

Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for December 2011

Congratulations to Jo Deurbrouck
following Clean Run's publication of her article
"Newbie Handlers: Trials and Tribulations"
([Link to Article](#))



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Congratulations to Lori Keele and Lola
for earning their PACH in Las Vegas, Nevada



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Next Club Meeting: Annual Christmas Party!!!

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Frank M. called to order the general meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:00 pm on November 17, 2011 at Godfathers Pizza.

II. Approval of the minutes from October's general meeting

Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the current newsletter, Glenda seconded, motion passed.

III. Attendance

Frank Mason	Matt Anderson	LaDawn Moad
Abbie Zaladonis	John Baughman	Shelby Moad
Glenda Haller	Dan Croft	Pat Staffon
Kathe LaRosa	JoAnn Croft	Alan Crockett
Donna and Mark Whitman	Nataiela Shomaker	Cheryl Loomis
Shannalee Waller-Michalsky	Bill Orr	Duane Loomis
Debbie Sirofsky	Diane Orr	Ida Barry
Lois and Steve Olson	George Haller	John Barry
LeeAnn Chaffin	Don and Shell Williams	Carolyn and Ray Prigge
Vickie Stewart	Stephanie Nielsen	
Lee Anderson	Suzanne Belger	

Glenda mentioned USRVDTDC does not disclose dollar amounts in the general newsletter in reference to the monthly balance sheets. Comment noted by secretary.

Steve made a motion we dispense with the report because most members were present for the board meeting, Glenda seconded the motion, motion passed.

IV. Report from the Board

President. Frank wanted to thank all of those who helped with the October Agility Trial. LaDawn stated she received numerous positive comments from competitors and volunteers regarding the trial and the clubs' hospitality.

Vice President. Abbie. The annual Christmas Party is December 17, 2011, beginning at 6:00 pm, located at First American Title Company, 900 Pier View Drive (thank you Lois!)

Treasurer. Glenda reviewed the balance for the period of 10/20/2011 through 11/17/2011 and gave a breakdown of income and expenses related to the Agility Trial held in October. In addition, Glenda wanted to remind the club members that dues are due for 2012.

Secretary. Kathe. Nothing at this time

V. Committee Reports.

Delegate Liaison - Sharon Sakson via Suzanne.

a. Dear Friends,

The AKC is experimenting with an event called "My Dog Can Do That!" which allows people to bring their dogs, purebred or not, to watch a dog trainer do agility and then show them how to do it with their dog. It's been very popular. I've attached below an invitation to one of these events in Massachusetts so you can see it.

Some of the delegates are opposed to including mixed breed dogs. Does USRVDTDC have a position on whether or not mixed breeds can be involved? At these events, the AKC staff encourage the owners to either register their purebred dog or register their mixed breed as a Canine Partner.

Personally, I feel the inclusion of mixed breeds is a great advance for the AKC. For one thing, many purebred dog owners started their involvement in dogs with a mixed breed. The AKC is expanding their mission from encouraging only purebreds to welcoming all dogs. Since training, health, and responsible dog ownership affect both purebreds and mixed breeds, I think it is a good thing to encourage mixed breed owners to our side.

However, as your delegate I would vote the way the club wishes and if your club wishes mixed breeds excluded from dog training events, I will support that position.

b. Dear Dog Trainers,

The AKC Board of Directors has approved a revision of the regions in the point schedule used for tabulating points won in *conformation* dog shows. The new regions will take effect May 2012.

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| 1. CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT | 9. CA, AZ |
| 2. DE, NJ, PA, NY | 10. AK |
| 3. DC, MD, NC, TN, VA, WV | 11. HI |
| 4. FL, GA, SC | 12. PR |
| 5. IN, OH, KY | 13. ID MT, ND, NV, SD, UT, WY, NM |
| 6. IA, KS, MO, NE | 14. AL, AR, LA, MS |
| 7. OK, TX, CO | 15. IL, MI, MN, WI |
| 8. OR, WA | |

c. Suzanne read the Delegate report from the AKC meeting held September 12 and 13, 2011. If any member is interested in reading the delegates report please contact the club secretary and I will make sure you receive a copy.

The group voted on whether or not to allow mixed breed dogs participate in "My Dog Can Do That!" events. The group voted on AKC's experimental proposal, and yes mixed breed dogs will be allowed to participate in our events.

Agility. LaDawn wanted to thank all of the volunteers for their help at the Agility Trial in October. USRVDTTC has made a deposit for April and October's 2012 Agility Trials. The Wind River facility is currently for sale. In the event the property is sold, Wind River will honor the clubs upcoming contracts.

Obedience. The following is a group approved training schedule for 2012:

Obedience: February 1, 2011 - March 21, 2012 at the 4-H Building 6-7P, 7-8P, 8-9P for club members

Agility: April 18, 2012 through June 6, 2012

Obedience: June 20, 2012 through August 15, 2012

Agility: August 22, 2012 through October 10, 2012

Tracking. LeeAnn stated she has not found any land in 300 parcels covered with alfalfa, for holding a Tracking Test in the fall of 2012. Glenda stated she is aware of two parcels 120 acres each. In the past VST was held at EITC. If anyone has information regarding land please contact LeeAnn.

VI. New Business.

New members. USRVDTTC would like to welcome Dave Swank as a member of the club.

Applications for membership.

Holly Frazier - Holly has a Bernese Mountain Dog.

Shannalee Waller-Michalsky - Shannalee has Shelties and a Belgian Sheepdog.

Debbie Sirdofsky - Debbie has a Cocker Spaniel.

