



September-October 2017



# TATTLE TAILS

## NVDTTC Newsletter

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## Join Us For Our Annual Potluck!

Step into your kitchen, rustle up a yummy dish and bring it to the clubhouse September 11 to share with other members and their families for 'tis our annual potluck night!

**NVDTTC will provide drinks, paper plates and flatware. All the fun happens at the 6:30 PM September 11th general meeting!**

**NO DOGS PLEASE.**

## Next General Meeting on September 11th is our Annual Potluck Night - 6:30 at the clubhouse!

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## Publicity Update from Kim Leslie: Napa Humane's Walk for Animals Event

A huge thanks to Vange Leonis and Linda Luchsinger who worked with me at the Napa Humane's Walk for Animals on Sunday, August 6th. Our club's booth, "Summer of Puppy Love" offered owners and their dogs a variety of activities and games to try. We shared information about the club and training classes, and participants received a flowered lei to show off their dog's accomplishments. We appreciate Napa Humane including us this year and can't wait to do it again! You can see event photos on the club's website and Facebook page (thanks to Sue Osborn, Frances Anamosa and Marilane Bergfelt).

I also want to thank the members for helping share Rack Cards and Welcome Letters at their veterinarian offices and businesses earlier this year. Some locations are running low and I hope the club can count on individuals to help again. We'll have promotional materials available at the September General Meeting. If you cannot attend that night, please call the office (253-8666) and leave me a message.



Lastly, if you know of a group that might want to learn about the NVDTC, please share the information with the board. We are hoping to make connections with other nonprofits, community organizations and local businesses as we move toward 2018.



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Did you know you can view all of NVDTTC's 2017 training sessions on a full year calendar?

Download a printable PDF from our classes page: [nvdttc.org/classes](http://nvdttc.org/classes)

## The 2017 International Dog Team Dance Off Results!

To view videos of performances, click on images below OR view on our website by going to: [nvdttc.org/videolinks.htm](http://nvdttc.org/videolinks.htm)

Napa Valley Dog Training Club has a reputation in the world of Canine Musical Freestyle. NVDTTC took home the Highest Scoring Performance Award for the 2017 International Dog Team Dance Off with their video performance of "That's Entertainment." Performing teams were Iris King & Bailey, Marilane Bergfelt & Trooper, Vange Leonis & Zane, Linda Wargo & Jive, and Donna Golemon & Ube.

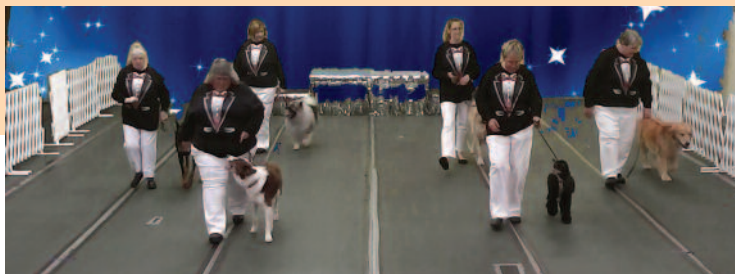
NVDTTC's second performance, a country theme based routine, entitled "Hoedown Throwdown" placed 2nd and was awarded "Most Creative." Performing teams were Iris King & Bailey, Sue Osborn & Dakota, Marilane Bergfelt & Trooper, and Vange Leonis & Sadie.

The judge was Mandy Baker from North Carolina, who thoroughly enjoyed scoring these routines.

Judy Gamet, the owner of Dogs Can Dance, who teaches freestyle classes at the club on Tuesdays, would like to bring back the drill team class in January. If you enjoy music and love obedience, rally, or freestyle, the drill team class would be a great fit. Contact [Judy@DogsCanDance.com](mailto:Judy@DogsCanDance.com) to be placed on the interest list for January, or for questions about the ongoing freestyle classes. For those of you who are beginners, join us at 4:30 starting in September!

