. Dogs want instant gratification, and waiting until you're ready to determine the exact meaning doesn't always sit well with a dog. Although it's easy to wonder what your dog wants, making coat-to-skin contact is a natural behavior for dogs. "Think about when a human hugs another person," Burch says. "It can mean, 'I love you,' 'I'm so sorry for your loss,' or 'I am so glad to see you again.'"

What does putting a foot on your foot, hand, leg, or lap mean precisely? Like other ways your dog tries to get a message across, placing a paw on you can signal a few different things. "Dogs use body language to mean, 'I have a need, such as 'I need to go outside,' or 'I am hungry—it's time for my dinner,'" Burch says.

The canine touch also serves as a way to initiate communication. Think of the times you've begun a conversation by saying, "Uh," or "But," or raising your hand in a formal group setting. Dogs use a foot to bridge the communication gap. Your dog quickly learns that handing you their paw receives a positive reaction.

By giving you their paw, oftentimes, they just want a pet. "When I think of my dogs that would put a paw on me, my Border Collie, 'Laddie,' comes to mind," Burch recalls. "He would prompt me to pet him. And if I stopped, the paw would come down on my arm again."

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Year End Award Requirements

HEADS UP regarding YEAR END AWARDS for 2024!

You only have until December of 2024 to fulfill all requirements! Now is the time to review what they are.

The requirements for receiving year end awards has been updated as shown below:

The Napa Valley Dog Training Club gives annual awards to recognize, support and encourage the competition activity of members.

Each year, active club members can apply for recognition by completing and submitting an award application form.

For the year you are being recognized, the minimum requirements for active member award qualification are as follows:

Must have attended a minimum of four (4) Club General Meetings

Must be a current member in Good Standing with the Napa Valley Dog Training Club (NVDTC) and American Kennel Club (AKC), and

Participate in at least one NVDTC sponsored activity (as listed below).

No later than the January general meeting, members are responsible for filling out and submitting award form (as shown at link below) to include desired picture/data and dates of approved sponsored activities completed (as listed below) and dates general meetings were attended.

NVDTC sponsored activities include:

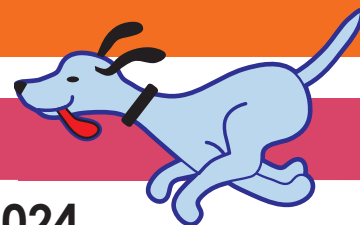
- a) Serve on Board of Directors
- b) Volunteer as an approved assistant for 1 six-week session
- c) Provide refreshments & drinks for a general meeting
- d) Serve as Newsletter/Webmaster
- e) Volunteer in office for one six-week session
- f) Participate in the annual fiscal audit
- g) Chair an activity or serve on a committee pre-approved by Board of Directors as follows:
 - Annual Banquet
 - Annual Awards Coordinator
 - Annual BBQ or Pizza Party or other festivities, such as May Madness, March Luck of the Irish, Christmas Potluck, Booth at Walk for Animals, Club Clean-up Day
 - Or any other activity approved by the Board of Directors

The above information is on the club's website:

nvdtc.org/club-awards/.

Download Year End Award Form for 2024:

<http://nvdtc.org/pdfs/YearEndAwardsForm.pdf/>.



2024 Training Session 7

October 28th through December 7th, 2024

Standard Classes run for **5 weeks** for \$125.00 unless noted otherwise.

Class payment & shot records due **October 21st**.

Registration for Session 7, 2024 classes is **ONLY** accepted between Sep. 23rd & Oct. 14th.
Except for specialty*** & continuing classes, registration is by phone **ONLY: 707-253-8666**

Monday

*9:00 am (4 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna

*10:00 am (4 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna (continued class)

*11:00 am (4 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna (continued class)

*12:00 pm (4 weeks)
***Scent Work**
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna (continued class)

*1:00 pm (4 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna (continued class)

