

FEBRUARY 2010

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Judie Howard Seminar a Great Success!



Despite the rain and cold the Judie Howard Seminar held January 23rd-24th at the NVDTTC Training Building was a great success. Judie's presentation style was enthusiastic, entertaining and very educational. Everyone who attended was given the opportunity to work their dog and try new techniques in problem solving.

Along with the excellent seminar, participants were delighted with the wonderful lunch and hospitality. A huge thank you goes out to Bobbie Honsvick who wowed everyone with her delicious

chicken noodle soup and macaroni salad. The perfect meal for a cold day. We received many compliments on our nice facility, great food, and smooth running seminar.

A lot of time and effort was put into bringing this event to our club. Thanks to Linda Luchsinger for putting the weekend seminar together along with her committee, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, and Joy Wood.



AKC announces mixed breed participation in AKC events

The AKC Canine Partners program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly and change the program format so a majority of clubs would have the option to take advantage of the opportunity to allow mixed breeds to compete in existing Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning April 1, 2010.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share their passion for dogs and their commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact AKC Canine Partners if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.
Email - akccaninepartners@akc.org;
Penny Leigh: 919-816-3749; Sydney Suwannarat: 919-816-3521



Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Officers

President: Mary Ash
Vice President: Sandy Bonifield
Treasurer: Lori Jackson
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members

Janet Davis
Gerry Glantz
Lynda Rhyno
Teresa Russell

Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



TRAINING SESSIONS

Subject to Change

Session 2 ~ 2010

Mar. 1, 2010 through April. 16, 2010

Week off between sessions 1 & 2: Feb. 22-26

Monday

5:30 p.m.	Conformation	Michelle
	March 1, 15, 29, April 5—drop-in/\$10 per class	
7:00 p.m.	Puppy Playtime	Lea & Laura
	March 1, 15, 29, April 5—drop-in/\$10 per class	

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.	Puppy	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Lea
6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
7:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Teresa
8:00 p.m.	Good Manners II	Teresa

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene
10:00 a.m.	Good Manners I	Marlene
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners II	Marlene
6:00 p.m.	Agility Advanced	Katherine
7:00 p.m.	Agility Intermediate	Joy
8:00 p.m.	Jumpers I	Joy

Thursday

10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
5:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
8:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary

Friday

5:30 p.m.	Competition Obedience	Teresa
6:30 p.m.	Puppy	TBA
7:30 p.m.	Good Manners 1	TBA

Week off between sessions 2 & 3: April. 19-23



PUPPY PLAYTIME

March 1, 15, 29, & April 5

Lea and Laura will hold puppy playtime classes on a drop-in basis. Cost is \$10.00 per class meeting.

Puppies will need at least two DHLPPs.
Age limit: 5 months.

Puppies from puppy class, the public or puppies waiting to get into session 3 are welcome!

Class Fees (7-weeks):

Members* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

All sessions run 7 weeks, one time per week at the day & time shown for 50 minutes.

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Session 1: January 4 — February 19, 2010

Session 2: March 1 — April 16, 2010

Session 3: April 26 — June 11, 2010

Session 4: June 28 — August 13, 2010

Session 5: August 23 — October 8, 2010

Session 6: October 18 — December 10, 2010

**Members have the opportunity to earn vouchers to offset cost of classes.*

BLOWING OUR HORN

By Teresa Russell

Three Labs, three Obedience and Rally Trials, and nine qualifying ribbons make for a very satisfying weekend with the dogs.

When Frances Harvey and I got back from the Santa Clara Fairgrounds in San Jose where Paco, her yellow Master Hunter dog, earned his Rally Excellent title in three straight shows (including a blue first place ribbon). Paco and Frances also earned his first leg toward his Companion Dog title with a score of 185.

Perry, my new yellow Lab, earned his Rally Novice title with scores of 98, 92, and 96. And Chief, my black boy, continues to amaze me with his willingness to do the right thing. It's almost as if he embodies the spirit of all my previous black Labs within his chubby, little frame.

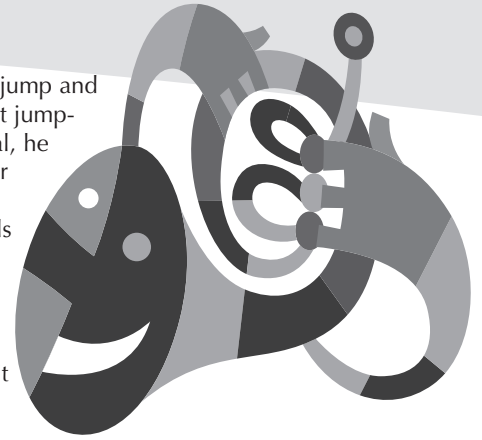
After blowing our first two attempts at the Utility Dog title last December, I enlisted Gary Walker's help in a practice session where Gary followed us around like a judge. Sure enough, Chief walked into our trap, and was gently reminded by me and the leash to do the exercise right. It paid off and he performed that exercise beautifully all weekend.

