

Happy Tails News

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Remember to send your dogs accomplishments for 2008 to Shyne Brothers. Her email is guardyan@ida.net Club dues are due by January 1st.



CLUB MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2008

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. General Meeting

**Members, family,
and friends...**

**Come and join us at
DIXIE'S DINER**

Super Agility Trials

Once again USRVDTTC members and friends hosted another set of super agility trials. We had record numbers and a great time. Two MACHs were finished at our trials as well as several other titles. As you all know trials are very labor intensive and we couldn't do it without help. Thank you to everyone who jumped in and helped. Special thanks to the following:

- Kerwin Hassing and Bill Grof for course building and equipment management
- Randy Gaines for taking care of the timers and everything else we forgot
- Theresa Mathis for making sure we had the workers where we needed them
- Abby Zaldonis for providing the most important part of any trial...food
- Shyne Brothers for making sure we had all the ribbons and prizes
- George and Glenda for bringing out one of the trailers
- Cheryl Loomis, Lori Keele, LeeAnn Chaffin, Jane Guidinger, Maurice Guidinger for working so hard all three days
- Club members who we have inadvertently left off this list
- All the exhibitors who entered, came, helped and ran.

SUPER JOB! Thank you all!

LaDawn and Suzanne



USRVDTC REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the USRVDTC was called to order by President, Suzanne Belger, on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Dixie's Diner in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Members Present: Brenna Hassing, George and Glenda Haller, Rosha Adams, Arynne Belger, Suzanne Belger, Judy Grof, Bill Grof, Lois Olson, Steven Olson, Lori Keele, Margi Vanover, LaDawn Moad, Shelby Moad, Diane Orr, Kerwin Hassing, Fran Hassing, Cheryl Loomis, Jane Guidinger, Maurice Guidinger, Heike Vitacolonna, Shynne Brothers, Collette Wright, Abbie Zaladonis, and MaryLee Moore. Guest Emily Dummas was welcomed.

The board minutes were read.

Corrections were made to the September 2008 regular meeting minutes as follows:

"Bryan" to "Brian" Moore in members voted in, and "Wells" to "Hughes" regarding new member Natasha Hughes.

Glenda Haller motioned to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting as corrected. Arynne Belger seconded the motion. PASSED.

Report of the President: Suzanne Belger indicated that she doesn't feel the club's Yahoo group is utilized as much as it could be. She would like members to check it for notifications regarding practices, changes in times or locations of various activities, etc. Diane Orr indicated that she would be happy to set up any club member who is not currently signed up for the Yahoo group.

Report of Vice-President: Judy Grof indicated that she is in the process of making new welcome packets for new members.

Report of Secretary: None.

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

Report of Committees:

Obedience Training Director: Suzanne Belger reported for Kelly P'Pool regarding the current classes and also asked whether club members would like to keep the same class training schedule for 2009 as that used for 2008. The schedule from 2008 was reviewed. Club members present expressed a desire to leave the schedule the same, except that the last session of OB classes in September and October.

Agility Trial Secretary: Suzanne Belger reported that trial entries for Friday's AG Trial are up significantly from last year to 204; Saturday is 248 (up approx. 40); Sunday 196 (an increase also), for a total of 648. She reported that set up on Friday will start at 8:30 on Friday. Volunteers should be at the trial location at that time. She asked that any members interested in volunteering to steward at the trials

contact Theresa Mathis. Her e-mail address is biogirtjm@yahoo.com. She also indicated that there will be a new food vendor this year – The Psychadelicatessin. There will be no food vendor, however, on Friday.

Agility Training Chairman: Suzanne Belger reported for Linda Reimann that there will be an agility practice at King's Arena on Sunday, October 19th, at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/dog. Prior to that, club members are asked to meet at the club's trailer storage area to help load the trailers for the trial.

Hospitality: Abbie Zaladonis reported that all is ready for the trial.

