

# Happy Tails News

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**August 17, August 18, and August 19, 2007  
Tautphaus Park**

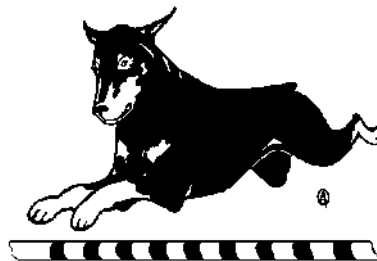
**Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club's**

**Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth  
All Breed Obedience Trials**

**Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth  
All Breed Rally Trials**

**We will be setting up Friday morning. We are asking for club members to volunteer and come help. We will need help Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

**Let yourself go to the dogs and come and enjoy our trials!**



## **CLUB MEETING**

**Thursday, August 16, 2007  
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. General Meeting  
Five and Diner**

**We enjoyed the Five and Diner on Channing Way so we are going to meet their again. Come and join us!**

# USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the USRVDTC was called to order by President, Suzanne Belger, at 7:45 p.m., on May 17th, 2007, at the 5 & Diner Restaurant in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Members present were: Rosha Adams, Suzanne Belger, Rosalyn McCandless, Kent McCandless, George Haller, Glenda Haller, Duane Loomis, Cheryl Loomis, Steven Olson, LeeAnn Chaffin, Lori Keele, Barbara Friedrich, Collette Wright, Mark Whitham, Donna Whitham, Kerwin Hassing, Fran Hassing, Arynne Belger, Ardianne Belger, LaDawn Moad, Shelby Moad, Stephanie Nielsen, Linda Newby Reimann, Bill Groff, Judy Groff, Arynne Belger, Diane Orr and Bill Orr.

The minutes of the July 19, 2007 Board Meeting were read.

There was no regular meeting held during June and as such, there were no minutes to be read.

Report of President: None.

Report of the Vice-President: Rosalyn McCandless expressed her thanks to all the club members who helped with the Club picnic. She reported that attendance was good and those present enjoyed the good food, games and spending time with their dogs.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: The monthly financial report was read.

#### Report of Committees:

Agility: Suzanne Belger reported that premiums have been sent out for the club's October 2007 agility trials. The same food vendor as at the 2006 trials will be asked to again sell food concessions.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of our club holding a three-day agility trial in March 2008 (during the same time period as the ABMC trial was held in 2007).

**Barbara Friedrich motioned that the USRVDTC hold a three-day agility trial March 28-30, 2008, in Ririe, Idaho. Duane Loomis seconded the motion. PASSED.**

Chief Steward: Barbara Friedrich passed around a sign-up sheet for stewards for our obedience and rally trials.

Obedience Trial Chairman: Duane Loomis reported that the judges are set for our trial – Duane is just awaiting information their arrival/departure schedules.

Obedience/Rally Trial Secretary: Cheryl Loomis reported to the club on the numbers of entries for our upcoming obedience and rally trials and reminded club members of the closing date for the trials.

Hospitality: Glenda Haller volunteered to take over the position of Hospitality Chairperson. Diana Robinson tendered her resignation in June 2007.

Membership Application Voted On:

Theresa Mathis was voted in as a member.

Unfinished Business: Barbara Friedrich provided some information regarding the cost to purchase an electronic timing system. Barbara reported that Eagle Rock Kennel Club and Pocatello Kennel Club are

willing to each pay 1/3 of the purchase price and share ownership with the USRVDTC. Discussion was held.

**Barbara Friedrich motioned that the club purchase a 1/3 interest with ERKC and PKC in an electronic timing system. Linda Reimann seconded the motion. PASSED.**

New Business: Diane Orr reported that club member, Mary Lee Moore has donated a perpetual trophy in honor and memory of Ralph Adams and Jimmy Allen, both of whom were founding members of the USRVDTC. The trophy is to be known as "The Ralph & Jimmy Trophy." Mary Lee provided some background information on the trophy and the requirements for winning the trophy. The information, as reported by Diane Orr is as follows:

- The trophy is named for two of the Founding Fathers" of our club. They were always there to help the newcomers and fellowship them into the club.
- This will be a perpetual trophy. When all the names are filled on the plaques, a new plaque can be purchased and the old one kept by the Club Historian.
- To Win: The trophy will be awarded each year to the club member with the highest score from the regular classes at our Club's AKC Obedience trials. If a tie results, both names will appear on the plaque, and each winner may keep the trophy for equal parts of the year. If more than two members have the same score, a run-off may be held or any other equitable means to resolve the matter.
- The trophy will be given at the meeting to follow the last trial held by the club for that year – or at any other time as may be decided on by the Board of Directors.
- The winner of the trophy will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Trophy Chairperson on or before the day of the last obedience trial held by the club for that year.
- The Trophy Chairperson will be responsible for seeing that the plaque is properly engraved.