His entire performance improved, including near perfect scent articles, moving stand, and directed retrieve of the gloves. The directed jumping over the high jump and then the bar jump are last. In all three trials, the high was first and then the bar. In the morning trial,

he got lost near the bar jump and returned to front without jumping. In the afternoon trial, he also got lost near the bar jump, but then one of those black doggy angels tapped him on the shoulder, he looked up and saw me on the other side of the bar jump. He jumped over it on his way to me. First qualifying score, 180!

At Sunday's trial, Chief did very well—did not get lost—knew exactly what to do and how to do it—scored 194 and got a red second place ribbon. Only two dogs out of about 20 qualified which is typical of Utility A. The first place dog also scored 194 and was a black miniature Schnauzer.

I'm going to have to ask Gary's help again to help me sharpen up Chief's heeling. A little too much lagging in the run off cost us the blue ribbon. Perhaps if Gary and Buster tailgate us, Chief will learn that it's safer to stay in heel position than risk annoying Buster.



CGC EVALUATOR INFO

By Jim Spiva, CGC Coordinator

All CGC Evaluators please contact me with the information from your ID Card. I need: Name (as it appears on your card), Evaluator Number, Date approved and Expiration Date. This is how mine appears:

Jim Spiva 37149 July 8, 2008 July 31, 2010

You can contact me through the club by calling 253-8666 or through the website by emailing the webmaster.

On email, please put NVDTC-CGC on the title line. If your contact info has changed since the last club roster, please provide your phone number and e-mail address.



**For upcoming
trials/shows
go to nvdtc.org/events**

***Also visit www.infodog.com, www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com, and www.k9cpe.com
for information on conformation
shows, obedience and agility trials,
tracking tests, field trials, etc.***

1/11/2010 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandra Bonifield, Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, and Teresa Russell.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the December 14, 2009 general meeting as published in the January newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Checking: \$14,437.59
- B. Money Market: \$8,943.46
- C. CD: \$11,535.26
- D. Lori Jackson will make an informed decision about rolling over CD which is maturing January 15, rollover is to be for not more than a year and at a bank with a Napa branch.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS**, Sandy Bonifield
Kay Lafranconi from Belly Rub will give a presentation at the next general meeting complete with handouts.
- B. **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**, Sue Osborn
Decision as to whether or not to email newsletters was tabled.
- C. **TRAINING**, Teresa Russell
Next training meeting is set for Wednesday, February 24. Primary discussion will be the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program.
- D. **OFFICE**, Lynda Rhyno
All is going well. Mary Ash and Sandy Bonifield were a tremendous help returning phone calls during holiday break. Let Lynda Rhyno know if interested in working in the office.
- E. **BUILDING**
Lights are still out by office. Leaks that are showing up are due to condensation: if problem persists contact the board member who will be taking care of building concerns.
- F. **PUBLICITY**, Janet Davis
Publicity will go into the community calendar section in the Napa valley Register. Let Janet know about any brochures needed at vet offices.

V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

Gerry was not able to attend recent AOCNC luncheon meeting due to hospitalization. Mary Ash reported for Gerry Glantz: February 7 Workshop is at Cow Palace. It is not known if NVDTTC is working a ring. If anyone would like to be involved in AOCNC, meetings occur on a quarterly basis. Give Mary Ash a call or talk to Gerry by phone.

VI. HOSPITALITY

Sandy Bonifield and Mary Ash provided goodies for tonight's meeting. Christina Martin and Lynda Rhyno volunteered to do hospitality for the February general meeting.

VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Words of cheer to Bobbie Honsvick and Gerry Glantz. Condolences to Mike and Sandy Bonifield, Gerry Glantz, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Ingalls, and Linda Luchsinger.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**
Ballots were passed out for election of one of two nominees: Gerry Glantz and Beth Schutz. Result: Gerry Glantz was elected to fill open position on the board.

B. Annual Dinner

Dinner will be held February 20 at Compadres. Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 7. Coffee, tea, and lemonade included. Sign ups are due first week of February. Cost is \$28 per person. There will be photos on display. Form a team of five to play Dog Pack Feud.