*2:30 pm (4 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
Donna

**5:00 pm (3 weeks)
Scent Work
10/28, 11/4, 11/18
Donna (continued class)

Tuesday

10:00 am
Good Manners 1
Mary

11:00 am
Good Manners 2
Mary

12:00 Noon
Adv Obedience
Mary

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

**Schedule
subject to
change.**

**Scan QR code
for most
current digital
version of this
schedule.**



Wednesday

9:00 am
Overflow
Carol

10:00 am
Adolescent
Carol

11:00 am
Puppy
Sandy

12:00 Noon
Adolescent
Sandy

1:30 pm
**Strengthening the
Basics**
Vange

5 pm
Puppy
Carol

6 pm
Adolescent
Carol

7 pm
Good Manners 1
Carol

**MEMBERS RECEIVE
ONE \$10 DISCOUNT
PER CLASS**

Thursday

10:30 am
Rally – All Levels
Mary

11:30 am
Rally
Mary

5:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary

6:00 pm
Rally - Novice
Mary

Friday

6:00 pm
Good Manners 1
Linda

7:00 pm
Good Manners 2
Linda

Saturday

10:00 am
Mighty Might's
Vange

***12:00 Noon
(6 weeks)

Dining Out
10/26, 11/2,
11/9, 11/16,
11/23, 12/7
Vange

***6 Weeks of Classes: **\$150**
\$60 max in coupons or vouchers

5 Weeks of Classes: **\$125**
\$50 max in coupons or vouchers

*4 Weeks of Classes: **\$100**
\$40 max in coupons or vouchers

3 Weeks of Classes: **\$75
\$30 max in coupons or vouchers

For all **Dogs Can Dance (Freestyle)** Tuesday classes,
register with Judy: judy@dogscandance.com • (707) 449-1715



Bringing Joy into Training

by Judy Gamet

Inspiration to Train

Life happens. We all experience overwhelm and burn-out. But our dogs look forward to that special one on one time, and improved skill doesn't happen without your commitment. What can you do when you just aren't up to training? Let's take a realistic look at three aspects of training: time, energy, and mental attitude.

When it comes to "time", I think we often forget that it doesn't require a large block of time to make a difference in your team's skills. I've made a new commitment to my dog to train twice a day, even if we only put in five minutes. That time is like depositing money in a savings account. Every little bit makes a difference!

Have a trick on your mind that you want to train, or an automatic sit when you stop, give it that five minutes twice a day and watch what happens over the course of a week.

"Energy," it seems as we grow older, is in short supply. Remember when you were in your 20s, even 30s? What music did you enjoy at that era of your life? Seek that music out again, it's still available. When I was training and teaching all over the Bay Area 7 days a week, it required a ton of energy. I would listen to certain songs that reminded me of when I was strong and creative. That music never failed to lift me up. When I needed to bring the energy down, I'd play music that calmed me, and my dogs would respond to that calming as well. Take a few minutes and create that playlist for your car when you are driving to dog class, or on your way home from work before you train. They say upbeat music is as powerful as coffee!

Finally, let's talk "mental attitude." Remember, you aren't



training for anyone except yourself and your dog. You have nothing to prove. Training time is your special time together. Let your dog's potential and your team potential be the force that drives you. Your team is uniquely created and should be honored just for who you are.

I am encouraging the teams I coach to take on this challenge: If you want to really excel at your sport, commit to the 100-hour rule. 100 hours in one year breaks down to only 18 minutes per day! And again, it doesn't have to be 18 minutes at one time. Go ahead and break it into short sessions per day, 6 minutes 3 times a day and see where you are in 1 year!

Judy Gamet, CPDT-KA teaches canine freestyle on Tuesdays at NVDTC. Session 6 features Musical Rally, Freestyle for Tricks Titling, and Creating Your Own Routine.

Contact Judy for class availability.

Judy@DogsCanDance.com

August 2024 Update to Clubs from AKC

AKC's Title Application Portal (TAP)

www.apps.akc.org/title-application-portal/

AKC has developed a new online system to help make it easier for dog owners to apply for their dog's AKC title.



The online system is called the [Title Application Portal](http://www.apps.akc.org/title-application-portal/) (TAP). The portal offers a fast and simple, step by step experience to apply for titles offered in Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog, Temperament Test, Fit Dog, Fetch, Barn Hunt, Diving Dog, Disc Dog, Flyball, Virtual Home Manners, Search and Rescue, and any one of the titles recognized under the Parent Club Title Recognition Program. Users will need to login or create a MY AKC Account to begin. Dog owners can see each step of their transaction complete in real-time and confirm their order. Anyone needing assistance can contact: titlerecognition@akc.org or call 919-816-3637.



