

# Happy Tails News

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### Newsletter Editor

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Agility Practices will be scheduled when weather permits. Members will be notified of the date and time by email or phone.



### CLUB MEETING

Thursday, January 15,  
2009

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

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

**Dixie's Diner**

### USRV DTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December, 2008

There are no minutes for December as we held our annual Christmas Party. Good food, good friends and a good time was had by all!



*Congratulations to Kerwin Hassing  
The USRVDTTC 2008  
Club Member of the Year!*

*Kerwin has demonstrated his dedication to this club over and over. He has pulled our agility trailer 90 percent of the time this year, even when he wasn't able to run or practice with one of his own dogs. He has spent the last year learning the duties of both equipment manager and chief course builder. He performed his duties as "chief course builder" at our last trials with great results. We received many comments on how easy he was to work with. Kerwin was one of the first to arrive and the last to leave despite a foot injury that prevented him from running his own dogs. USRVDTTC needs more members like Kerwin Hassing. Thank you Kerwin.*



*Congratulations to the 2008  
recipient of the  
Ralph & Jimmy Trophy*

*Barbara Friedrich and Libby  
Scoring a 196.5*



*Congratulations to the  
Outstanding Juniors of 2008*

*Adrienne Belger and Dune  
Elizabeth Hassing and Sid  
Shelby Moad and Gibb  
Hailey Ogden and Tess*

*Dog Club Titles for 2008*

*Rosha Adams and (Mel) Sunkisd Silly Love Songs - NF  
Rosha Adams and Sunkisd Girl of My Dreams (Ellie) RN  
Adrienne Belger and Dune - NAJ, RA & RE  
Arynne Belger and Everett - CD  
Suzanne Belger and Celeste - OF  
Shyne Brothers and Guardyan's Gavin - CDX, RE  
Carl Friedrich and Libby - XF, MACH 2, MXF  
Bill Grof and Max - RN  
Jane Guidinger and Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat - CD, RN, RA, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF  
Jane Guidinger and Kilo - RE  
Jane Guidinger and Chance - RAE, OAP, OJP, AJP, NFP, OFP  
Glenda Haller and Sunkisd Grand Finale - RN  
George Haller and Sunkisd End of the Rainbow - RN  
Elizabeth Hassing and Sid - NAJ  
Cheryl Loomis and Rider - RN, NFP, OAP  
Cheryl Loomis and SetnSun Purple Sage Rider (Sage) - RN  
Theresa Mathis and Major - NJP  
LaDawn Moad and Pyper - CD, RE, NA  
Shelby Moad and Gibb - NA, NAJ, NF  
Mary Lee Moore and Danny - CDX, RA  
Diane Orr and Ebby - CD, RA  
Linda Reimann and Wunder - RE, AX, MXJ  
Diana Robinson and Bucksilver Shon'ai Kel Duncan - RN  
Abby Zaladonis and Myra - RN*

# DID YOU KNOW?

AKC has approved many changes to the Obedience Regulations. They will be printed over the next several issues. All changes are underlined and highlighted in red.

## OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

### CHAPTER 2

#### REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING

**Section 1. Standardized Judging.** Standardized judging is of paramount importance. Judges are not permitted to inject their own variations into the exercise but will see that each handler and dog execute the various exercises exactly as described in these *Regulations*. A handler who is familiar with these *Regulations* should be able to enter the ring under any judge without having to inquire how that particular judge wishes to have an exercise performed and without being confronted with any unexpected requirements.

The judge will inform the first exhibitor in each class what the heeling pattern will be before that exhibitor enters the ring. This may be done verbally, by posting the pattern ringside, or by demonstration. This same procedure will be followed in the event of run-offs. In the Novice A class, a 15-minute walk-through prior to the start of the class, will be allowed for handlers without their dogs. The judge must be available in the ring during this period to brief the handlers and answer any questions they might have.

**Section 2. Standard of Perfection.** The judge must carry a mental picture of the theoretically perfect performance for each exercise and score each dog and handler against this standard. This "perfect picture" must comply with these *Regulations* and shall combine the utmost in willingness, enjoyment and precision on the part of the dog with naturalness, gentleness and smoothness on the part of the handler. Speed alone does not necessarily indicate willingness and enjoyment. Lack of willingness and enjoyment on the part of the dog must be penalized, as must lack of precision in the dog's performance. Roughness in handling, military precision or harsh commands by the handler must also be penalized. There shall be no penalty of less than one-half point.