C. YEAR END AWARDS, Linda Luchsinger

It is now time to turn everything in to Linda Luchsinger since next weekend everything goes to trophy person. No cost if you have one or two photos. Turn in your whole plaque.

D. SERVICE AWARD, Sue Osborn

The deadline to turn in nominations is January 15.

E. JUDIE HOWARD SEMINAR, January 23 and 24

There are 34 entries, 11 of which are trainers and assistants. If anyone is still interested, sign up now! Participating trainers and assistants are asked to pay \$10 to cover lunch.

G. CALIFORNIA COLLIE FANCIER WORKSHOP

Diane Parness not available to report on workshop.

H. PETS & VETS FUNDRAISER

The event went well although there were not a lot of attendees. The group set up well, cleaned up well and people had a good time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF TRAINING ASSISTANT

M/S/C to approve Janet Davis to be an Agility Assistant in the Introduction to Agility class forgoing provisional status due to Janet's extensive agility experience.

B. CGC, Jim Spiva

Jim requested all those who have CGC requests to be sent to him. Anyone interested in becoming a CGC evaluator please contact Jim. Currently there are no CGC classes in progress.

C. MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

Date of March 20 is being requested for use of club by the Miniature Schnauzer Club to put on another pet grooming clinic. M/S/C to approve request. Cost is \$100 since this is not a fundraiser.

D. LINE DANCE DEMO, Vange Leonis

Vange suggested doing a dance demo, video taping it and posting it on the NVDTTC website. Diane was open to the May meeting as a good opportunity to incorporate into an event similar to past May Madness event.

E. TEAM COMPETITION PRACTICE

Vange Leonis will submit a proposal to the training committee for holding team competition practices during breaks between class sessions. Training committee will then submit proposal to board.

IX. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

M/S/C to accept new members Sarah Scott, Barrie and Gary Gordon. Sarah owns a 7-year-old Pug. Barrie and Gary have three dogs, two of which are a Manchester Terrier and Papillon rescue.

X. BRAGS

Christie Rose and Linda Wargo.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary

Welcome New Members!



Sarah Scott



Gary and Barrie Gordon



SPECIAL MEMORY BOARD

Joy Wood is creating a memory board for anyone who has lost their dog. She will start it at the annual dinner and then bring it down to the club and display it there and continue to add to it. Anyone who wants to have their dog's picture on the memory board needs to provide her a picture. You can give it to her at the next meeting, e-mail it to the webmaster through the website, or put it in her box. She will scan it and return the original. She is accepting anyone's dog who has passed away in the last few years. Names and dates are nice but are not necessary.



FDA News Release

FDA Health Alert for Merrick Beef Filet Squares Dog Treats Packaged and Distributed by Merrick Pet Care

Products may be contaminated with Salmonella
The U. S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use Merrick Beef Filet Squares for dogs distributed by Merrick Pet Care with a package date of "Best By 111911" because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella.

The product was distributed nationwide through retail stores and Internet sales.

Although no illnesses associated with these products have been reported, the FDA is advising consumers in possession of these products not to handle or feed them to their pets.

More information at: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm197700.htm>

Q: Why do dogs bury bones in the ground?
A: Because you can't bury them in trees!

Q: What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose?
A: A collie-flower!

Q: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail?
A: He was trying to make both ends meet!

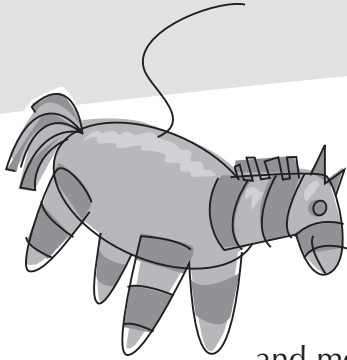
Q: Why do dogs wag their tails?
A: Because no one else will do it for them!



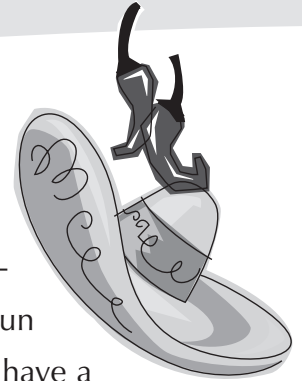
Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 20, 2010



Compadres Grill
505 Lincoln Avenue, Napa



For all of you who have not attended before, we really have a good meal and a good time. Come join the fun and meet other club members. Invite the whole family. You'll have a great time. Below is the menu for our dinner, please fill in the bottom part and return to Joy Wood by mail: NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558 or drop it in her box at the clubhouse. Questions? Call the club at 253-8666.