Brags are also in general minutes—see page 8.

— BRAGS —



Carol Coawette/Louie:

Louie won his AKC
Advanced Buried Title
Advanced Exterior Title
Advanced Interior Title
And another Advanced HD leg.
He also won additional Elite legs in
Novice Exterior; Interior; and Con-
tainer on June 22/23 in Monterey .

Carol Coawette/Pierre:

Pierre won his AKC Elite Master
Container Title!
He also won additional Elite legs in
Master Exterior and Excellent Exte-
rior; Interior; and Buried June 22/23
in Monterey .

Roxanne Wolf/ Bacchus:

While drying a Pyrex baking dish, it slipped
out of my hands onto the floor and shattered
everywhere. Naturally, my Standard Poodle,
Bacchus, came over to investigate. I've been
working with him on "leave it" and haven't
been sure if he was understanding the con-
cept. When he got close, I loudly said, "Leave
it!" And he turned around and walked away.
So proud of my boy!

Sue Osborn/Team Osborn Tänzerinnen/Morgan:

Team Osborn Tänzerinnen Dogs Can Dance®
freestyle (Brooklyn, Morgan, and I) has com-
pleted a second leg (of three legs) towards the
Dogs Can Dance® Musical Interpretation
(DCD-MI) title!

This time it was Morgan's turn to perform. She
passed the second leg, the International Flyer
level, with flying colors scoring 143 points!

We are currently working on our next chal-
lenge performance, the World Traveler level.
Both Brooklyn and Morgan will be performing
this level as a brace.

Have BRAGS? Submit them to brags@nvdtc.org

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Applied behavior analysts call this "manding." It means a
request or a demand, and Laddie would do both depending
on whether or not she responded, according to Burch.

However, there are a variety of requests your dog is asking
for that can come from a touch of the paw—aside from you
training them to "give you their paw."

They're Hungry

Owners often respond to a paw by giving their dogs food—
treats, leftovers from the table, or feeding their dog a meal.
Food means love in any language and if owners don't know
why their dog is pawing them excessively, giving a tasty
treat is an easy and quick fix. However, by doing this you
may unintentionally cause the undesired behavior of fre-
quent paw taps.

Some dogs could just as quickly bark for their supper rather
than put a paw on your lap, but this might not produce the

reward of food.

Once a dog realizes no good comes from barking, placing a
paw on your body might be their
next alternative tool to try.

They Need to Go Outside

A puppy who wants to go outside
for a potty break or playtime may
try engaging you with pawing,
barking, wagging a tail, or grab-
bing a toy and dropping it in your
lap. If the paw doesn't motivate
you to move to the great out-
doors, the dog may resort to put-
ting their head on your lap and
staring at you.



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August's "Bring Your Dog to the Meeting Night"

A HUGE THANK YOU to Judy Gamet with Dogs Can Dance® for her very special presentation at our club's August General Meeting. Our members and their dogs enjoyed hearing about and trying some Freestyle Moves focusing on how "flow" works and not just with dog dancing. It also works for all dog sports, rally, obedience, conformation...

Judy shared exercises and thoughts on rhythm and flow and how to tap into this with our dogs. She talked about how flow will elevate team work and style. She then presented exercises to teach our dogs not to lag and to stay with us working as a team while walking.



This was great opportunity to not only try out dance moves but also a great way to involve our dogs, connect with them, and love on them.

More photos, many if not all of them taken by Marilane, are on the club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NVDTTC/.



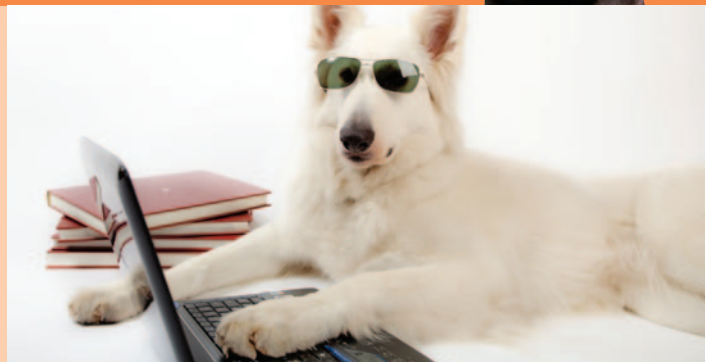


August 12, 2024 General Meeting

MINUTES (unapproved)

are available online at:

napadogtraining.org/meeting/



(Board Members Present: Vice President Carol Coawette, Treasurer Lori Jackson, Past President Mary Ash, General Board Members Karen Jackson, Roxann Gracia)