**Section 3. Qualifying Performance.** A qualifying score in the judge's book is certification that the dog has performed all the required exercises according to these *Regulations* and justifies the awarding of the obedience title associated with the particular class. A qualifying score must never be awarded to a dog whose performance has not met the minimum requirements, to a dog that shows fear or resentment, or to a dog that relieves itself at any time while in the ring for judging. Handlers who carry or offer food in the ring or discipline or abuse their dogs in the ring must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score.

In deciding whether a faulty performance of an exercise warrants a qualifying score, the judge will consider whether the awarding of an obedience title would be justified if all dogs in the class performed the exercise in a similar manner. The judge must not give a qualifying score for the exercise if they decide that it would be contrary to the best interests of the sport if all dogs in the class were to perform in the same way.

**Section 4. Judge's Directions.** The judge's orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner but in such a way that the work of the dogs is not disturbed. Before starting each exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?" At the end of each exercise the judge will say, "Exercise finished." Each dog will be worked and

judged separately, except for during the Group Exercises. The judging of an exercise will not begin until the judge has given the first order.

**Section 5. No Added Requirements.** No judge will require any dog or handler to do anything, nor penalize a dog or handler for failing to do anything, that is not required by these *Regulations*.

**Section 6. A and B Classes and Different Breeds.** The same methods and standards will be used for judging and scoring the A and B Classes and in judging and scoring the work of dogs of different breeds.

**Section 7. Interference and Double Handling.** A judge who is aware of any assistance, interference, or attempts to control a dog from outside the ring must act promptly to stop such double handling or interference and must penalize the dog substantially. If the judge feels the circumstances warrant, the dog will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for the exercise during which the aid was received.

**Section 8. Re-judging.** If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be re-judged unless the judge feels the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions. In such a case, the judge may wish to re-judge the dog on only the portion of a two-part exercise in which the unusual condition occurred, e.g. the Figure Eight in Novice and Open or the Directed Jumping in Utility. Rejudging of the dog or dogs for the Group Exercises will be done with the next scheduled group within that class. The limits on the number of dogs allowed in the ring for the group exercise contained in Chapter 3, Section 12, will apply. Should there be no further group within that class, the dog or dogs to be rejudged will immediately do the exercise alone. The dog or dogs involved will be re-judged only on the exercise in question.

**Section 9. Ties.** In case of a tie for a placement in any class, each dog will be tested again, individually, by performing the entire Novice Heel Free exercise. The original scores will not be changed.

**Section 10. Judge's Book and Score Sheets.** The judge must enter the number of points deducted from each exercise in the official judge's book immediately after each dog has been judged on the individual exercises. An "NQ" should be recorded in the proper box and in the Total Score column for any dog who fails to qualify in that exercise. This is to be completed before the next dog is judged.

Scores for the Group Exercises and qualifying total scores will be entered in the official judge's book immediately after each group of dogs has been judged.

No person other than the judge may make any numerical entry in the judge's book, and no score may be changed by the judge, except to correct a numerical error or an error in posting.

All final qualifying scores will be entered in the judge's book before ribbons are awarded. Judges may use separate score sheets for their own purposes but should not give out such sheets or any other written scores. Nor should a judge permit anyone else to distribute score sheets or cards prepared by the judge. Copies of the sheets in the official judge's book will be made available through the superintendent or show or trial secretary for examination by handlers immediately after the ribbons have been awarded in each class.

If a club distributes scorecards after the ribbons are awarded, they must contain no more information than is shown in the judge's book and will be marked "Unofficial."

**Section 11. Announcement of Scores.** The judge will not disclose any scoring to anyone until the entire class has been judged. Nor should anyone else be allowed to do so. Immediately after the group exercises for Novice, Graduate Novice, and Open, the judge will inform the handlers of a qualifying performance. In Beginner Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility, and Utility, the judge will inform the handler immediately following the last exercise.

After all the scores are recorded for the class, or division of the class, the judge will call the qualifying dogs back into the ring. Before awarding the placements, the judge will inform the spectators of the maximum number of points required for a perfect score. After scores of each placement have been announced, the judge will tell each handler their dog's score.

**Section 12. Explanations and Errors.** Judges are not required to explain their scoring and need not enter into a discussion with a dissatisfied exhibitor. After the class is finished and the judge's book has been turned in, however, the judge is encouraged to discuss the scoring with the exhibitors. Any interested person who thinks that there may have been a numerical error or an error in identifying a dog may report the facts to one of the stewards, the judge, the superintendent, or to the show or trial secretary so that the matter may be checked.