Web Master: Diane Orr reported that the Members Only portion of the club's webpage is now password protected. Members can contact Diane for the password. She indicated that some club members have had problems accessing the area using Windows Vista, or XP, but that the Fire Fox browser seems to work fine. That browser can be downloaded for free, if necessary.

Newsletter: Cheryl Loomis indicated that she was passing around a brag sheet for the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Nominations from the floor were opened for officers and board members openings for the 2009 club year. No nominations were offered.

CGC Co-Chairs: Bill & Judy Grof reported that the CGC test will be given on Wednesday, October 22nd, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., at Tautphaus Park. They asked for volunteers to help with the testing.

Membership Voting: The club members voted on the membership of Wendy Baldwin. Wendy was welcomed to the club.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Suzanne Belger indicated that nominations for the Club Member of the Year need to be submitted to Cheryl Loomis by October 25th. The club members will vote on the nominees at the November meeting.

Suzanne asked for volunteers for the Auditing Committee. Volunteers were: Rosha Adams (Board Member), Fran Hassing, and Lois Olson. The audit will need to be completed prior to the January 2009 club meeting.

Suzanne Belger also indicated that club members who earned an obedience, rally, agility or tracking title on their dog during 2008 send the information to Shynne Brothers by November 1st so that she can order title plaques. Please let Shynne know whether you need a plaque (first title) or whether you only need the metal hanging title award.

Judy Grof proudly announced that "Max" is now a therapy dog and has made several trips to the hospital. She and Max were in a feature article of the hospital's newsletter.

Glenda Haller motioned for adjournment. Lois Olson seconded the motion. PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary,
Rosha Adams

“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@cableone.net. It is preferred that you email your brags to the editor.

From Shyne Brothers

Gavin earned his CDX and his RE in Boise, Idaho. He was also listed in the 2007 GSDCA “top Ten” obedience rankings. WOO HOO!!!

From the Grof’s

Max is a Therapy Dog Team with Judy. Ripley is a Therapy Dog Team with Jesse Bennett.

From LaDawn Moad:

Pyper Moad earned her 1st Novice Standard agility leg and Novice Fast agility leg with to first places. Then at USRVDTTC’s trial Pyper got her first Novice Standard leg despite LaDawn falling at the 2nd to the last obstacle. Pyper needs a better handler.

From Shelby Moad:

Gibby Moad earned his 2nd leg in Novice Jumpers and 2nd place even after Shelby fell. Then at USRVDTTC’s trial Gibb earned 3 titles. One each day, Novice JWW on Friday, Novice Fast on Saturday and Novice Standard on Sunday. With a first place with each Q and a clean run on his jumpers run.

From Juley Hankins-Smith

At the USRVDTTC agility trial, Spodie completed her Open FAST preferred title on Friday, and her Open Standard Preferred title on Sunday. She also received a qualifying score in Open FAST Preferred on Saturday, even though it didn't count towards a title.

From Jane and Maurice Guidinger

Chance Guidinger finished his AJP and OFP at the recent USRVDTTC trials and also earned his first master jumpers leg.

Captain Guidinger earned two open jumpers legs

Kilo Guidinger earned two RAE legs in Boise

From the Belgers;

Adrienne and "Dune" Belger have had a great summer/fall. They finished their NJW in Blackfoot this past June, (all with 1st places), they finished their RA in Blackfoot as well (another 1st place). At our obedience trials in June they earned their 1st two legs

for their CD and finished their RE title. At the Bonneville County 4H fair they were Grand Champion Showmanship and Reserve Grand Champion Obedience. They went to the EISF and was Grand Champion Showmanship!

Arynne and "Everett" Belger have had a good summer/fall as well. They completed their CD in just five shows, it could have been three but sitting for 1 minute was so exhausting that "Everett" had to lay down the last 10 seconds or so a couple of times. The jump in Rally Advanced proved to be to much excitement for "Everett", he still doesn't understand why it is wrong to take that one jump 8 or 9 times each time you get to be in the ring....bad dog no cookie!

