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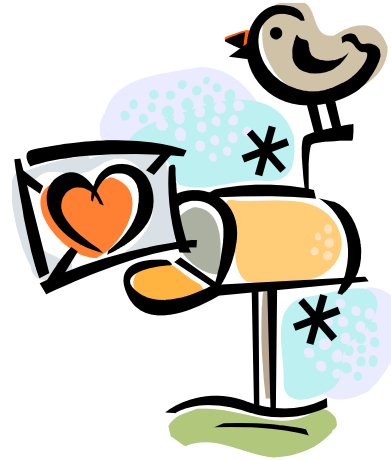
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CLUB MEETING

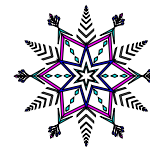
Thursday, February 21, 2008
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Members, family, and friends...come and
join us at the

Five and Diner
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USRVDC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2008



The regular monthly meeting of the USRVDC was called to order by President, Suzanne Belger, at 7:35 p.m., on Thursday, January 17, 2008i at the 5 & Diner in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Diane Orr motioned to dispense with the reading of the Board Meeting minutes. Shyne Brothers seconded the motion. PASSED.

Report of President: Suzanne Belger read several thank-you cards the club had received from various club members.

Report of the Vice-President: None

Report of the Secretary: Rosha Adams reported that she had received a copy of the correspondence from AKC wherein they denied our appeal of the \$400.00 fine levied in connection with our August 2007 OB/Rally Trials.

Report of the Treasurer: Glenda Haller read the monthly budget report.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Secretary: Suzanne Belger reported that the March 2008 agility trial premiums have been e-mailed and the premium is also on the club's web page. An agility, practice is scheduled for Sunday at The Barn to be held from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Cost for the practice is \$5/dog. Suzanne also reported that she has filed a complaint with the Weld County, Colorado Sheriff's Office concerning the NSF check written to the club by Dog Events Online. The Sheriff's Office requested documentation regarding the check, and Suzanne reported that Barbara has forwarded that information to the Sheriff's Office.

Obedience Trial Chairman: Duane Loomis reported that the application for the August trials will be sent to AKC shortly. There is no charge for the first OB trial and subsequent trials are \$15.00 each; the Rally Trials at \$100.00 each. The trials will be held August 15, 16 and 17, 2008.

Obedience Training Director: Kelly P'Pool reported that the upcoming February OB classes are full and she has 8 people on the waiting list. She passed around a sign-up sheet requesting instructors and assistants for the June OB classes. Kelly reported that the City of Idaho Falls has decided to increase the fee for the use of the Activity Center to \$75/night for the OB classes to be held in October 2008. Those classes will be on Tuesdays. Discussion was held regarding the city's change in the cost, and it was pointed out that the city has given us a lower price when they no longer allowed the use of the City Rec. Center due to the fact that they were renting us a small facility, and our class sizes would be reduced significantly. Carl Friedrich pointed out that the city official who made the change said they would "treat us right". Discussion was further held regarding the club holding its October classes at the 4-H Building. Complaints about the facility included the fact that there are no bathrooms; the building is cold and hard to heat without excessive noise from the heaters, and it is not handicap-accessible. Suzanne indicated that Fran Hassing is on the Fair Board and she is attempting to write a grant which would fund improvements to the 4-H Building, including making it handicap-accessible, adding bathroom facilities, and possible other improvements. She has asked for a letter of support

from each member of the club. Discussion was held regarding whether Kelly should reserve the Activity Center for the October classes, or whether the club should wait and see whether improvements can be made to the 4-H Building. The general consensus was that we should wait and see if the 4-H Building grant allows for improvements in the building to meet the club's needs. Kelly P'Pool also asked for club members to assist her with the training director duties so that she is not required to stay all evening during classes. Shyne Brothers offered to help with those duties. Kelly also brought up for discussion the activities booklet that the City of Idaho Falls publishes twice a year. In the past the club has advertised its classes in the booklets. The general feeling of the members present was that we no longer wish to contribute financially to the City of Idaho Falls. Flyers for the 2008 classes have been given to Margi Vanover for distribution.

Web Master: Diane Orr indicated that she has re-done the club's web page and that all up-dated information regarding classes, etc., will be added to the page shortly.

