



Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club

Newsletter for February 2012

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the newsletter
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Greetings all,

Most of you know I'm a big proponent of setting goals at the beginning of each year. It seems a goal gives you a direction and a sense of what you want to accomplish.

I recently watched a biography that changed the way I think about goals. When Ted Turner was a young man, his father told him (and I'm paraphrasing) to "set his goals higher than he could achieve." I turned this idea over and over in my mind, wondering how I could apply it to my life.

I started thinking about top trainers and how they will visualize their end goal and all of the steps they will take to achieve that goal. These trainers develop a comprehensive training program from day one. They introduce their puppies to each exercise at an early age and then hone those skills over years of practice.

In contrast, I've always taken a stepladder approach to training, working towards each title as if it were the end goal. Unfortunately it is really easy to make excuses when you take this approach. For example, one of my biggest excuses was "I don't need distance, I'm just working on my novice agility titles." That excuse wouldn't have flown if I had set out working towards a MACH.

So, as the trial season starts, please don't set self-limiting goals.
Dream big and I'm sure you will do great things!

Next Club Meeting Famous Dave's

Thursday, February 16th
Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.
General Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Frank M. called to order the Board Meeting/General Meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 2012 at Smitty's.

Members Present:

Frank Mason	Duane Loomis	Alan Crockett
Rochelle Mason	Cheryl Loomis	Doug Wale
Deborah Newby	Carl Friedrich	Shyne Brothers
John Baughman	Barb Friedrich	Austin Summers
Pat Staffon	John Barry	Kelly P'Pool
Jeff Staffon	Ida Barry	Holly Frazier
George Haller	Steven Olson	Leslie Wilmes
Glenda Haller	Lois Olson	Lee Anderson
Matt Anderson	Ray Prigge	Carolyn Prigge
Dan Allen	Shelby Moad	Stephanie Nielsen
LaDawn Moad	Wendy Baldwin	Abbie Zaladonis
Suzanne Belger	Bill Orr	
Theresa Mathis	Diane Orr	

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Glenda H. made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from November's meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Diane O. seconded, motion approved.

Report from the Board

President, Frank M. Nothing at this time.

Vice President, Deborah Newby. Nothing at this time.

Secretary, Pat S. Nothing at this time.

Treasurer, John B. Reviewed the balance sheet from the period of 01/01/2012 through 01/17/2012.

Suzanne B. reported on the Audit done in January, stating that the books are in very good order.

Committee Reports

Obedience classes begin February 1, 2012. Kelly will place an order for leashes and collars.

New Business

Election of new members:

Holly Frazier - WELCOME! Holly has a Bernese Mountain Dog "Tebow"

Debbie Sirdofsky - WELCOME! Debbie has a Shetland Sheepdog "Bravo", and a Cocker Spaniel "Jack"

Shannalee Waller-Michalsky - WELCOME! Shannalee has a Belgian Sheepdog, "Doc"

Application for Membership:

Nicole Wilmes - Nicole has a five-month-old mini Australian Shepherd "Chloe"

Unfinished Business

Glenda brought up the fact that we need to inform new members that they have been voted in via e-mail or phone call. John B. will get a list to Frank and Frank will e-mail new members. Frank asked for help from Board Members to put together a packet for new members to include copies of Constitution, Rules, Phone Book and Thank you letters.

LaDawn said Tiebreaker School is interested in an agility demonstration. LaDawn will try to get this scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2012 in the afternoon. It will be held outside. Abbie and Suzanne will help coordinate this.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn general meeting made by Diane O, Lois seconded, meeting adjourned.

Winter Training Ideas

Agility - Shove the couch out of the way and try some 'One Jump Drills' from Agility Nerd.

<http://agilitynerd.com/blog/agility/courses/steve/OneJumpDrills.html>

Fetch- Hallways are perfect for teaching Fido to fetch instead of play keep away. Just be sure to reward your dog for returning with the toy. Want to increase the difficulty? Throw treats instead and add some random drops. This will help with your drop on recall.

Find It -Try hiding your dog's favorite toy in progressively more difficult locations. You can use a kong full of treats to build interest in this game.

Get on the Ball! - The trial season is starting. Exercise balls and balance equipment help you (and your dog) maintain condition during inclement weather.

Hide and Seek - Leave your dog on a "wait" in one area of your house. Hide and call your dog from another room, then throw a party when your dog finds you. This fun game will add speed and enthusiasm to your recalls.

Kitchen Training - Take advantage of those moments while you're cooking dinner to work on obedience fundamentals. Cooked hamburger might be just the trick for building Rover's focus.

Kongs - Interactive toys like kongs and puzzles are a great way to keep pups mentally stimulated. Click the following link for some great recipes:

<http://www.kongcompany.com/tips-and-expert-advice/recipes>

Tracking-You can track in all sorts of weather. If it's snowy, you won't need to plot your tracks!

Tug - You can braid sections of fleece to create a springy, fun tug toy. Just make sure your dog knows that you control when the game starts and when the game ends.

Have fun!!!



Pop Quiz:

What is the name for the bump located at the back of a dog's skull?

(See next page for answer.)

Banfield Pet Hospital Report

In 2011, Banfield Pet Hospital analyzed the health data from over 2 million dogs. They found several preventable diseases are affecting the health of dogs including diabetes, heartworm, dental disease, otitis externa, and parasite infestation. The following report includes disease prevention tips, as well as a breakdown of the trends in each state.

<http://www.banfield.com/Banfield/files/bd/bd826667-067d-41e4-994d-5ea0bd7db86d.pdf>

Dog Show Scores Database

The following website contains scores from obedience and rally trials. You can search lists of trials or you can even search with a dog's registered name. Pretty cool!

<http://dogshowscores.herokuapp.com/>

Obedience Classes Starting Soon!

Obedience classes are starting February 1st at the 4H building on Rollandet.

Basic obedience classes will be held at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

An advanced/open class will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Braggs & Pix!

Um, guys?

Stuff for Sale

We have agility jump cups, jump cup strips, a homemade agility table, a broad jump, and a medium size canvas crate for sale. Email Shyne for details . . . thanks!

Pop Quiz:

If you guessed occipital protuberance - good job!

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Vickie Stewart	2 "Gracie" Hjelm	3	4 Leslie Wilmes
5	6 "Jack" Sidofsky	7 "Melody" Adams	8 "Captain" Guidinger	9 Deborah Sidofsky	10	11 Dan Croft Frank Mason
12	13	14	15	16	17 Bill Johnston	18
19 "Kilo" Guidinger Sun Norrell "Bravo" Sidofsky	20 Steven Olson	21	22	23 MaryLee Moore Dave Swank	24	25 Stephanie Nielsen "Q" Loomis "Mariah" Loomis
26 "Doogan" Newby	27	28	29			

Upcoming Events

February 17-19
Caldwell Agility Trials

February 25-26
Farmington Agility Trials