Unfortunately, Celeste took off most of the summer/fall to try and have puppies. Much to our disappointment things did not work out as planned so we are going to start focusing on training and trialing and leaving puppies to someone else.

From Theresa Mathis;
Major earned his title in Novice Jumpers with weaves on Friday and had a great run in Open Jumpers, just too many refusals at the weaves.

From Abbie Zaladonis;

Myra qualified in Novice Standard. She was 1st place in the 16" height. After officially being measured by both the Judge and the AKC Rep, she will be able to compete in the 12' height in future trials.

2009 Committee Positions

Please turn in to Suzanne Belger or a member of the Board

- _____ Obedience Training Director
- _____ Agility Training Director
- _____ Tracking Training Director
- _____ Match Chair
- _____ Practice Director
- _____ Obedience Trial Chair
- _____ Obedience Trial Secretary
- _____ Tracking Trial Chair/Secretary
- _____ Chief Steward
- _____ Trophies
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Public Education and Demonstrations
- _____ Newsletter Editor
- _____ Delegate Liaison
- _____ Video Tape/Librarian/Cameras
- _____ Canine Good Citizen Chair
- _____ Agility Trial Chair
- _____ Agility Trial Secretary
- _____ Historian
- _____ Hospitality
- _____ Webmaster
- _____ Trailer Chair
- _____ Equipment Manager

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Remember everyone can help somewhere.

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

I am nominating Suzanne Belger for "Club Member of the Year."

Having been away from club activities for several years, I had not had the privilege of really getting to know Suzanne. This year after starting back into dog activities, everywhere I turned there was Suzanne. Of course, she is President of the Club - but - every time I looked, there she was- involved in obedience, rally, agility, breed, I even think herding! She's there to train, participate, help set up, take down, just give a smile and hello. She has a 4-H group of kids she instructs in both breed and obedience. Her class was so successful, they won 5 out of the 6 classes (she had no one in the 6th class)! However, I've never heard her stress winning. She just gives her classes the knowledge and skills to be successful. Not only this, but she is a wonderful mother whose daughters have been involved with her in 4-H and showing - They, too, are successful dog handlers and have fun showing with their mother.

She is always there with her quiet efficiency, ready smile and words of encouragement whether for teaching classes, helping kids, being a demo for "Bark in the Park" , whatever is needed. She is a club member every club dreams about - and she's cute!

Mary Lee Moore

I am nominating Margi Vanover for Club member of the year. She has been a member for 18 years, and during that time, she has volunteered for a number of committees and has been a steward for our obedience trial every year. She has even stewarded for agility. She has also assisted with obedience training classes each year and this last session taught a basic class. She has been publicity chairman for several years and has done a wonderful job getting the club's name on TV and in the paper. All this effort is done for the enjoyment she receives from working for the club. As far as I know she has never shown at an AKC trial and now, does not even own a dog, but the dedication to the club remains. I believe she has

displayed the attributes that deserve the "club member of the year" honor.

Cheryl Loomis

I would like to nominate Kerwin Hassing for "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.

Suzanne Belger

We want to nominate Kerwin Hassing as Club Member of the Year.

Bill & Judy Grof

I would like to nominate Darcy. As a newer member of USRDTC, she has stepped up to the plate when there is a need for someone to help. She did a beautiful job as Duane's assistant despite having numerous problems, she is organized and there to offer a hand or advice.

Cathy Hjelm

I want to nominate Margi Vanover for Club Member of the year. She has Assisted every class this year and when we changed classes she was more than willing to help put the word out. She is always will to do anything she is asked.

Kelly P'Pool



About Intermountain Therapy Animals



Intermountain Therapy Animals is a non-profit organization bringing animal resources to human needs. We specialize in providing animal-assisted therapy in the areas of physical, occupational, speech and

psychotherapies, as well as special education. Our mission is "enhancing quality of life through the human-animal bond". Our motto is "*Pets Helping People*".