Agility Training Director: Barbara Friedrich reported for Linda Reimann that the cost of the facility for the agility classes will be \$100/night. Due to the loss the club incurred due to the NSF DEO check, Barbara brought up for discussion the possibility of having club members pay \$20 for the agility classes to help defray the cost of the facility. Discussion was held (and held, and held.....)! **Barbara Friedrich motioned to have club members pay \$5/night for indoor AG classes to help offset the cost of the facility. Donna Whitham seconded the motion. PASSED.**

Equipment Manager: Carl Friedrich brought up for discussion the recent motion passed by the club in which the club would purchase a 1/3 interest in a printer for the agility electronic timer. Carl presented some information to the club members just for clarification of how the printer worked and its AC requirements. Questions were fielded and answered by Carl. After discussion it was decided that Carl would go ahead and purchase the printer. ERKC and PKC have agreed to each pay 1/3 of the cost of the unit. Carl also brought up for discussion the purchasing of new jumps. He indicated that it appears there may be some changes coming in jump requirements, so Carl will hold off for now on purchasing any additional jumps.

Reading of New Applications: Applications were read for: (1)Lisa Jensen-Smith and Rainy Smith (family application). Their sponsors are Diane Orr and MaryLee Moore. (2) Kathy Hjelm – sponsors are Suzanne Belger and LaDawn Moad. (3) Sara Crupa – sponsors are Suzanne Belger and Glenda Haller. (3) Codi Robinson (junior membership) and Alexis Coverstone (junior membership). (*Secretary's Note: I apologize if I misspelled names – I did not have the applications to obtain the names from.*) These applicants will be noted on at the February 2008 regular meeting.

Unfinished Business: Suzanne Belger presented some title awards for club members who did not receive their plaques or plates at the Christmas Party. She presented to Rosha Adams for Melody's AJP, and presented the High Scoring Club Member trophy to Diane Orr and "Danny". MaryLee Moore is the proud owner of "Danny" and was unable to show Danny due to the passing of her mother the trial weekend.

New Business: Suzanne reiterated the fact that Fran Hassing has asked for a letter from each club member in support of her grant proposal for improvements to the 4-H Building. Suzanne indicated that she will mail a sample form letter to each club member with an e-mail address.

Diane Orr, on behalf of Eagle Rock Kennel Club, asked whether USRVDTTC would consider sponsoring a High in Trial trophy for one day at the Blackfoot shows. Discussion was held. The consensus was that our club would offer such a trophy if ERKC would reciprocate for one day of our OB/Rally Trials in August 2008. Diane felt that ERKC would do so. **Barbara Friedrich motioned to give one HIT trophy to ERKC for presentation at its OB Trial in Blackfoot in June, 2008. Rosalyn McCandless seconded the motion. PASSED.**

Barbara Friedrich motioned for adjournment. EVERYONE (except Steven Olson) seconded the motion!!! PASSED. Hallelujah!!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rosha Adams
Secretary

PRACTICE...PRACTICE...PRACTICE

We will be having agility and obedience twice a month throughout the remainder of the year. We will be doing both agility and obedience practices at the same time. We will be renting "The Barn" so the cost is \$5.00 per dog. Come and join us and have some fun with your dog!

Sunday, February 3, 2008.....5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 2, 2008..... 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 23, 2008... ..5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

"Braggs"

REMEMBER that brags and other newsletter information is due to the newsletter editor by the 24th of each month. We accept late brags! You can email your info setnsun@cablone.net. It is preferred that you email your brags to the editor.

"Libby" Friedrich earned her second FAST Excellent A leg and 10 MACH points at the Group IV Terrier Agility trial on January 12 & 13.

"Max" Grof can put all his toys in the toy box on command! WOW...

Up-Coming Events

For information on Trials check www.akc.org/events/search/

Feb.05 - USRVDTTC Obedience Classes start

Feb. 16 & 17 – Myra Harris Seminar
Eagle Rock Kennel Club

March 14, 15 & 16 – AGILITY

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.

March 21, 22 & 23 - OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club

March 22 - OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club

March 28, 29, & 30 - AGILITY

USRVDTTC

April 04 - OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association

April 25, 26, & 27 - AGILITY

Helena Montana Kennel Club

May 11 -TRACKING

GSLDTC



USRVDTTC'S Classes

The next session of obedience classes will start Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The popularity of these classes REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION, even for club members. If you are interested in taking a class get your registration turned in to Kelly P'pool. We will be meeting at the Skyline Activity Center, the space is not large so we are limiting classes to 10 dogs. If you plan on coming and working your dog you need to be registered.