Mary Lee also contributed a check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the cost of the trophy engraving for the first five years.

Suzanne Belger asked for permission from the club for the 4-H club to borrow the Club's baby gates. The baby gates will be used for the 4-H dog show.

**Glenda Haller motioned that the 4-H Club be allowed to use the USRVDTC's baby gates for the 4-H dog show. LaDawn Moad seconded the motion. PASSED.**

**Lois Olson motioned for adjournment. Duane Loomis seconded the motion. PASSED.**

Duane Loomis brought up for discussion whether the club currently has sufficient jumps for use in the Rally trial. It was determined that although the club has access to sufficient jumps for our trials, another set needs to be ordered.

**Barbara Friedrich motioned for adjournment. Bill Orr seconded the motion. PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rosha Adams  
Secretary

## Our time with our faithful companions is always too short.

"Luna"  
Always in Linda's heart.  
08/07/2007



Redcoat Irish Regardless CD RE OA OAJ OJP  
Jenna the Wonder Dog  
April 7, 1994 to July 23, 2007

Jenna crossed the rainbow bridge early the morning of July 23, 2007.

She was the longest lived Irish Setter I have owned over the years and the last of her litter. She came from a pedigree going back 30 years in only three generations. Her grandmother McGhee was ten when Jenna's mother Dusty was born, and Dusty was eight when Jenna was born.

To say she was a special dog, would be an understatement. She was not the best obedience dog, consistent, but not a high scorer. She didn't start competing in agility until she was six. Rally after that at the tender age of 10. Her first RN legs were in Blackfoot in 2005 and she had a 99 one day to win the class. Her RA legs were even more impressive winning the advanced class at the Utah shows WITH 99 against dogs with UDs. These, however, were not her best works.

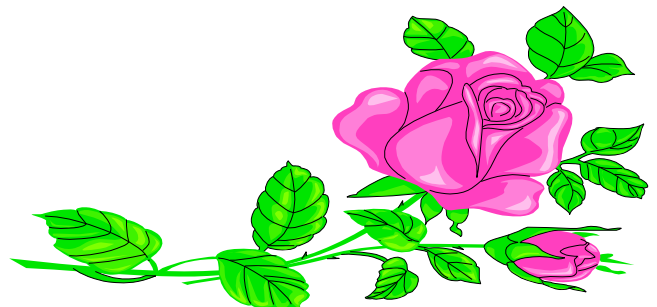
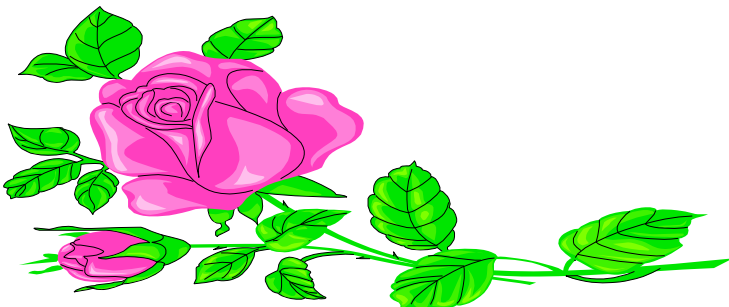
Jenna became a Delta Pet Partner eight years ago, visiting health care facilities, assisted living homes and most recently working in the schools in special ed classrooms with Shannon Paulson the district OT. The children at Lincoln, Wilcox, Green Acres, Gate City, Irving Middle School and Highland High School all benefited from her visits. We were told on several occasions by the teachers that the students never stay on task as long as they did when Jenna worked side by side with them. She made them feel special as she walked the halls with them beside their wheelchairs or walking with walkers or assisted by Shannon. Jenna was never bothered by the occasional foot or wheelchair wheel that step on or ran over her foot. She would willingly retrieve toys thrown by Buddy so he could work on his gross motor skills, even though her retrieving days were long over. The kids working on fine motor skills learned to use the clicker and loved training her. She of course, never turned down a treat, but always took them gently from the kids. She will be missed by many and will never be replaced even though her brother Chance is giving it a good try.