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33PM
- II. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA - None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2024
(Change Donna Golemon to Roxann Gracia under Old Business, Item 7, as suggesting the Dog Item Garage Sale. Approved Unanimously.)
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - Lori Jackson
 - A. Business Checking: \$15,784.07
 - B. Business Savings: \$22,368.39
 - C. Certificate of Deposit: \$21,226.95
 - D. June P&L = Loss \$3880.79 YTD Loss = \$4752.22
- V. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS
 - A. PRESIDENT - Absent
 - B. VICE PRESIDENT - Carol Coawette - No report
 - C. MEMBERSHIP/COUPONS - Carol Coawette and Lori Jackson
Carol reported no new members. Total members stands at 57. Lori reminded members that Vouchers expire December 31, 2024. The Exceptions are Meeting Coupons(Or old Meeting Vouchers) and Board Coupons (OR old Board Vouchers).
 - D. OFFICE - Mary Ash
Mary is willing to train someone to take over the Office as she is retiring from that position. Volunteers were requested and Sandy Bonifield volunteered. Details to be ironed out.
 - E. TRAINING - Donna Golemon Absent
Mary commented that there was a Training Committee Meeting and some changes are coming. Classes are set through the end of the year. Changes can still be made.
 - F. PUBLICITY - It was requested of members to take Rack Cards to various Dog places for distribution.
 - G. BUILDING - Karen Jackson
The building was sprayed and the next one is scheduled in October.
Lights were replaced. Toilet was fixed. More water was purchased. Three gates were fixed and glued. It was noted that Ross is storing 2 more boxes of gates. Mary to double check with Ross f or

more containers.

Bungee cords will be placed on more metal gates. Sprinklers can be turned off at the fig tree for dog class use. Karen clarified with cleaning crew the Rescue use.

H. NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE - Sue Osborn

Deadline for September - October is August 22nd.

I. --HOSPITALITY - Tonight's much appreciated refreshments were provided

by Marilane Bergfelt and Dena Parrish. Thank You!

J. SUNSHINE - Debbie Hilton

Debbie reported that Linda Wargo lost her Golden, Bill. In addition, Linda Wargo has been quite ill recently

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. UPDATES TO GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Mary Ash to submit minutes from Subcommittee meeting to re-vamp Section XXX-F for Instructor Pay Raises.

B. NOVEMBER MEETING "Bring Your Dog" for Holiday Pictures

Donna Golemon and Linda Wargo to Organize.

C. RD WINERY EVENT SEPTEMBER 28th.

Marilane reported the event is from 3pm to 7pm and the Club would be provided a table. This is a new event for the Club.

D. DOG ITEM TAG SALE

The event, headed by Debbie Hilton, will be held tentatively in April. Karen volunteered to help set up, but there will be more volunteers needed. Debbie had talked to Ross and he has agreed he could post flyers and that we can set up canopies in the courtyard. Linda to check with others in the complex if they want to join in on the sale event