AGILITY CLASSES – The next session will start on Wednesday, April 2, 2008:

Pre-registration required. Download forms from www.usrvdtc.org and mail with registration fee to: USRVDTTC-Agility Classes PO Box 1611 Idaho Falls, ID 83403-1611

Due to the nature of the class dogs that are dog or people aggressive are not suitable for any of these classes. Pre-requisite for all classes is successful completion and mastery of previous class (i.e. Agility Foundations before Intermediate). In special circumstances previous class requirement may be waived if handler/dog demonstrate they have needed skills. Weather permitting classes will be held at Tautpau Park.

For more information contact Suzanne Belger (542-6552) or Linda Reimann (529-3942)

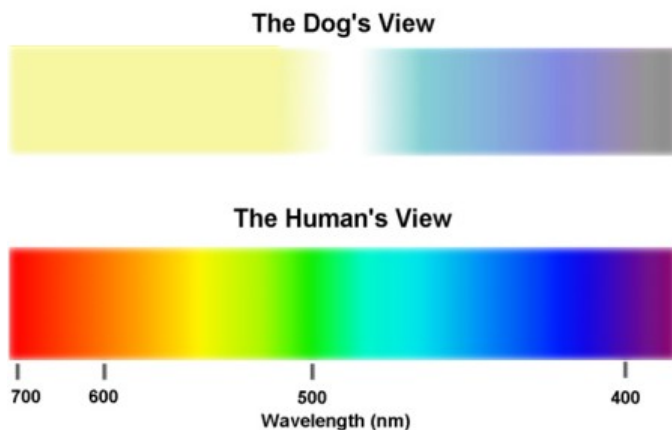
COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!! You will need a buckle collar, leash, tug-type toy, and small moist treats every class.



Canine Vision

by [Mark Plonsky, Ph.D.](#)

Summary - Dogs are red-green color blind. They see a brighter and less detailed world when compared to humans. Peripheral vision is better than humans (dogs see more of the world), but distance is not judged quite as well. Dogs excel at night vision and the detection of moving objects. Figure 1 is a rough guesstimate of what a dog and human might see when viewing a color band (the electromagnetic spectrum).



These differences in visual ability make sense in light of evolutionary theory. Good depth perception and visual acuity are necessary for a primate (from which humans evolved) jumping from tree limb to tree limb. Good color vision enabled this primate to choose the ripest and most nutritious fruit. The canine, on the other hand, is well adapted as a nocturnal hunter of camouflaged prey.

Particulars

1. Color

Dogs see something like a human deuteranope, that is, they are red-green color blind (occurs in 4% of male humans). Simply put, this is due to having only 2 *cone* types rather than 3 (light sensitive cells include *cones* and *rods*).

2. Detail or Acuity

Since dogs have no fovea (or area with 100% cones), their estimated eye for detail is (roughly) 6 times poorer than in an average human.

3. Night Vision

Dogs have much better night vision for 2 reasons:

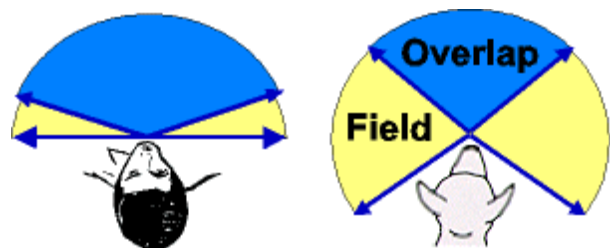
- They have more *rods* (which enable night vision).
- They have a structure called the *Tapetum Lucidum*. This is a reflective surface behind the *retina* (area including the light sensitive cells) that reflects light back through it (gives the eerie shine at night).

4. Sensitivity to Movement

5. Dogs are better able to detect movement.

6. Depth & Field

Figure 2 show the field of view of a human and a dog. Due to the placement of the eyes, humans have an overlap of the field of each eye of 140; in dogs, it is about 100.



This results in the dog having limited ability to accommodate (focus on items at different distances), but a wider overall field allowing them to see more of the world.

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<http://www.uwsp.edu/psych/dog/dog.htm>

DID YOU KNOW???

Human Foods that Poison Pets

Feeding pets food that we enjoy is not only wrong, it can also be fatal. There are some foodstuffs that humans relish which cause illness and death if eaten by pets.

Chocolate, macadamia nuts and onions are good examples. Each of these foods contains chemicals which rarely cause problems for humans, but for dogs, these same chemicals can be deadly.