Jenna served the forgotten, the different, the less fortunate little ones in this world and was indeed one of God's angels on this earth.

REST SOFTLY MY DEAR SWEET GIRL



"Wendy Loomis"  
Autumn Winds VCD1 CDX OA HT HSAs HIC CGC  
11/01/1995 to 08/05/2007



Summer agility classes are underway. We are all having a great time in the park!

Remember September and October obedience classes will be starting soon. If you haven't volunteered to teach this year...call Kelly Ppool.



### Up-Coming Events

08-17/19-07---USRVDTC Obed/Rally Trials-Tautphaus  
09-28/30-07---PKC Agility Trials-Ward Park-Pocatello, ID  
10-26/28-07---USRVDTC Agility Trials-Windriver Arena  
12-08-07---USRVDTC Christmas Party



### **“Braggs”**

At the GSDOC Agility Trials in Farmington Chance Guidinger Q'd 3 out of 4 runs in Novice Preferred. Kilo Guidinger Q'd 3 out of 4 runs in Novice Preferred. On the jumpers course on Sunday she ran the course in 26 seconds. SCT was 41 seconds. She was flying and didn't miss a single cue. This is great improvement considering several runs before these trials she was all over the place and usually didn't finish a course. Oh the POWER of electricity.

Chance Guidinger also won a 5 point major in Missoula at the shows after Blackfoot. Super job!

“Dune” and Adrienne Belger had a great time at the Bonneville County Fair. They earned a second place in their obedience class and won Top Junior Handler. They earned a trip to the state fair in both obedience and showmanship.

“Everett” and Arynne Belger had a good time at the fair too. They earned a trip to state fair in both obedience and showmanship. “Everett” is worried about Arynne making it home from “college” so they can go. The things a dog has got to worry about!

“Sky” and Brenna Hassing had a terrific fair as well. They won their showmanship class and will be going to state fair in both obedience and showmanship.

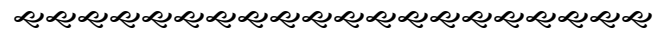
“Syd” and Elizabeth Hassing were the HIT team at the Bonneville County Fair. They had a super day and hope to repeat it at state fair.

“Abbey” and Shalee Peterson did a fantastic job at their first show. They will be going to state fair in both obedience and showmanship.

**REMEMBER** that brags and other newsletter information is due to the newsletter editor by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can email your info [desertmtnmalinois@msn.com](mailto:desertmtnmalinois@msn.com). It is preferred that you email your brags to the editor.

### **New Members, Address Changes, etc...**

None to report this month.



### **Meet Our Members**

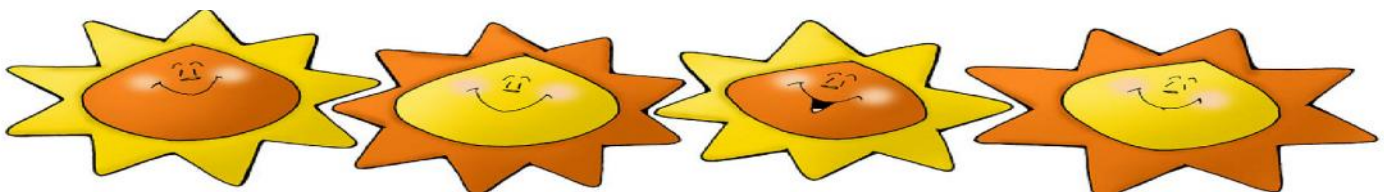
As you all have noticed we have a new column in our newsletter, “Meet our Members”. We have published all of the bios that have been submitted. Please submit a short bio about yourself, your family, how you started in dogs, etc. We would like to profile all of our club members. **If you don't send one in we will make up your bio...I wouldn't trust the editorial staff!!!** Send info to [desertmtnmalinois@msn.com](mailto:desertmtnmalinois@msn.com).



### **SILENT AUCTION**

The club is going to auction the following equipment that we no longer need. If you would like to be the new owner of any item please send your bid to Carl Friedrich by August 31, 2007. The highest bidder wins!