**Section 13. Compliance with Regulations and Standards.** In accordance with the certification on the entry form, the handler of each dog and the person signing each entry form will be familiar with the AKC *Obedience Regulations* applicable to the class in which the dog is entered.

**Section 14. Physically Challenged Handlers.** Judges may modify specific requirements of these *Regulations* so that physically challenged handlers may compete. Such handlers must be able to move around the ring without physical assistance or guidance. However, on the judge's instructions, someone may position a blind handler before, between, and after each exercise. Dogs handled by such handlers will be required to perform all parts of all exercises as described in these *Regulations* and will be penalized for failure to perform any part of an exercise.

**Section 15. Catalog Order.** Dogs should be judged in catalog order if it is practical to do so without holding up any judging. Judges are not required to wait for dogs for either the individual or the Group Exercises. Each handler is responsible for being ready at ringside when required and without being called. The judge's first consideration should be the convenience of those exhibitors who are ready when scheduled and who ask no favors.

If a request is made in advance of the class starting time, a judge may agree to judge a dog earlier or later than the time scheduled by catalog order. If no such arrangement has been made, however, a judge should not hesitate to mark absent any dog and handler not ready to be judged in catalog order.

**Section 16. Use of Leash.** All dogs must be kept on a leash except when in the obedience ring, warm-up ring, or exercise area and must be brought into and taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards and when waiting in the ring before and after the Group Exercises. Except where otherwise specified in these *Regulations*, the handler will leave the dog's leash on the judge's table or other designated place. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and need only be long enough to provide adequate slack during the Heel on Leash exercise.

**Section 17. Collars.** All dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar approved by the judge. No special training collars, such as electronic collars or prong collars, will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.

**Section 18. Heel Position.** The heel position as defined in these *Regulations*, applies whether the dog is sitting, standing, lying down, or moving at heel. The dog should be at the handler's left side straight in line with the direction the handler is facing. The area from the dog's head to shoulder is to be in line with the handler's left hip. The dog should be close to, but not crowding, its handler so that the handler has freedom of motion at all times.

**Section 19. Hands.** In all exercises where the dog is required to heel free, one of these options should be followed: (1) when the handler is in motion, the arms and hands must move naturally at the sides and must hang naturally at the sides

when stopped or (2) the right hand and arm must move naturally at the side, while the left hand must be held against the front of the body, centered in the area of the waist, with the left forearm carried against the body.

In either of the above situations, the hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of an exercise in order to maintain balance.

There will be a substantial deduction if the hands and arms are not carried in one of the positions stated above. In any exercise that requires a dog to sit in front, the handler's arms and hands must hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front. The handler must receive a substantial deduction for not doing so.

Any movement of the handler's hands or arms from the time the dog sits in front and prior to the dog returning to the heel position will be considered to be an additional signal or command and will be penalized unless such movement is otherwise permitted by these *Regulations*.

**Section 20. Commands and Signals.** When these *Regulations* mention a command or signal, only a single command or signal may be given. Any extra commands or signals must be penalized. When these *Regulations* specify command and/or signal, the handler may give either one or the other or both command and signal simultaneously. When a signal is permitted, it must be a single gesture with one arm and hand only, and the arm and hand must immediately be returned to a natural position.

Delay in following a judge's order to give a command or signal must be penalized, unless the judge directs the delay. Lack of prompt response by the dog to a command or signal is subject to a penalty.

Signaling correction to a dog is forbidden and will be penalized. Signals must be inaudible, and the handler must not touch the dog. Any unusual noise or motion may be considered to be a signal. Position of the arms and hands and movements of the head and/or body that aid the dog will be considered additional signals. A handler may, however, bend the body and knees to bring his hand level with the dog's eyes while giving a signal to a dog in heel position.

Any kind of whistling is prohibited.

The dog's name may be used once immediately before any verbal command or before a verbal command and signal when these *Regulations* permit command and/or signal. The name will not be used with any signal not given simultaneously with a verbal command. The dog's name, when given immediately before a verbal command, will not be considered as an additional command, but a dog that responds to its name without waiting for the verbal command will be scored as having anticipated the command. The dog should never anticipate the handler's directions but will wait for the appropriate commands and/or signals. Moving forward at the heel without any command or signal other than the natural forward movement of the handler's body will not be considered anticipation.

Loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. Shouting is not necessary, even in a noisy place, if the dog is properly trained to respond to a normal tone of voice. Commands the judge feels are excessively loud will be penalized substantially.

An extra command and/or signal in any nonprincipal part of an exercise does not constitute a failing score for that exercise.

**Section 21. Additional Commands or Signals.** If a handler gives an additional command or signal not permitted by these *Regulations*, the dog shall be scored as though it had failed to perform that particular part of the exercise. This includes giving a signal or command when none is permitted or using the dog's name with a permitted signal but without a permitted command.

**Section 22. Praise.** Praise and petting are allowed between and after exercises, but points will be deducted from the total score for a dog that is not under reasonable control while being

praised. There will be a substantial penalty for any dog that is picked up or carried at any time in the obedience ring.

**Section 23. Handling between Exercises.** In the Novice Class, the dog may be guided gently by the collar between exercises. No other physical guidance is permitted and, if used, must receive minor to substantial penalties, depending on the circumstances.

In the Open or Utility Classes, there will be a substantial penalty for any dog that is physically guided at any time or not readily controllable. Minor penalties will be imposed for a dog that does not respond promptly to its handler's commands or signals before or between exercises in the Open or Utility Classes.

**Section 24. Orders and Minimum Penalties.** The orders for the exercises and the standards for judging are set forth in the following chapters. The lists of faults are not intended to be complete, but minimum penalties are specified for most of the more common and serious faults. There is no maximum limit on penalties. A dog that makes none of the errors listed may still receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for other reasons.

**Section 25. Misbehavior.** Any display of fear or nervousness by the dog or any uncontrolled behavior such as snapping, barking, or running away from its handler must be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between an exercise or before or after judging. The judge may excuse the dog from further competition in the class.

If the behavior occurs during an exercise, the penalty must first be applied to the score for that exercise. Should the penalty be greater than the value of the exercise, the additional points will be deducted from the total score under Miscellaneous Penalties. If such behavior occurs before or after the judging or between exercises, the entire penalty will be deducted from the total score. Any dog that relieves itself at any time while in the ring for judging must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score and may be excused from the ring.

The judge must disqualify any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person in the ring. Any dog that attacks another dog or that appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring must be excused.

**Section 26. Training and Warm-up on the Grounds.** There will be no intensive or abusive training of the dogs on the grounds or premises at an AKC licensed or member obedience trial or sanctioned match. Collars must be in accordance with Chapter 2, Section 17 of these *Regulations*. These requirements should not be interpreted as preventing a handler from moving normally about the grounds or premises or from warming up their dog using any exercise performed in the obedience ring, provided the dog is on a leash being held by the handler. Warm-ups should be performed as far from the obedience rings as is reasonably possible and must not be disruptive to any dog or person. Physical or verbal disciplining of a dog will not be permitted, except to a reasonable extent in case of an attack on either a dog or a person.

All dogs will be kept on leash except when in the obedience ring, designated warm-up area, or exercise area. The superintendent, event secretary, and members of the Event Committee shall be responsible for compliance with this section and shall investigate any reports of infractions.

**Section 27. Training and Disciplining in the Ring.** The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands, to move toward the dog to correct it, or to practice any exercise in the ring at any time. Any exhibitor who does so may be excused. A dog whose handler disciplines it in the ring will be excused from further competition in the class and must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

**Section 28. Abuse of Dogs.** The Event Committee will investigate any report of abuse or severe disciplining of dogs on

the grounds or premises of a show, trial or match. Any person whose conduct is in any manner prejudicial to the best interests of the sport will be dealt with promptly.

The judge must immediately report any abuse of a dog in the ring to the Event Committee.

**Section 29. Declining Entries.** An Event Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its trial for cause but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for doing so with the AKC.

Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an AKC event, resulting in injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

### Obedience Classes

The next session of obedience classes will start Tuesday, February 3, 2009. 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 Ppool. 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

### Up-Coming Events

#### AGILITY

Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club, January 23-25, 2009  
Intermountain Kennel Club, Inc., February 13 & 14, 2009  
Group IV Terrier Club of Salt Lake, February 15 & 16, 2009  
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc., March 13 - 15, 2009  
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc., March 27-29, 2009

#### OBEDIENCE

Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club, March 20 - 22, 2009  
Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club, March 21, 2009

#### AKC Rally®

Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club, March 20 - 22, 2009  
Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club, March 21, 2009

### “Braggs”

We must have hit the winter doldrums...there were no braggs are reported this month!