- * Chocolate toxicity
- * Onion and garlic poisoning
- * The danger of macadamia nuts
- * Other potential dangers
- * Related Products

Chocolate toxicity

Chocolate contains theobromine, a compound that is a cardiac stimulant and a diuretic.

When affected by an overdose of chocolate, a dog can become excited and hyperactive. Due to the diuretic effect, it may pass large volumes of urine and it will be unusually thirsty. Vomiting and diarrhoea are also common. The effect of theobromine on the heart is the most dangerous effect. Theobromine will either increase the dog's heart rate or may cause the heart to beat irregularly. Death is quite possible, especially with exercise.

After their pet has eaten a large quantity of chocolate, many pet owners assume their pet is unaffected. However, the signs of sickness may not be seen for several hours, with death following within twenty-four hours.

Cocoa powder and cooking chocolate are the most toxic forms. A 10-kilogram dog can be seriously affected if it eats a quarter of a 250gm packet of cocoa powder or half of a 250gm block of cooking chocolate. These forms of chocolate contain ten times more theobromine than milk chocolate. Thus, a chocolate mud cake could be a real health risk for a small dog. Even licking a substantial part of the chocolate icing from a cake can make a dog unwell.

Semi-sweet chocolate and dark chocolate are the next most dangerous forms, with milk chocolate being the least dangerous. A dog needs to eat more than a 250gm block of milk chocolate to be affected. Obviously, the smaller the dog, the less it needs to eat.

Onion and garlic poisoning

Onions and garlic are other dangerous food ingredients that cause sickness in dogs, cats and also livestock. Onions and garlic contain the toxic ingredient thiosulphate. Onions are more of a danger.

Pets affected by onion toxicity will develop haemolytic anaemia, where the pet's red blood cells burst while circulating in its body.

At first, pets affected by onion poisoning show gastroenteritis with vomiting and diarrhoea. They will show no interest in food and will be dull and weak. The red pigment from the burst blood cells appears in an affected animal's urine and it becomes breathless. The breathlessness occurs because the red blood cells that carry oxygen through the body are reduced in number.

The poisoning occurs a few days after the pet has eaten the onion. All forms of onion can be a problem including dehydrated onions, raw onions, cooked onions and table scraps containing cooked onions and/or garlic. Left over pizza, Chinese dishes and commercial baby food containing onion, sometimes fed as a supplement to young pets, can cause illness.

Onion poisoning can occur with a single ingestion of large quantities or with repeated meals containing small amounts of onion. A single meal of 600 to 800 grams of raw onion can be dangerous whereas a ten-kilogram dog, fed 150 grams of onion for several days, is also likely to develop anaemia. The condition improves once the dog is prevented from eating any further onion.

While garlic also contains the toxic ingredient thiosulphate, it seems that garlic is less toxic and large amounts would need to be eaten to cause illness.

The danger of macadamia nuts

Macadamia nuts are another concern. A recent paper written by Dr. Ross McKenzie, a Veterinary Pathologist with the Department of Primary Industries, points to the danger of raw and roasted macadamia nuts for pets.

The toxic compound is unknown but the affect of macadamia nuts is to cause locomotory difficulties. Dogs develop a tremor of the skeletal muscles, and weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters. Affected dogs are often unable to rise and are distressed, usually panting. Some affected dogs have swollen limbs and show pain when the limbs are manipulated.

Dogs have been affected by eating as few as six macadamia kernels (nuts without the shell) while others had eaten approximately forty kernels. Some dogs had also been given macadamia butter.

Luckily, the muscle weakness, while painful, seems to be of short duration and all dogs recovered from the toxicity. All dogs were taken to their veterinary surgeon.

Pets owners should not assume that human food is always safe for pets. When it comes to chocolate, onions, garlic and macadamia nuts, such foods should be given in only small quantities, or not at all. Be sure

that your pets can't get into your stash of chocolates, that food scraps are disposed of carefully to prevent onion and garlic toxicity and that your dog is prevented from picking up macadamia nuts if you have a tree in your garden.