Judy Gamet

### That's Entertainment



### Hoedown Showdown



*Condolences to Bobbie Sundrud for the loss of her husband, Gerald Sundrud, on July 31, 2017.*



## Critter Comforters Looking for Volunteers

Critter Comforters has quite a supply of donated flannel, fleece and mattress pads ready to be sewn up into comforters for the Shelter's dogs and cats going to their forever homes. Although sizes are suggested, the design and execution of each unique blanket is totally up to the volunteer. There's no production requirement, no time clock to punch. Just do what you can when you can.

Interested parties can email Gwenn at [gmmckenzie@yahoo.com](mailto:gmmckenzie@yahoo.com) or call/leave message at 707-255-2578.

Thanks for your help!  
Gwenn McKenzie



Gwenn McKenzie's Annie & Lucy and lots of Critter Comforters.

### What is Critter Comforters?

A group of Napa folks who knit, crochet and sew decided they wanted to use their skills to make a difference for critters in unfortunate circumstances, so together they started Critter Comforters. This group has provided over 4,000 blankets to Napa County Animal Shelter since 2005. The Napa Valley Dog Training Club supplies the labels and volunteers sew, knit or crochet blankets that go home with each dog and cat adopted from the shelter.

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*One blanket at a time, the world is a more compassionate place for those animals in need amidst the most challenging of circumstances.*

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## Teach Your Dog to Feel at Home Anywhere



Security blankets have great value—just ask Linus Van Pelt of Peanuts cartoon fame. His blanket gave him enough confidence to handle whatever life threw at him, especially out in the great big, wide world.

A blanket can help your dog handle adventures away from home, too. If your dog learns that a certain blanket is his, and

often lies on it no matter where it is placed around the house, he will likely be more comfortable away from home if the blanket goes, too. It provides many of the advantages of bringing his crate with you wherever you go, but it is more portable. Blankets are lighter, easier to carry and can be taken lots of places that a crate can't go.

If your dog is used to a particular blanket, it is so much easier to help him feel comfortable in a new place. You can bring it with you to friends' houses, when you travel, to the park, to the vet, or anywhere else your dog goes. Just place it on the floor where you want your dog to lie down, and it will let your dog know that he has a spot to call his own. That helps your dog relax, and also indicates to him where you want him to go.

Blankets are commonly used in this way with service dogs. Service dogs are regularly asked to lie down and stay in a particular spot, both at home and when out and about. Blankets provide an easy way to show a service dog where you want him to lie down, whether it's at a restaurant, in an airplane, in a meeting at work, at a conference, on a bus or at any social gathering.

### Blanket Training Tips

The first step in training a dog to happily lie down and stay on a blanket no matter where you put it is to teach the dog to associate good things with the blanket. Put the blanket on the floor at home, put treats on it and encourage your dog to go get the treats. (Most dogs will need no encouragement.) Move the blanket around to new places in your house and repeat. Once your dog happily goes to the blanket, start asking him to sit and then to lie down on it, frequently moving it to new places in your home and giving lots of treats when he does what you want him to do.

The next step is to ask your dog to do some stays on the blanket, and reinforce that behavior with treats. Again, make sure to move the blanket around to various places so that your dog is learning to stay on the blanket rather than on one particular spot on the floor.

Once your dog is comfortable doing stays on the blanket at home and has learned that his blanket is the place to be, work on teaching him to do the same behavior when he is elsewhere. In a new place, start by tossing treats on the blanket, then ask for sits and downs,

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Please call  
**707-253-8666**

to check class availability  
and to register.

**CLASS FEES** for Puppy, Novice, GM, Ado, Agility,  
Rally, Tricks & Games, & Sampler Class:  
**\$125**

Seniors & Juniors: \$10 Discount  
Rescue: 1x \$10 Discount

#### CLASS FEES

for Specialty Classes (i.e., Freestyle  
and Musical Rally):

**\$135**

No Discounts

**Three week and five week classes are  
prorated for cost and vouchers.  
Please call the club for details.**

Download Class Registration and more:

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**Good Manners: 1 year+**

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[NVDTTC\\_FeesDiscountsVouchersAllowances.pdf](#)



## Training Session 6

**Sept 11 – Oct 20, 2017—Week off: Oct 23 - 27**

(All Classes are planned for 6-Weeks unless otherwise noted.)

