



Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for February 2011

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Greetings all,

Please join me in welcoming our new President, Frank Mason. Thank you to LaDawn, Frank, and everyone else who volunteered for the club in 2010 and 2011. Your hard work and dedication are what make this club successful and fun.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." As you set your training goals for 2011, I hope you will dream big and set your sights high. Whether you are simply hoping for a dog with better manners, or striving for those tricky OTCH points, believe in yourself and believe in your dog.

Together you will achieve great things! ☺

Shyne

Next Club Meeting

Thursday, February 17th at Godfather's Pizza
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I Call to order

Frank M. called to order the Board Meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:00 P.M. on January 20, 2011.

Members Present:

Suzanne Belger
Steve Olson

Frank Mason
Glenda Haller

Abbie Zaladonis
Kathe LaRosa

II Call to Order

Frank M. called to order the General meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:30 P.M. on January 20, 2011 at Leo's Place.

III Attendance

Suzanne Belger
Ryan Belger
Richard Kauffman
LaDawn Moad
Barbara and Carl Friedrich
LeeAnn Chaffin
Carrie Birch
Daniel Allen
Bill Goff
Kelly and David P'Pool

Steve and Lois Olson
Diane Orr
Rosha Adams
Heike Vitacolonna
John Baughman
Duane Loomis
Cheryl Loomis
Pat Staffon
Jeff Staffon
Juley Hankins-Smith

Kerwin Hassing
Fran Hassing
JoAnn Croft
Shyne Brothers
Doug Wale
George and Glenda Haller
Frank Mason
Abbie Zaladonis
Kathe LaRosa

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Barbara F. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from November's meeting, Diane O. seconded, motion carried.

V. Report From the Board

Report from board, Glenda H. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from November's meeting, Suzanne B. seconded, motion carried.

President - Frank M. - Nothing at this time.

Vice President - Abbie Z. - Annual USRVDTTC picnic scheduled for July 14, 2011.

Secretary - Nothing at this time.

Treasurer - Reviewed the balance sheets from the prior months. A breakdown of expenditures for the 2010 year was circulated for the group to examine. NOTE: Juley H. stated she did an audit on the USRVDTTC books. No discrepancies found.

VI. Committee Reports

Agility – Suzanne B. - Changes to the dates for the April agility classes: Starts April 20th and ends June 8th. Will not use the 4-H building this year.

New AKC sponsored agility titling class will be offered in the future.

Obedience – Kelly P. - Bill G. will act as Obedience Assistant for the 2011 year.

Practice Director - Juley H-S asked the club members to help with practice scheduling for the 2011 year.

Each individual who signs up for a particular month will be responsible for arranging the practice, course selection, course building, and equipment transportation.

VII. New Business

Suggestions for increasing advertising of the USRVDTTC for memberships and class registrations. Margie currently utilizes numerous free outlets, be sure to support the club and spread the word.

Frank M. and Abbie Z. will investigate new facilities to have future USRVDTTC meetings.

VIII. Unfinished Business - Nothing at this time.

IX. Motion to Adjourn - General meeting motion to adjourn made by Lois O., Barbara F. seconded, motion passed.

AKC News

Agility

Starting July 1, 2011, AKC will be offering a new titling class called "Time 2 Beat". Dogs from all levels of training will compete on the same course. The fastest dog that runs clean will earn 10 points and set the standard course time. Other competitors will earn points based upon their time in comparison with the fastest dog. Competitors must earn 15 qualifying scores and 100 points in order to earn a T2B (regular) or T2BP (preferred) title.

Canine Good Citizen

Body harnesses are now acceptable for Canine Good Citizen testing. Only basic harnesses will be allowed. The Evaluator Guide has not been updated, but additional guidelines can be found within the November CGC Evaluator news.

Newly Recognized Breeds

Three new breeds have recently been recognized by the AKC: the Entlebucher Mountain Dog, the Lundehund, and the Xoloitzcuintli. One of them is a six-toed puffin hunter. (I couldn't make that up!) The following breed descriptions are provided courtesy of the AKC Syndicate.