Other potential dangers

- # Pear pips, the kernels of plums, peaches and apricots, apple core pips (contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning)
- # Potato peelings and green looking potatoes
- # Rhubarb leaves
- # Mouldy/spoiled foods
- # Alcohol
- # Yeast dough
- # Coffee grounds, beans & tea (caffeine)
- # Hops (used in home brewing)
- # Tomato leaves & stems (green parts)
- # Broccoli (in large amounts)
- # Raisins and grapes
- # Cigarettes, tobacco, cigars

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For information on Raisin poisoning please check out: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/raisins.asp>

### Obedience Classes

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| collar      | heel      | sit      |       |
| demonstrate | leash     | stand    |       |
| down        | obedience | stay     |       |
| finish      | rally     | students |       |

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### American Kennel Club News Article AKC Enhances and Renames ILP Program as Purebred Alternative Listing

Date of Article: December 10, 2007

-- New Features Offer Additional Benefits and Incentives --

The American Kennel Club® has announced the enhancement and renaming of its Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program. The new name -- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program – will officially take effect February 1, 2008.

The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

The ILP/PAL program is designed to address the various reasons a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration: the dog may be from an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents; papers may have been withheld or lost by its owner; or the dog may have been surrendered, lost or abandoned, then adopted by a new owner.

PAL enrollees will receive a copy of Family Dog Magazine, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC," a flyer from the breed's Parent Club and an attractive certificate denoting their dog's place in the PAL program. Also included will be information on AKC Pet Healthcare and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment.

"We currently enroll over 3,000 dogs per year in the ILP/PAL program. It is our hope that we can expand this number and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym," said Assistant Vice President of Customer Service, Mari Beth O'Neill. "Welcoming more ILP/PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with your dog."

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number. PAL numbers will be issued beginning February 1, 2008.

EAGLE ROCK KENNEL CLUB  
PRESENTS  
MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS SEMINARS  
“CANINE REPRODUCTION AND WHELPING”  
&  
“PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE”

A Two Day Seminar  
February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Saturday 9 - 5 Sunday 9 - 1  
At the Red Lion Inn On The Falls  
475 River Parkway  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402  
(208) 523-8000  
Idahofallssales@redlion.com

Cost is \$60 per person,  
includes both days of seminars  
and lunch on Saturday

Please respond by 02/13/2008 - Seating is limited!!

Topics to be covered to include diseases of the reproductive system, A.I., Herpes, progesterone testing, use of chilled and frozen semen, removal of dewclaws, whelping, assessment of the sick newborn puppy, use and availability of oxygen, use of fresh frozen plasma, tube feeding, bulb syringing, cord care, colostrum substitutes, subcutaneous hydration and many other topics.

Myra Savant-Harris books as well as completed warming boxes and other goodies will be available for sale. She accepts cash, traveler's checks, personal checks and credit cards.

Make checks payable to : ERKC

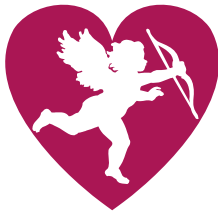
Please send checks to: ERKC, 76 N 3900 E, Rigby ID 83442

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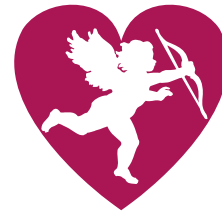
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| <b>3</b><br>"Katie" Nielson                                                   | <b>4</b>                                                                                 | <b>5</b><br>CLASS<br>WEEK 1                                             | <b>6</b>                  | <b>7</b><br>"Candy" Haller<br>"Melody" Adams<br>Karen Young | <b>8</b>                | <b>9</b>                                                                      |
| <b>10</b>                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>Westminster<br>Kennel Club<br>Dog Show                                      | <b>12</b><br>CLASS<br>WEEK 2<br>Westminster<br>Kennel Club<br>Dog Show  | <b>13</b>                 | <b>14</b><br><b>Valentine's<br/>Day</b>                     | <b>15</b>               | <b>16</b><br>ERKC<br>Seminar<br>Intermountain<br>Kennel Club<br>Agility Trial |
| <b>17</b><br>ERKC<br>Seminar<br>Intermountain<br>Kennel Club<br>Agility Trial | <b>18</b>                                                                                | <b>19</b><br>"Lizzy" Nielson<br>"Kilo" Guidinger<br><br>CLASS<br>WEEK 3 | <b>20</b><br>Steven Olson | <b>21</b><br><b>Club Meeting</b>                            | <b>22</b>               | <b>23</b><br>MaryLee Moore<br><br>Lisa Jensen<br>Smith                        |
| <b>24</b>                                                                     | <b>25</b><br>Stephanie<br>Nielsen<br><br>"Q" Loomis<br>"Rider" Loomis<br>"Mariah" Loomis | <b>26</b><br>CLASS<br>WEEK 4                                            | <b>27</b>                 | <b>28</b><br>"Kavik" Lasky                                  | <b>29</b>               |                                                                               |
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