#### Monday

6:00pm  
7:00pm

(Classes held 9-18, 9-25, 10-16 & 10-23)

Puppy Playtime (upto 5 ½ months of age)  
Small Dog Social

Vange / Marilane  
Vange / Marilane

4-Weeks  
4-Weeks

#### Tuesday

8:30am  
10:00am  
11:00am  
12:00 / noon

Scent Work  
Adolescent Dog  
Puppy  
Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow)

Donna  
Kim / Sandy  
Kim / Sandy  
Kim / Sandy

(NEW)

2:00pm

Dogs Can Dance - Private Coaching

Judy

4:30 pm

Foundations for Freestyle – Beginning

Judy

(Returning)

5:30 pm

Creating Your Routine

Judy

6:30 pm

Musical Rally Challenge

Judy

7:30 pm

Scent Work

Donna

(NEW)

#### Wednesday

9:30am  
10:30am  
11:30am

Advanced Obedience  
Good Manners 1  
Good Manners 2

Marlene  
Kim  
Kim

(Returning)

5:00 pm

Adolescent Dog (overflow)

Marilane

6:00 pm

Puppy

Marilane

7:00 pm

Adolescent Dog

Lea

8:00 pm

Puppy (overflow)

Lea

#### Thursday

10:30 am

Rally (all levels - continued class)

Mary

10:00 – 1:00pm

Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates

5:00 pm

Rally (all levels - continued class)

Mary

7:00 pm

Good Manners 1

Mary

#### Friday

6:30 pm  
7:30 pm

Beginner Novice  
Good Manners 1 (overflow)

Linda  
Linda

(Returning)

#### Saturday

TBA

(First 2 classes are held at the dog club, other classes at selected locations.)

Dining Out and About

Vange 4-Weeks (Returning)

**Tracking Class**  
(8-Week Class)

Wednesdays, October 18 - December 13, 2017

9:00am and runs 2-3 hours.

Classes will be held at various sites, Rain or Shine!

Cost: \$145.00 per team. Standard \$10.00 discounts are available.

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Unless noted otherwise, all sessions  
run 6 weeks, one time per week at the  
day & time shown for 50 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.

**Receive a \$10 discount for a regular  
class if you are a senior (60 and  
over), a junior (10 to 17) or if your  
dog is a rescue.**

(A rescue discount can only be used  
once. One discount per class.)

**Schedule subject to change.**



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# Training Session 7

## Oct 30 – Dec 15, 2017

No classes Nov 20 - 24 for Thanksgiving Week.  
Off Last 2 Weeks in December.

(All Classes are planned for 6-Weeks unless otherwise noted.)

#### Tuesday

8:30am	Scent Work (continued class)	Donna
10:00am	Adolescent Dog	Kim
11:00am	Puppy	Kim
12:00 / noon	Puppy or Adolescent Dog (overflow)	Kim
2:00pm	Dogs Can Dance – Private Coaching	Judy
4:30 pm	Foundations for Freestyle 2	Judy
5:30 pm	Creating Your Routine	Judy
6:30 pm	Musical Rally Challenge	Judy
7:30 pm	Scent Work (continued class)	Donna

#### Wednesday

9:30am	Good Manners 1	Kim
10:30am	Good Manners 2	Kim / Marlene
11:30am	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene (Returning)
5:00 pm	Adolescent Dog (overflow)	Donna
6:00 pm	Puppy	Donna
7:00 pm	Adolescent Dog	Kim
8:00 pm	Puppy (overflow)	Kim

#### Thursday

10:30 am	Rally (all levels - continued class)	Mary
10:00 – 1:00pm	Capitol Canines – Performance Sport Training w/ Pat White on selected dates	
5:00 pm	Rally (all levels - continued class)	Mary
7:00 pm	Good Manners 1	Mary

#### Friday

4:30pm	Puppy Playtime (upto 5 ½ months of age) (11-3, 11-10 & 11-17)	Vange	3-Weeks
5:30pm	Small Dog Social (11-3, 11-10 & 11-17)	Vange	3-Weeks
6:30 pm	Beginner Novice (continued class)	Linda	
7:30pm	Good Manners 2	Vange	5-Weeks

7/24/17-sao

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## Become an AOCNC Representative!