Entlebucher Mountain Dog

The Entlebucher Mountain Dog is a native of Switzerland and the smallest of the four tri-colored Swiss Mountain Dogs, which also include the Appenzeller Sennenhund, Bernese Mountain Dog and the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. The Entlebucher is medium-sized, compact and strongly muscled. He has a short, hard, tricolor coat that is bright black with symmetrical markings of pure white on blaze, muzzle, chest, and feet; shades of rich fawn to mahogany are present on the eyebrows and between the black and white markings. Although primarily a herding and general all-purpose dog, Entles excel at competitive sports and are willing and enthusiastic partners in any athletic canine activity chosen by their master.

A Look Back

Swiss farmers have historically used the Entlebucher to move cows from pasture to pasture in the Alps. Their keen intelligence, speed and agility also made them useful for the management of other large animals such as horses and hogs. The breed originated from Entlebuch, a valley in the district of the Cantons Lucerne and Berne.

Right Breed for You?

This lively, active, persistent, self-assured and determined breed is loyal and protective of family, but may be reserved with strangers. Entles are an active, high energy & physical breed, with above average exercise requirements, so they are not a dog for the casual owner. Entlebuchers do best when they have a job. Their smooth, short coat requires minimal upkeep.

- Herding Group; AKC recognized in 2011.
- Ranging in size from 16 to 21 inches tall at the shoulder.
- Herder; drover.



Lundehund

The Norwegian Lundehund is a small and agile Spitz breed with several unique characteristics in combination not found in any other dog. Features such as six toes on each foot; prick ears that fold closed, forward or backward at will; and the ability to tip the head backward until it touches the back bone all helped them perform their job as Puffin hunters. Their dense coat ranges from fallow to reddish brown to tan in color, with black hair tips and white markings, or white with red or dark markings.

A Look Back

The Lundehund originated on the remote islands of arctic Norway, where it was used to wrestle and retrieve live Puffin birds (a meat and feather crop for the Norwegian farmer) from the crevices of steep vertical cliffs. The breed has also been described in writings as far back as the 1500s. When the Puffin bird became a protected species in the 1800's, the dogs were no longer useful to the farmers and breed numbers dwindled. The breed was saved from near extinction after World War II through the friendship of two concerned Norwegians, but even today the numbers are limited.

Right Breed for You?

Today, the Lundehund is a loyal and playful companion. Their superior personality, even disposition and small size make them an ideal, easy-to-live-with pet, although they may be wary of strangers. The breed's coat requires minimal upkeep.

- Non-Sporting Group; AKC recognized in 2011.
- Ranging in size from 12 to 15 inches tall at the shoulder.
- Puffin retriever.



Xoloitzcuintli

The Xoloitzcuintli (pronounced show-low-eats-queen-tee), or "Xolo," is an ancient, natural breed from Mexico. It comes in three sizes – toy, miniature and standard, and two varieties – hairless and coated. In the hairless variety, the skin is tough, protective, smooth and close fitting. The coated variety is covered by a short, flat coat. In both varieties, a dark, uniform color is preferred, ranging from black, gray black, slate, to red, liver or bronze, although white spots and markings are permitted. Today, this breed serves as a guard and companion.

A Look Back

One of the world's oldest and rarest breeds, the Xolo can justly be called the first dog of the Americas. Archaeological evidence indicates that Xolos accompanied man on his first migrations across the Bering Strait. Their name is derived from the name of the Aztec Indian god Xolotl and Itzcuintli, the Aztec word for dog. With a reputation as a healer, the breed and its warm skin is often put to use in remote Mexican and Central American villages to ward off and cure ailments like rheumatism, asthma, toothache and insomnia. Xolos were also believed to safeguard the home from evil spirits and intruders.

Right Breed for You?

Typical Xolo temperament is calm, tranquil, aloof and attentive. They make excellent companion dogs with moderate exercise and grooming needs.

- Non-Sporting Group; AKC recognized in 2011.
- Toy (at least 10 through 14 inches tall at the shoulder), Miniature (over 14 through 18 inches tall) or Standard size (over 18 through 23 inches tall).
- Guard; companion.



Brags and Pix!

Congratulations to the following club members who earned titles in 2010!