The ITA volunteer program provides [carefully screened therapy animals](#) and handlers who work with human service and health care professionals to serve those in need. We work with children and adults who are physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabled, as well as others who can benefit from the unique qualities that interaction with an animal can provide.

Members of Intermountain Therapy Animals are trained to provide pet-facilitated therapy in hospitals, mental institutions, nursing facilities, detention homes, extended care centers, and schools.

What Makes an Animal (and Handler) Suitable to be a Therapy Animal Team?

Intermountain Therapy Animals looks for very specific qualities in the companion animals it registers as therapy animals. Pet owners who are considering signing up to be animal-assisted therapy handlers should keep the following in mind:

What Kinds of Animals Will Qualify?

Besides dogs and cats, there are a great many other species that make wonderful visiting animals and can form strong human-animal bonds. To name just a few: birds, rabbits, goats, domestic rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, ducks and chickens, goats, miniature pigs, llamas, cows and horses.

At this time, Intermountain Therapy Animals does not work with large animals like llamas, cows and horses. (But if this is your interest, stay tuned, because there may be another group organizing locally quite soon that will specialize in large animals in a farm-like setting.) Also, animals such as snakes, ferrets, lizards and wild or exotic animals are not registered. This is because wild or exotic animals are not legally acceptable as pets in many states, and without more research documenting their predictability over time, we cannot accurately evaluate their behavior and reaction to stress.

Thanks for your interest! Animal-assisted therapy is an idea whose time has come, and if you and your companion animal decide to join us in doing this work, you will have much joy ahead of you. www.therapyanimals.org



Judy Grof & Max
(Aussie)



Jesse Bennett
& Ripley
(Irish Setter)

These two members have had their dogs certified and are now visiting the hospital.

Jasper and the Unbaked Yeast Rolls

We have a fox terrier by the name of Jasper. He came to us in the summer of 2001 from the fox terrier rescue program. For those of you, who are unfamiliar with this type of adoption, imagine taking in a 10 year old child about whom you know nothing and committing to doing your best to be a good parent.

Like a child, the dog came with his own idiosyncrasies. He will only sleep on the bed, on top of the covers, nuzzled as close to my face as he can get without actually performing a French kiss on me.

Lest you think this is a bad case of 'no discipline,' I should tell you that Perry and I tried every means to break him of this habit including locking him in a separate bedroom for several nights. The new door cost over \$200. But I digress.

Five weeks ago we began remodeling our house. Although the cost of the project is downright obnoxious, it was 20 years overdue AND it got me out of cooking Thanksgiving for family, extended family, and a lot of friends that I like more than family most of the time.

I was assigned the task of preparing 124 of my famous yeast dinner rolls for the two Thanksgiving feasts we did attend. I am still cursing the electrician for getting the new oven hooked up so quickly. It was the only appliance in the whole darn house that worked, thus the assignment.

I made the decision to cook the rolls on Wed evening to reheat Thurs am. Since the kitchen was freshly painted, you can imagine the odor. Not wanting the rolls to smell like Sherwin Williams #586, I put the rolls on baking sheets and set them in the living room to rise for a few hours. Perry and I decided to go out to eat, returning in about an hour. The rolls were ready to go in the oven.

It was 8:30 PM. When I went to the living room to retrieve the pans, much to my shock one whole pan of 12 rolls was empty. I called out to Jasper and my worst nightmare became a reality. He literally wobbled over to me. He looked like a combination of the Pillsbury dough boy and the Michelin Tire man wrapped up in fur. He groaned when he walked. I swear even his cheeks were bloated.

I ran to the phone and called our vet. After a few seconds of uproarious laughter, he told me the dog would probably be OK, however, I needed to give him Pepto Bismol every 2 hours for the rest of the night.

God only knows why I thought a dog would like Pepto Bismol any more than my kids did when they were sick. Suffice it to say that by the time we went to bed the dog was black, white and pink. He was so bloated we had to lift him onto the bed for the night.