- Item 1. Six 10-12 foot lengths of ¾” conduit with ends.
- Item 2. 1 set of jump standards (old panel jump)
- Item 3. 1 set of jump standards (old panel jump)
- Item 4. 1 set of 6 weave pole hinged base (20 inch spacing)
- Item 5. 1 set of 6 weave pole hinged base (20 inch spacing)
- Item 6. 1 3 pole extension set (20”)
- Item 7. 1 2 pole extension set (20”)
- Item 8. 12 (31”) weave poles w/o caps
- Item 9. 12 (33”) weave poles w/caps
- Item 10. 12 (33”) weave poles w/caps
- Item 11. 12 (33”) weave poles w/o caps
- Item 12. 4 “poke in ground” tunnel holder hoops
- Item 13. Small yellow/white dog walk
- Item 14. Small yellow/white A-frame



**Dogs and the Immune System**  
**B-Naturals Newsletter**  
**September 2006**  
**By**  
**Lew Olson,**  
**PhD Natural Health, LMSW-ACP**  
**Dogs and the Immune System**

Often I hear people discussing their dogs and the immune system, so in this newsletter I would like to talk about the difference between autoimmune problems and a suppressed immune system. While both of these conditions involve the immune system, they each require a different treatment approach. The immune system has a variety of functions, so it's important to keep a watchful eye out for any bacteria and viruses in the body and to be prepared to set up the correct treatment response to try and help the body fight the 'invaders' to their health. A healthy body can often detect the first sign of infections, parasites, mites and toxins, and launch an effective battle to fight these enemies. However, sometimes the body fails to recognize these bacteria and viruses 'invaders' as threats or the body may be too weak to effectively fight them or the body can interpret 'normal' things as the 'enemy.'

### **Immune Suppressed**

When your dog's body is immune suppressed, oftentimes it can not fight off bacteria and viruses like a dog that has a healthy immune system. Dogs that are rundown with illness or suffer from malnutrition can be susceptible to skin and intestinal parasites because their bodies are too weak to fight them off. Additionally, young puppies have immature immune systems and therefore, a puppy can be more prone to problems with mange or parasites such as worms. Most of us have seen dogs that have been in shelters or found abandoned. These dogs oftentimes have fleas, ticks, mange and skin bacterial or fungal infections (characterized by hair loss and flakey skin). While a normal, healthy dog can easily fight off these insults, a dog that is health compromised or stressed may find itself in an ideal situation for such opportunistic ailments. These dogs need a good health check up to determine proper treatment, as well as a good diet and some supplements that can help the immune system become stronger.

### **Autoimmune**

In an autoimmune condition, the immune system tends to 'over react' to the 'normal' things found in the body, in their food and the environment. A dog that has an autoimmune issue has an immune system that sees these 'normal' things as the enemy. It will send out antibodies to try and rid the body of these things it sees as not belonging. A good example of this would be food allergies. A food that is considered healthy and normal for a dog will suddenly be misinterpreted by the

dog's system to be foreign and the dog's body launches a response to it. This can consist of hives, itching, red skin, sores, runny eyes and sometimes ear discharge.

More dramatic and troubling disorders can involve more serious diseases such as lupus, hemolytic anemia, immune mediated arthritis and some thyroid conditions. The body will literally try to destroy the good cells in it's body, causing serious health problems.

In autoimmune conditions, the treatment is to suppress the body's immune system in order to stop the body from performing this action. While some people are hesitant to use steroids for these problems, it is only steroids that can do the work quickly enough to stop further harm. You always need to work closely with your veterinarian when using suppressant drugs as these, but they can be very important to restore the dog's health.

Here are some links on autoimmune conditions and dogs:

Dr Mike's good vet information with questions and answers:

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dimmune.html>

Good list of common autoimmune problems and dogs with links

<http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/ImmuneSystem.htm>

Autoimmune skin problems in dogs:

[http://www.utskinvet.org/vinmodb2004/Autoimmune\\_Skin\\_Disorders.htm](http://www.utskinvet.org/vinmodb2004/Autoimmune_Skin_Disorders.htm)

List of breeds and their most autoimmune problems:

<http://www.nhm.org/exhibitions/dogs/research/disorders.html>

Appropriate treatment and diagnosis is very important for any suspected autoimmune disease. Diet is helpful in finding the most easily digestible foods with the most nutrients, to help support the immune system during this time. The same supplements are used with both autoimmune and immune suppressing problems.

There is no natural supplement or herbal remedy that can over stimulate the immune system, so there is no fear of using these supplements with either disorder. Both are aimed at helping the immune system find a healthy balance.

### **Diet**

For both conditions, I recommend easily digestible foods. This would either be a raw diet, or a home cooked diet. If you are currently feeding a commercial dog food and feel uncomfortable switching to raw or homemade, then I suggest adding fresh food to your current food.