***Rosha Adams & Makoshika's T-Lexie – RN
& Sunkisd Girl of My Dreams - RN, BN***

John Baughman & JJ - BN

Adrienne Belger & Dune – NF, OF

Arynne Belger & Everett - RE

Suzanne Belger & Celeste – XF, VER

***Shyne Brothers & Gavin
AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP***

LeAnn Chaffin & Dodger - RN

***Carl Friedrich & Libby
MACH 3, TQX, WWD, MACH 4***

***Jane Guidinger & Chance - MJP
& Captain - OF, MX, MXJ, XF
& Kilo - RAE, OA***

***George & Glenda Haller
& Sunkisd End of the Rainbow - NJP, RA
& Sunkisd Grand Finale - NJP, RA***

Elizabeth Hassing & South of the Border Sid - CD, RE

Katherine LaRosa & Rowdy - NAJ, OAJ, NA

***Cheryl Loomis & SetnSun Maverick Queen - PT
& Setnsun Code of the West - PT
& Setnsun Drift Fence - NAJ
& Setnsun Purple Sage Rider - RA***

Theresa Mathis & Molly - OJP, OAP

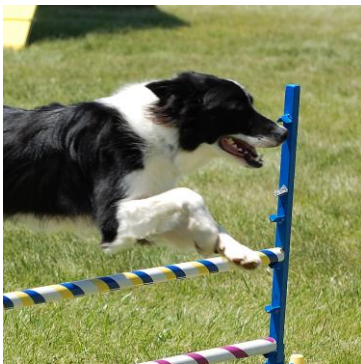
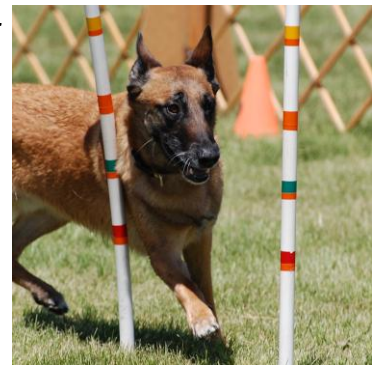
LaDawn Moad & Pyper - OA, OAJ

Shelby Moad & Gibb - OF, AXJ

Douglas Wale & Helki - CD, OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP



Great job everyone!!!



Obedience Classes

Obedience classes are starting this Wednesday, February 2nd at the 4H Building. There will be three classes: basic 6:00, basic 7:00, and advanced 8:00 p.m. Registration forms, directions, and class information can be found on the club website. Come join the fun!

Upcoming Practice

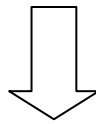
There will be an agility practice February 13th from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Broken Bit Arena. The arena is located a few miles north of Idaho Falls on Lewisville Highway.

Practices are great fun and are open to everyone from novices to seasoned competitors. Everyone is asked to contribute \$5 per dog in order to offset the cost of arena rental. Thanks Juley for setting this up!

Hope to see everyone at practice!

Newsletter Submissions

See this blank spot?




*You don't want any more blank spots in your newsletter, right?
Please share your photos, trial results, funny stories, or articles with your fellow club members
by sending your submissions to the editor at guardyan@ida.net .
We want to know what you've been doing!*

*“Folks will know how large your soul is,
by the way you treat a dog.”*

Charles F. Doran

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Vickie Stewart	2 "Gracie" Hjelm	3 Katie Nielson	4	5 Roy Bartholomay
6	7 "Melody" Adams	8 "Captain" Guidinger	9	10	11 Dan Croft Frank Mason	12
13 PRACTICE 3-5 p.m. Broken Bit Arena "Izzie" Robinson	14  Happy Valentines Day!	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING Godfather's 7:00 Board 7:30 General Bill Johnston	* 18 *	* 19 * "Lizzie" Nielson "Kilo" Guidinger Sun Norrell
* 20 * Steven Olson	21	22	23 MaryLee Moore	24	25 Stephanie Nielsen "Q" Loomis "Mariah" Loomis	26
27	28 Zvika Havkin	* Upcoming Events * February 13 th – Agility Practice 3-5P at the Broken Bit February 18-20 th - Agility Trials in Caldwell, Idaho February 18-20 th - Agility Trials in Farmington, Utah				