*Enjoy the camaraderie of being involved with other dog clubs throughout Northern California.*

The Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California (AOCNC) needs members to represent the Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Each club who is a member of AOCNC can send three representatives to meetings.

Representatives attend meetings held four times a year and keep AOCNC up to date on Napa Valley Dog Training activities to let other clubs know what is going on in their area and also to report back to the NVDTTC about AOCNC events and activities.

Meetings are generally held on Saturdays during lunchtime and meals are paid for by NVDTTC. NVDTTC also pays for mileage and toll for one driver (as reps usually car pool).

AOCNC holds a winter workshop and a summer workshop each year as well as a seminar. Reps help out by volunteering at the workshops and the seminar as available and also help recruit club volunteers to help out at these events.

AOCNC also hosts an educational table at the Golden Gate Kennel Club held at the Cow Palace in January which is manned by members from clubs. Those who volunteer to work at the educational table receive perks: their parking and entry fee is reimbursed by AOCNC.

Being a representative for AOCNC gives you the opportunity to learn more about other dog clubs in Northern California, to meet and talk to others who are passionate about their dogs, and to learn more about workshops, trials, and other related dog events throughout the year.

If this is something you'd enjoy being involved with, please contact Sue Osborn, (707) 252-1864/sueann@napadogtraining.org/.



Photo Credit: Kyla Smay

## SIGN UP NOW FOR NVDTTC'S 2017 TRACKING CLASS!

Once again our dedicated experts, Kaye Hall and Debbie Crain, will be offering an 8-week training class. Open to all dogs and their owners, the class starts Wednesday, October 18th and continues through December 13th. Each class session starts at 9:00 am and runs about 3 hours.

Cost is only \$145.00 per team. Standard \$10.00 discounts are available.

Space is limited. Call the club office at (707) 253-8666 to register.

If you have questions, please contact Marilane, Training Coordinator at (707) 265-6642 / bergfelt@comcast.net or Debbie Crain at 26Crain@gmail.com/. Please title your messages 'Napa Tracking Class.'

## Feel at Home from page 7

and finally stays. Some dogs transfer their knowledge of staying on the blanket easily to new places. Other dogs may seem to be starting over in the learning process when you are away from home.

Always help your dog to succeed by not asking him to do more than he is capable of doing. It may seem odd that your dog sees the blanket at home and immediately heads over to it, but becomes utterly confused about what you want him to do with the blanket at someone else's house. Some dogs are nervous in a new environment, which affects their performance, and other dogs simply don't understand that the task is the same even though it's in a new place. It's common for dogs to

progress through the steps of the process faster in each new place than they did at home when they were first learning about the blanket, no matter how confused they seem the first time you take the blanket on the road.

Once a dog has been to multiple places and happily goes to lie down and stay on his blanket, it's typical to be able to put that blanket anywhere and have him feel comfortable. Most dogs who are used to lying down on a particular blanket will immediately feel quite relaxed on it no matter where you are and where on the floor you place it. That's really the great value of a security blanket for dogs—being able to help your dog feel at home anywhere.

Karen B. London, PhD | July 24, 2017, The BARK

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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.



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Next General Meeting  
September 11, 2017

6:30 PM

**Potluck Night!**

*Leave YOUR dog at home.*



Submission deadline for the  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 newsletter  
is October 20, 2017.

Send to: [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org)

The above photo is from Carol Coawette. Do you have a special or cute dog picture you'd like to share? If you send a photo of YOUR dog to the newsletter editor, he or she could appear in a future newsletter, on club PR materials or on NVDTTC's facebook page! Email to: [sueann@napadogtraining.org](mailto:sueann@napadogtraining.org).

### 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 except for the month of December.

*Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are available at the club.*



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