MEXICAN FOOD BUFFET

\$28.00 per person (includes everything)



No host cocktails, cash bar: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner served: 6:30 p.m.

Annual Dinner Competition Game Show DOG PACK FEUD

Anyone who wants to play—put together a pack of 5 teammates—come up with a name. Be prepared to have a great time. It will be a “Family Feud” question type format.

There will be prizes!



**CUT
OFF DATE:
FIRST WEEK
OF FEB.**

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Please send with a check payable to NVDTTC to Joy Wood's attention,
NVDTTC, P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558 or drop in her box at club.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES MOST POPULAR DOGS IN THE U.S.:

For the 19th consecutive year, the Labrador Retriever is the most popular pure-bred dog in America, but could this be the last year for the Lab's reign?

According to American Kennel Club® (AKC) 2009 registration statistics released during a recent press conference at Grand Central Terminal in New York City, the German Shepherd Dog overtook the Yorkshire Terrier last year and is now ranked second most popular in the nation for the first time in more than three decades.

An American favorite since the time of Rin Tin Tin, the German Shepherd Dog became the number one breed of the 1920s, but then slipped in popularity until after World War II.

"Labs have been America's top dog for nearly two decades due to their loyal and gentle nature," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "But the German Shepherd Dog has gained ground recently, quite possibly due to the increased attention they receive for their security efforts at home and abroad. Hailed as the world's leading police, guard and military dog, this energetic and fun-loving breed is a loyal family pet, ideal companion and dependable K-9 partner when duty calls."

"Labrador Retriever Remains America's Most Popular Dog as German Shepherd Makes A Move For The Top Spot."

2009 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Bulldog
8. Dachshund
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu



WORKING K-9s "SNIFF OUT" THE TOP 10

The German Shepherd Dog isn't the only breed Americans will spot at the airport or train terminal when they travel—Labradors, Golden Retrievers and Beagles work throughout the country to keep the homeland safe. These breeds are used by law enforcement military and homeland security personnel for a variety of tasks ranging from border patrol, bomb and narcotics detection, to searching for missing persons and tracking down fugitives.

These four breeds were developed for various forms of hunting or herding, but the traits that made them so effective at these jobs, such as strong scenting ability of the Beagle, the eager-to-please attitude of the Golden Retriever and Labrador, and the bold nature of the German Shepherd, make them effective in their careers today.

"Despite advances in security technology, the canine and its unique abilities remain a valued resource for the military and law enforcement agencies that work to keep us safe," said Peterson. "The loyalty, intelligence and hardworking nature which make these breeds desirable as K-9 partners in the field also contribute to their status as valuable companions in the hearts of dog owners around the nation."

Read more by going to http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4044

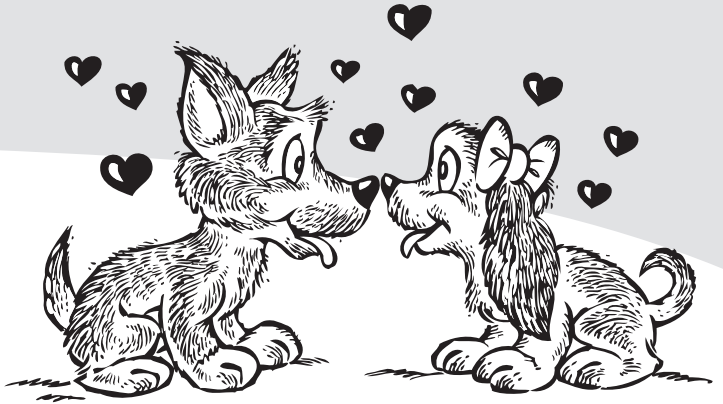


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2010
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More Info:
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**Tracking Test
Angwin
March 14, 2010
*Closes: 3/4/2010***

**Obedience/
Rally Trial
June 26, 2010**

**Agility Trial
Dixon
August 21-22,
2010**



No Dogs!



***Next General Membership Meeting:
Monday, February 8, 2010
6:30 p.m.
At the Club***

Except for December, Board meetings are usually scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Board meetings are open to all interested members.

Since board meetings are subject to change, call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting.

**If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDTTC
Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Agility Trial Chair: Mary Ash

Obedience and Rally Trial Chair: Mary Ash

Tracking: Debbie Crain

AOCNC: Gerry Glantz

Training: Teresa Russell

Building: Gerry Glantz

Office: Lynda Rhyno

Sunshine: Mary Joy Davis

Newsletter/Website: Sue Osborn

Membership: Linda Luchsinger

Publicity: Janet Davis

CGC: Jim Spiva

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