We arose at 7:30 and as we always do first thing; put the dog out to relieve himself. Well, the dog was as drunk as a sailor on his first leave. He was running into walls, falling flat on his butt and most of the time when he was walking his front half was going one direction and the other half was either dragging the grass or headed 90 degrees in another direction.

He couldn't lift his leg to pee, so he would just walk and pee at the same time. When he ran down the small incline in our back yard he couldn't stop himself and nearly ended up running into the fence.

His pupils were dilated and he was as dizzy as a loon. I endured another few seconds of laughter from the vet (second call within 12 hours) before he explained that the yeast had fermented in his belly and that he was indeed drunk.

He assured me that, not unlike most binges we humans go through, it would wear off after about 4 or 5 hours and to keep giving him Pepto Bismol.

DID YOU KNOW?

Afraid to leave him by himself in the house, Perry and I loaded him up and took him with us to my sister's house for the first Thanksgiving meal of the day.

My sister lives outside of Muskogee on a ranch, (10 to 15 minute drive). Rolls firmly secured in the trunk (124 less 12) and drunk dog leaning from the back seat onto the console of the car between Perry and I, we took off.

Now I know you probably don't believe that dogs burp, but believe me when I say that after eating a tray of risen unbaked yeast rolls, DOGS WILL BURP. These burps were pure Old Charter. They would have matched or beat any smell in a drunk tank at the police station. But that's not the worst of it.

Now he was beginning to fart and they smelled like baked rolls. God strike me dead if I am not telling the truth! We endured this for the entire trip to Karen's, thankful she didn't live any further away than she did.

Once Jasper was firmly placed in my sister's garage with the door locked, we finally sat down to enjoy our first Thanksgiving meal of the day. The dog was the topic of conversation all morning long and everyone made trips to the garage to witness my drunken dog, each returning with a tale of Jasper's latest endeavor to walk without running into something. Of course, as the old adage goes, 'what goes in must come out' and Jasper was no exception.

Granted if it had been me that had eaten 12 risen, unbaked yeast rolls, you might as well have put a concrete block up my behind, but alas a dog's digestive system is quite different from yours or mine. I discovered this was a mixed blessing when we prepared to leave Karen's house. Having discovered his 'packages' on the garage floor, we loaded him up in the car so we could hose down the floor.

This was another naive decision on our part. The blast of water from the hose hit the poop on the floor and the poop on the floor with stood the blast from the hose. It was like Portland cement beginning to set up and cure.

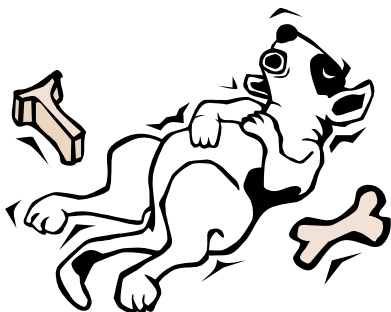
We finally tried to remove it with a shovel. I (obviously no one else was going to offer their services) had to get on my hands and knees with a coarse brush to get the remnants off of the floor. And as if this wasn't degrading enough, the darn dog in his drunken state had walked through the poop and left paw prints all over the garage floor that had to be brushed too.

Well, by this time the dog was sobering up nicely so we took him home and dropped him off before we left for our second Thanksgiving dinner at Perry's sister's house.

I am happy to report that as of today (Monday) the dog is back to normal both in size and temperament. He has had a bath and is no longer tricolor. None the worse for wear I presume. I am also happy to report that just this evening I found 2 risen unbaked yeast rolls hidden inside my closet door.

It appears he must have come to his senses after eating 10 of them but decided hiding 2 of them for later would not be a bad idea. Now, I'm doing research on the computer as to: 'How to clean unbaked dough from the carpet.'

And how was your day?



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 PURPOSE

Obedience trials are a sport, and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and out of the ring. Obedience trials demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the purebred dog as a companion to man. All contestants in a class are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored.