For more information on Raw diets you can reference <http://b-naturals.com/May2006.php>

For more information on home cooked diets and recipes you can reference <http://b-naturals.com/Apr2006.php>

For more information on mixing fresh food with kibble you can reference <http://b-naturals.com/Jan2005.php>

I would also suggest doing some reading on how to pick the best commercial foods. Mary Straus has an excellent article on this on her website <http://www.dogaware.com>

## **Supplement Suggestions**

### **Bertes Immune Blend**

This supplement has been especially designed for dogs with immune problems, including cancer (which is partially caused when the dog does not 'see' the cancer cells as invaders). This is a powder blend, which uses vitamins, antioxidants, enzymes, amino acids and beneficial bacteria (probiotics) to help with the first defense.

The antioxidants in this blend include vitamin C and vitamin E. Both of these help in healing of tissue and promoting healing. These are added in sufficient amounts to help work in a therapeutic nature.

The enzymes added are to help with digestion of food, by aiding in breaking them down in the stomach to make these nutrients more available for the body. Beneficial bacteria help by keeping the good flora and fauna in the digestive system, which helps keep the body strong, helps with formation of good stool, aids in better digestion of food and assists in keeping good amounts of B production and vitamin K.

The two amino acids added are L-glutamine and L-arginine. L-glutamine helps to stop muscle atrophy, helps to heal the digestive system and promotes a healthy immune system. L-arginine is useful for dogs with cancer and works in tangent with L-glutamine.

I like this blend so well that I give it to all my dogs. I simply give my healthy dogs this supplement at half dose.

### **EPA Fish Oil Capsules**

These contains a readily usable form of omega 3 fatty acids, which help support the immune system, enhance skin health and coat growth, are renal, heart and liver supportive and also are a food that cancers are unable to use. I give dogs with health problems one capsule per ten lbs of body weight daily.

### **Tasha's Immune System Formula**

This is an herbal tincture that is comprised of several herbs thought to keep the immune system healthy. One of the main ingredients is Ganoderma, which is extract of mushroom and research is showing good results with Ganoderma, including possible suppression of tumor growth. Give in the gum line, two to three times daily in between meals.

### **Yucca Intensive**

This is tincture of Yucca, and uses the liquid found in this plant, which is thought to be the anti-inflammation property. This **cannot** be given if you are already giving your dog steroids, as it is a saponin, which is a precursor of steroid agents. But it can be used in mild cases where steroids are not indicated, after steroid use, or to help in inflammation caused by allergies, arthritis or other joint pain. Give one drop per ten lbs of body weight, WITH food, twice daily.

These supplements are a good place to start. If you need further help, please email me directly at [lewolson@earthlink.net!](mailto:lewolson@earthlink.net)

I hope everyone is starting to enjoy Fall, with its promise of cooler weather and our beautiful fall colors! I will see you next month, keep well and be well!

Lew

### **Product Specials**

No Specials in September.

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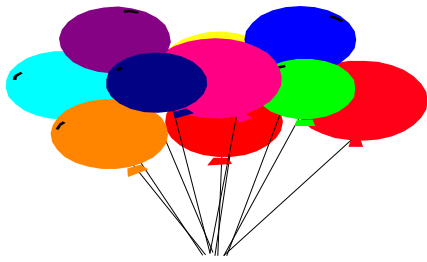
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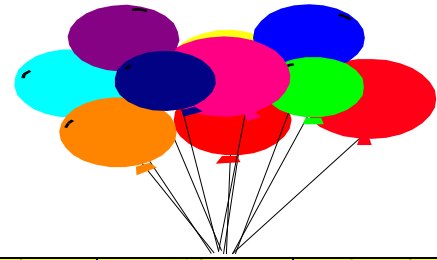
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Kim Nielson	4 "Bo" Haller "Ivy" Haller
5 Diane Orr Daniel Ogden	6	7	8 "Tobi" Loomis	9 "Libby" Friedrich	10	11 Jamie PPool Duane Loomis
12	13 "Roscoe" Nielson	14	15 "Heyburn" Whitham	16	17 USRVDTC Obedience & Rally Trials "Seeker" Orr	18 USRVDTC Obedience & Rally Trials "Sagan" Rasmussen
19 USRVDTC Obedience & Rally Trials	20 Angela Eckman	21 "Nicky" Loomis	22	23	24	25 "Trinity" McKee Scott Lasky
26 "Gannet" McKee	27	28	29	30	31 Jane Guidinger	

Enjoy the rest of summer.  
Fall is just around the corner!