Election of New Board Members. Congratulations to Frank Mason - returning President, Debra Newby - Vice President, John Baughman - Treasurer, and Pat Staffon - Secretary. Suzanne will serve another 3 years as a board member.

Club Member of the Year was voted on and the winner will be announced at the Annual Christmas Party. The nominees are Frank Mason, Frank and Rochelle Mason, and Cheryl Loomis.

Suzanne brought up the topic of having a seminar in the upcoming months. She has asked for suggestions and ideas. Please let Suzanne know if you have any suggestions.

Obedience judges are needed for the August 2011 Trial. Please let Suzanne know if you have any ideas for judges.

If there are changes to your member information please let Glenda know so she can update the member booklet.

The Auditing committee for 2011 is Suzanne, LaDawn and John. The above individuals will arrange a time in December to audit the accounts for USRVDTTC.

VII. Unfinished Business. The topic of purchasing a third equipment trailer is tabled until more info can be obtained.

IX. Motion to Adjourn. A motion to adjourn the general meeting of the USRVDTTC was made by Suzanne, Abbie seconded, motion to adjourn was carried.

NEXT MEETING - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

FDA Continues to Caution Dog Owners About Chicken Jerky Products

November 18, 2011

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is again cautioning consumers that chicken jerky products for dogs (also sold as chicken tenders, strips or treats) may be associated with illness in dogs. In the last 12 months, FDA has seen an increase in the number of complaints it received of dog illnesses associated with consumption of chicken jerky products imported from China. These complaints have been reported to FDA by dog owners and veterinarians.

FDA issued a cautionary warning regarding chicken jerky products to consumers in September 2007 and a Preliminary Animal Health Notification in December of 2008. After seeing the number of complaints received drop off during the latter part of 2009 and most of 2010, the FDA is once again seeing the number of complaints rise to the levels of concern that prompted release of our earlier warnings.

Chicken jerky products should not be substituted for a balanced diet and are intended to be fed occasionally in small quantities.

FDA is advising consumers who choose to feed their dogs chicken jerky products to watch their dogs closely for any or all of the following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding the products: decreased appetite; decreased activity; vomiting; diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water consumption and/or increased urination. If the dog shows any of these signs, stop feeding the chicken jerky product. Owners should consult their veterinarian if signs are severe or persist for more than 24 hours. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome (increased glucose). Although most dogs appear to recover, some reports have involved dogs that have died.

FDA, in addition to several animal health diagnostic laboratories in the U.S., is working to determine why these products are associated with illness in dogs. FDA's Veterinary Laboratory Response Network (VLRN) is now available to support these animal health diagnostic laboratories. To date, scientists have not been able to determine a definitive cause for the reported illnesses. FDA continues extensive chemical and microbial testing but has not identified a contaminant.

The FDA continues to actively investigate the problem and its origin. Many of the illnesses reported may be the result of causes other than eating chicken jerky. Veterinarians and consumers alike should report cases of animal illness associated with pet foods to the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator in their state or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>¹.

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Recognizing the Symptoms of Bloat

The following video is disturbing, but it might help someone recognize the symptoms of bloat in their dog. As you watch the video, please keep in mind that the family had just adopted the dog and did not know the dog was ill.

Bloat Video - <http://youtu.be/U1WrT2719yo>

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be on December 17, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at First American Title Company, 900 Pier View Drive.

The party will be catered by Billman's and the cost is \$17.29 per person (tax & gratuity included). There is a choice of turkey or ham with all the trimmings. The meal will be served on paper plates if you wish to bring your own place settings you are welcome to do so. Billman's will accept cash, check, or credit cards for payment of the food.

Every member is invited to the Christmas party regardless if he or she is eating dinner or not. A variety of beverages will be available. For those who would like to BYOB they are welcome to do so. Donations will be accepted for the provided beverages.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with games underway at 6:00 p.m. We will play Bingo and have a dog-themed gift exchange. There will also be a centerpiece exchange for those who want to participate.



Please contact Abbie (olivemyra@cableone.net or 524-1799) if you would like to bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

Also, please let Abbie know your meal selection and your dogs' names for "Dog Bingo" before December 9th.

Club Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2012 are due and payable as of November 1, 2011. Dues will be taken until January 31, 2012. After this time, if you still want to be a member, you will have to reapply and wait the standard 2 months to be voted in. Dues can be mailed to the club at PO Box 1611, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403 or hand delivered to the treasurer. Dues are \$20 for a family membership or \$15 for a single person membership.

If you have any changes to the Membership Booklet (ie: dogs added or deleted, new phone number, address or e-mail address) please let Glenda know at sunkisd@cableone.net or call (208) 523-3374.

Rally Regulations

There will be changes to the rally regulations effective April 1, 2012. There will even be some new signs including a moving stand with call to heel and a simpler version of signal exercises. For a description of the new signs, click on the following link and scroll to pages 33-35.

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/1111.pdf



Winter Reading

Denise Fenzi's Blog

<http://denisefenzi.com/>

Susan Garrett's Blog

<http://susangarrettdogaqility.com/>

Patricia McConnell's Blog

<http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "Suki" Loomis "Sophie" Barry	2	3
4	5 Lois Olson	6	7	8 "Chance" Guidinger	9	10 Linda Newby- Reimann
11	12 "Zoey" Newby	13	14	15	16	17 Bill Orr "Meg" Loomis
18	19	20	21	22	23 "Vanyatta" Sakson	24
25 Suzanne Belger	26 "Seti" Rasmussen	27 "Eris" Hjelm	28	29 "Sunny" Vitacolonna	30 Holly Frazier	31