The basic objective of obedience trials, however, is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions. The performance of dog and handler in the ring must be accurate and correct according to these Regulations. It is also essential that the dog demonstrate willingness and enjoyment while it is working and that a smooth and natural handler be given precedence over a handler moving with military precision and using harsh commands.

(All changes would take effect on Jan. 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted.)

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 1. Obedience Clubs. An obedience club that meets all the requirements of the American Kennel Club® and wishes to hold an obedience trial must apply on the form the AKC provides for permission to hold such a trial. The trial may be held either in conjunction with a dog show, agility trial or as a separate event. A club that is not a member of the AKC must pay a license fee in order to hold a trial. The AKC Board of Directors determines this fee. If the trial is not held at the approved time and place, the license fee will be returned.

A club may hold two all-breed obedience trials concurrently at the same site on the same day, or two all-breed obedience clubs may hold their obedience trials one following another, if the events are held on the same site on the same day. (Effective Jan. 1, 2010)

No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day, including any breed judging assignment when the obedience trial is held in conjunction with a dog show.

Section 2. Dog Show and Specialty Clubs. A dog show club, a specialty club or an agility club may be granted permission to hold a licensed or member obedience trial if, in the opinion of the AKC Board of Directors, they are qualified to do so.

Specialty *and group* clubs may choose to hold an obedience trial. (1) These clubs may hold a trial exclusively for their own breed(s) only. (2) Or, if entries are limited, these clubs may accept entries of dogs of their own breed(s) first then accept entries from all breeds until the entry limit specified in the premium list is reached. (3) Or, these clubs may hold their specialty *or group* breed obedience trial followed by an all-breed or group obedience trial, so long as the scheduled judging program for both events does not exceed eight hours of judging time. If option (2) is selected, awards as described in these *Regulations*, Chapter 1, Sections 19, 20, 21, and 22 will be offered for the specialty breed(s). In addition, awards as described these *Regulations*, Chapter 1, Sections 19, 20, 21, and 22 will be offered for the all-breed event. If option (3) is selected, the specialty obedience and all-breed or group obedience trials will be approved and held as two separate events.

Section 3. Entries. To be acceptable, an entry must:

- Be submitted with the required entry fee
- Be on an official AKC entry form
- Be signed by the owner or his duly authorized Agent

- Include all of the following information:
 - Name of show/trial-giving club
 - Date of show/trial
 - Breed
 - Variety, if any
 - Sex
 - Name of class(es) entered
 - Full registered name of dog
 - Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
 - Address of owner
- Include one of the following:
 - AKC registration number
 - AKC litter number
 - PAL/ILP number
 - Foreign registration number and country of registration for an unregistered imported dog
 - Identification number issued by AKC
- Include the following, if known:
 - Date of birth
 - Place of birth
 - Name of breeder(s)
 - Name of sire
 - Name of dam
 - **Jump height**

NOTE: A club may arrange entries according to jump height order in all classes in which jumps are used. If a club should choose this option, it will be stated in the premium list what jump height will begin the class and if the order will be ascending or descending. Multiple entries in the same class and height that will be handled by the same person should be accommodated.

Section 4. Obedience Classes. A licensed or member obedience trial need not include all the regular obedience classes, but a club will not be approved to hold Open classes unless it also holds Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Utility classes unless it also holds Novice and Open classes. Any club that has been approved to hold a licensed or member obedience trial may offer additional optional titling and/or non-regular classes upon AKC approval. If a non-regular class is one that is not defined in these Regulations, a clear and complete description of both the eligibility and performance requirements will appear in the premium list.

Section 5. Tracking Tests. A club may not hold a tracking test on the same day as its show or obedience trial, but the tracking test may be included in the show or obedience trial premium list. If the tracking test is not included in the show or obedience trial premium list, the club must provide at the tracking test several copies of all the required catalog information for each dog entered. If the tracking test is to be held within seven days of the obedience trial, the club may name someone else in the premium list to receive the tracking test entries. The same closing date should apply for all entries. If the tracking test is not to be held within seven days of the obedience trial, the club may name someone else in the premium list to receive the tracking test entries and may specify a different closing date for tracking entries at least seven days before the tracking test.

