



# PVPC NEWSLETTER

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## Happy New Year to all

We hope you all had wonderful, safe holidays and we hope you enjoyed our December edition of our clinic newsletter.

Read on to meet another one of our amazing staff members, get the skinny on Train Your Dog month, and see what other advice silly Noodle has to share with us.

### Staff Member of the Month

We'd like to take a moment to introduce you to Dr. Maggie MacQueen, DVM. Many of you may



recognize her as she's one of our go to doctors in the hospital. If you don't know her, Dr. MacQueen has been a part of the PVPC family for a little over three years and is seen mainly in the exam rooms examining your pets for routine and medical care. Although Dr. MacQueen fits right into the community in El Dorado County, she hasn't always been a local here. She grew up in Southern California and went to San Diego State University where she graduated for her undergraduate education. From there, Dr. MacQueen attended

Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA for veterinary school. Prior to landing herself here in Northern California, Dr. MacQueen gained great skills and knowledge through a rotating internship in Connecticut and New York after she graduated veterinary school. Boy are we glad she brought her skills here to us! If you have yet to meet Dr. MacQueen you are surely in for a treat when you do. Her attention to detail, her love for animals, and her passion to educate clients make for a pleasurable experience for all.



### National Train Your Dog Month



Here in vet med we find training your dog to be so important that we dedicate a whole month to celebrate it and educate pet owners about it. This event was originally created by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to bring awareness to owners on the importance of dog training.

Along with instilling manners into your dog, there are many other benefits to dog training such as building a strong bond between you and your dog. Having a mutually strong bond with your dog increases the chance of having an equal level of respect between the two of you and increases your dog's inner security. A dog lacking strong inner security and even lacking a strong bond with its owner can lead to severe anxiety in all situations, especially when being separated by the owner or being placed in high stress situations. Oftentimes, a dog with high anxiety levels will respond with destructive and/or aggressive

behavior. These learned bad behaviors can lead to a miserable quality of life for not only you as the owner, but for your dog as well. Making the effort to train your dog can be a simple yet fun activity for both you and your dog. The mental stimulation for your dog from training, lessens the chances of them acting out negative behaviors. Taking action while you can, may also reduce the chance of you needing to administer daily anti-anxiety medication to your dog to manage their anxiety at home as well as reducing the need for sedated exams at your veterinarian's office, which can cut down on the costs that can be incurred with the additional care involved with sedation. We all know what that means... Cheaper vet visits! And most important, less traumatic visits and more pleasurable experiences for your dog. After speaking with your vet, we recommend doing some research on local trainers in your area that can assist you with your pet's needs. Below is a list of local trainers in El Dorado County that we at PVPC recommend you reach out to for dog training services...

#### Denise Paquette

- Location: Pleasant Valley
- Contact: 530-277-9910
- Classes: Puppy, confirmation, & more

#### Hangtown Kennel Club

- Location: Placerville
- Contact: 530-622-6909, [hangtownkc.org](http://hangtownkc.org)
- Classes: Puppy, advanced, confirmation, obedience & rally

#### Competition Canine

- Location: Placerville
- Contact: 530-620-3000, [agilepaws@att.net](mailto:agilepaws@att.net)
- Classes: Agility, barn hunt, obedience, parkour, puppy & problem work

#### Compliant K9

- Location: El Dorado Hills
- Contact: 916-221-8833, [compliantk9.com](http://compliantk9.com) or [ann@compliantk9.com](mailto:ann@compliantk9.com)
- Classes: Puppy, behavior, obedience, anxiety, & fear

#### El Dorado Pet Club

- Location: Shingle Springs
- Contact: 530-676-4442,

[eldoradopetclub.com](http://eldoradopetclub.com)

- Classes: Puppy, newly adopted dogs, obedience, & more

#### Sartania Training

- Location: Mt. Aukum
- Contact: 530-558-0089, [dobepom@gmail.com](mailto:dobepom@gmail.com)
- Classes: Puppy, family, agility for fun, & fitness



### Noodle's Notes

Hello again! It's me, Noodle! Boy, I can't believe it's already the year 2024.

Last year went by in a jiffy and let me tell ya, my waistline shows that I did not succeed with my new year's resolution.

Oh well! I guess I'll try again this year! I was thinking that as you all put together your list of new year's resolutions you should add on there to get your pets on monthly heartworm, flea, and tick preventatives. Even though it's a little chilly outside it's still important to give your pet heartworm and flea prevention because heartworm disease and flea infestations can happen at any time of year in our area. With the dampness in the air, the ticks have been creeping all over the place spreading tick borne diseases so regular tick prevention is always a safer bet. With January being the start to a new year, it's the perfect time to get on track and get into the routine of giving your pets their monthly preventatives. Speaking of preventatives, I'm going to demand my PVPC humans to give me mine right now. Toodles!



**Coming Next Month...** February is dental month!

Stay tuned for all things in dental care.