E. SEPTEMBER EVENT

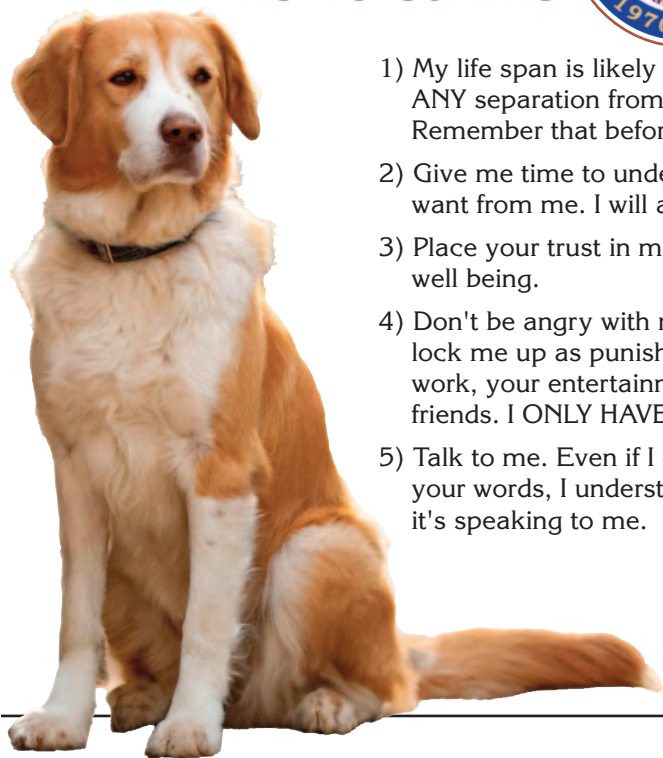
After much discussion, a motion was made to have a pizza party, in conjunction with Mountain Mikes as a fundraiser, and if the date is not available, another pizza party can be done with members contributing to the pizza, possibly \$10. Motion Carried with 1 Abstention

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee for Next Year's Board needs volunteers
Sandy Bonifield volunteered to on the the committee. There are still two more members needed and two alternates. According



The 10 Canine Commandments



- 1) My life span is likely to be 10 to 15 years. ANY separation from you is painful to me. Remember that before you buy me.
- 2) Give me time to understand what you want from me. I will always try to please.
- 3) Place your trust in me. It's crucial to my well being.
- 4) Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I ONLY HAVE YOU.
- 5) Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
- 6) Be aware that however you treat me good or bad, I'll never forget.
- 7) Remember before you hit me: I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
- 8) Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food, or I have been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak.
- 9) Take care of me and love me when I grow old. You too will grow old someday.
- 10) Go with me on the difficult journeys. Never say: "I can't bear to watch it," or "let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.

Remember, I love you.

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directly. Putting a paw on you seems the least intrusive method.

They Want Attention

Some dogs are more independent and may never put their toes on you to offer to pet and to gain your attention. Other dogs are needier and crave your touch, so they'll do it repeatedly. As mentioned before, pawing could just be a request for lots and lots of pets.

They Want to Comfort You

Dogs are highly perceptive creatures, and many can sense when their owners are feeling sad, lonely, or disappointed. If you're feeling any of these emotions, they may try to cheer you up by pawing at your hands or feet to give you extra love.

They're Anxious

A paw on you may also mean that your dog feels worried. The roar of thunder, separation anxiety if they think you're about to leave, or a sudden knock on the door can frighten a dog and send it pawing at you for comfort. Heavy breathing, a low tail, or uneasiness may accompany your dog's paw position. You can ease the concern with verbal reassurance that everything is OK, petting, giving a treasured toy, and mostly understanding that they need some comfort.

By understanding why a dog puts a paw on you, you're able to build a bond with your dog or strengthen the one you have, so don't push it away always.

...from an AKC Article



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to the Bylaws, the meeting should be held by September 5th.

B. JUDY GAMAT is presenting dog activities for dogs in attendance tonight, relating to Dogs Can Dance Classes.

VIII. BRAGS

David LeCount announced he has a rescue Doberman Mix with 10 puppies needing a home.

Mary Ash reports her dog, Court, Took First Place in Advanced Buried, Advanced Containers and Got High in Trial.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:15PM

Minutes Submitted by Roxann Gracia



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Misplaced, Lost, or Missed eMails from NVDTC?

Misplaced your email from NVDTC via MailChimp with link to newsletters?
Missed that announcement about an upcoming event, a presentation or a workshop?

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



Submission deadline for the
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 newsletter
is October 22, 2024.
Send to: editor@nvdtc.org

Scheduling of Board Meetings:
Board meetings are open to all members
and are usually scheduled on the **FOURTH**
Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date
and location of meeting. Minutes from past board
meetings are available at the club and online.

Join us for our next
General Meeting
September 9, 2024

See page 1 for details. Leave dogs at home.



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Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share?
If you send a photo of YOUR dog (& name) to the newsletter
editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter edition!
Email to editor@nvdtc.org



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