## 2009 Committee Positions

Please turn in to LaDawn Moad. You can notify her by phone - 552-1174 email - moadl@d93.k12.id.us  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember everyone can  
help somewhere.**

### WINTER TIME

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FROZEN  
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 JANUARY  
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 SNOW  
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 WINDCHILL



# January 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "Koki" Fitschen 	2 "Coupe" Nelson	3
4 Agility Practice 5-7:30 pm	5 Diana Cazier	6 Christine Nelson	7	8	9	10
11	12 LaDawn Moad	13 Arynne Belger "Woggins" Smith	14	15 Shelby Moad Club Meeting	16 Karl Roth	17
18 "Jack" Halford Agility Practice 5-7:30 pm	19 Jean Halford	20	21 Kim Carpenter	22	23 Cody Robinson Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club Agility Trial	24 Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club Agility Trial
25 Kelly P'Pool Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club Agility Trial	26	27	28	29 Kirk Vance	30	31 "Toots" Tuck



# SOMETHING TO CONSIDER FOR THE UPCOMING TAX SEASON

Form

## W-K9

Department of the Treasury Chest—Irritating Revenue Service

## Individual Pet Tax Return 2008

IRS Use Only—Do not write grocery lists or doodle emoticons in this space.

**Label**

Use this form if there are any pets in your household.

L A B E L  H E R E	Your first name and initial	Last name
	Pet's first name and initial	Pet's pet name
	Home address	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code	

**Pet Election Campaign** ▶ Check here if you want \$1 to go to a fund to elect a dog or cat president. ▶

<b>Income</b>	1 How cute is your pet, on a scale of 1 to 10? ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Multiply by 100 and enter here . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
Your Pet's Contribution to Your Household	2 Number of times a day you pet, play with, or talk to your pet . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
	3 Number of times a child has claimed your pet ate his/her homework . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
	4 Number of times your pet has protected you or your home (from a real or imagined threat) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	5 Number of times your pet has eaten food someone didn't want . . . . .	<b>5</b>	
	6 Snookums Tax: Total number of nicknames for your pet . . . . .	<b>6</b>	
		7 Add up the numbers in lines 1–6 and multiply by \$10,000. <b>This is your total Pet Tax</b> . . . . . ▶	<b>7</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	8 Food: Estimated yearly cost of meals, snacks, and scraps eaten by your pet . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
Expenses You Can Deduct	9 Grooming: Number of hours you spend grooming or thinking about grooming your pet, or cleaning its cage or tank. Multiply by \$10 . . . . .	<b>9</b>	
	10 Number of squeaky toys, scratching posts, and hamster wheels in your home. Multiply by \$5. . . . .	<b>10</b>	
	11 Hours a week spent exercising the animal. Multiply by \$10 (or \$20 for walks when the temperature is 32°F or below) . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	12 Total amount spent on obedience training, veterinarians, therapists, and gifts for angry neighbors . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
		13 Add up the numbers in lines 8–12. <b>These are your total Pet Expenses</b> . . . . . ▶	<b>13</b>
<b>Damages Incurred by Pet</b>	14 How many times did your pet throw up or have an "accident" in your house? . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	15 How many pieces of furniture or clothing has your pet destroyed? . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
	16 Piranha Credit: Number of other household pets destroyed by this pet . . . . .	<b>16</b>	
	17 Add up the numbers in lines 14–16 and multiply by \$100. <b>This is your total Damages Credit</b> ▶	<b>17</b>	
<b>Calculate Your Pet Tax</b>	18 Add up the numbers in lines 13 and 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	
	19 If line 18 is more than line 7, subtract line 7 from line 18. <b>This is the amount of your refund</b> ▶ Choose form of payment: <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> equivalent in pet food <input type="checkbox"/> a new pet	<b>19</b>	
	20 If line 18 is less than line 7, subtract line 18 from line 7. <b>This is the amount you owe</b> . . . . . ▶	<b>20</b>	

For details on how to pay, see publication K9-433228873VZ9998TP.

**Sign Here**

Your signature	Date	
Your pet's signature (or paw print, nose print, or piece of dander, feather, or scale)	Date	

**WARNING:** The penalty for falsifying information is cleaning up poop at the local pound for 300 hours a week.