Section 6. Obedience Trial Committee. Any obedience club holding an obedience trial must appoint an obedience trial committee that will exercise all the authority of a dog show's Event Committee. If an obedience club's trial is held in conjunction with a dog show, the obedience trial committee will have sole jurisdiction only over the dogs, handlers and owners entered in that obedience trial. If, however, any dog is

entered in both obedience and conformation classes, the obedience trial committee's jurisdiction pertains only to the *Obedience Regulations*. When an obedience trial is to be held in conjunction with an all-breed or specialty show, the club's Event Committee will include one person designated as obedience chairperson. At this event, the Event Committee has sole jurisdiction over all matters coming before it, whether the matter has to do with the dog show or the obedience trial.

Section 7. Sanctioned Matches. A club may hold an obedience match with approval of the AKC and under its *Match Regulations*. Scores awarded at these matches will not count toward any obedience title and will not be recorded by the AKC. All the *Obedience Regulations* apply to sanctioned matches, except for those sections specifying that the provisions apply to licensed or member trials and except where specifically stated otherwise in the *Match Regulations*.

Section 8. AKC Sanction. AKC sanction must be obtained by any club that holds AKC obedience trials as well as any type of match for which it accepts entries from nonmembers.

Section 9. Rules Applying to Dog Shows. All applicable rules applying to dog shows will govern the conduct of obedience trials. They will apply to any person and dog entered, unless these *Regulations* state otherwise.

Section 10. Identification. No visible means of identification (badges, ribbons, club jackets, etc.) may be worn or displayed by anyone exhibiting a dog in the ring.

Section 11. Immediate Family. As used in these *Regulations*, "immediate family" means husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law.

Section 12. Purebred Dogs Only. As used in these *Regulations*, the word "dog" refers to either sex but only to dogs that are of a breed eligible for entry in AKC events. Judges must report to the AKC any dog showing under them that appears not to be purebred. This may be done after the show or trial.

Section 13. Unregistered Dogs. Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* will apply to entries in licensed or member obedience trials. However, a dog with a *PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) or* ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege) number may be entered in these events, with the *PAL or* ILP number shown on the entry form. A dog approved for entry in the Miscellaneous Class at dog shows and a dog of a Foundation Stock Service recorded breed that meets the eligibility requirements for competition, is eligible to compete in obedience trials and/or tracking tests provided the dog's AKC identification number appears on the entry form.

Section 14. Dogs that May not Compete. No dog under 6 months of age may compete. No dog belonging wholly or in part to a judge, show, or obedience trial secretary, superintendent, or any member of such a person's household may be entered in any dog show or obedience trial at which such person officiates or is scheduled to officiate. Nor may they handle or act as agent for any dog entered at that dog show or obedience trial. The official veterinarians will not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the show, and dogs owned wholly or in part by them will not be eligible to be entered at that show.

No dog owned wholly or in part by a superintendent, any other employee of that superintendent, or any person residing in the same household as any of the foregoing will be eligible to be entered at any show held 30 days before or after a show that the superintendent has been approved to service by the AKC. Nor may that person exhibit or act as an agent or handler.

For the purpose of this section, the employees of a superintendent would include only those individuals who represent the superintendent or superintending organization at dog shows.

No judge or any person residing in the same household as the judge will exhibit or act as agent or handler at a dog show or obedience trial at which they are judging. Dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge

or any member of their household will not be eligible to be entered at such event. This applies to both obedience and dog show judges when an obedience trial is held in conjunction with a dog show.

Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family who no longer live in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show, trial, or test if the judge is not officiating over any competition that might involve that dog. If a club does not advertise in its premium list who is to judge run-offs between classes, an exhibitor will automatically be considered to have lost the run-off of any tie scores between classes if the judge of the run-off is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring, or has been regularly trained or instructed within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial by the judge or by any person residing in the same household as the judge. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers. (See "Glossary of Terms")

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial, either individually or through classes.

Section 15. Qualifying Score. A qualifying score means that the dog has earned more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise with a total score of at least 170 points. This score must be earned in a regular class or optional titling class at a licensed or member obedience trial. There is no minimum number of dogs necessary in any class to earn a qualifying score toward a title.

Section 16. When Titles are Won

- After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days.
- After 60 days, it may continue to compete in that level "B" class.
- A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives either a qualifying score in the Open class or earns the Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes award.
- An unlimited number of the Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Class awards may be obtained from the Novice A class within the 60-day time period after earning the initial Companion Dog title.
- Once a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Class award is received after the 60-day period, the dog may no longer be entered in Novice B at future trials, for which entries have not closed.
- A dog may compete indefinitely in Open B and/or Utility B after the Open or Utility title is earned.
- A dog may compete in a more advanced class if it receives the prerequisite title prior to the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- Once a dog has competed in Open, it may not again be shown in Novice A.
- Once a dog has competed in Utility, it may not again be shown in Open A.

Section 16a. Move-ups.

- The club will clearly state in its premium list whether move-ups will be or will not be allowed.
- After a dog earns a title, it may be moved up to the next class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, providing the club offers move-ups.
- Move-ups may be approved, provided the next level class (e. g. Novice to Open) and judge is available and the class has not reached its limit.
- This move-up may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- The request for a move-up must be in writing and presented to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial.

- Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a move-up and is not allowed after close of entries.

Section 17. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs.

If an ineligible dog has been entered in any licensed or member obedience trial or dog show, the name of the owner on the entry form is not the person(s) who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, the dog is shown in a class for which it has not been entered, no dog shall be entered in the same class more than once, or the dog's entry is unacceptable to the AKC, all resulting awards will be cancelled. In computing Obedience Trial Championship points, such ineligible dogs will not be counted as having competed regardless of whether they have received awards.

Any time a judge marks a dog "Disqualified" or "Excused," the judge must state the reason in the judge's book and will give the superintendent or show or trial secretary a brief report of the dog's actions. The judge's book will be submitted to the AKC with the report of the show or trial.

A dog that is blind or deaf or has been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons (other than changes customarily approved for its breed) may not compete in any obedience trial or tracking test and will be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision. Deaf means without useful hearing. The judge will not obtain the opinion of a veterinarian.

The judge will disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person in the ring and fill out the required "Disqualification for Attacking" form (AEDSQ1).

When a dog has been disqualified under this section as being blind or deaf, for having been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons, or for having attacked or attempted to attack a person in the ring, all awards made to the dog at the trial will be cancelled by the AKC. The dog may not again compete unless the owner applies for and receives reinstatement.

The judge must excuse a dog that attacks another dog in the ring and fill out the required "Dog on Dog Attack" form (AEDSQ3). The owner of any dog that has been excused on two occasions for attacking or attempting to attack another dog in the ring will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to be shown in obedience classes. The judge must excuse a dog that appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring.

Any dog whose appearance has been surgically altered to correct a congenital or hereditary defect may participate in obedience trials and all tracking tests provided that dog has been neutered or spayed.

Spayed bitches, monorchid, cryptorchid or castrated dogs, and dogs that have disqualifying conformation faults may compete in obedience trials and tracking tests, if eligible under these *Regulations*.

A dog that is lame in the ring at any obedience trial or at a tracking test may not compete in that class. Lameness is defined as any irregularity of locomotion. The judge must determine, without a veterinarian's opinion, whether a dog is lame. If the judge deems a dog lame, that judge will not score the dog and will mark the judge's book, "Excused-lame."

No dog will be eligible to compete in an obedience trial or tracking test if it is taped, stitched, or bandaged in any way or if it has anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes. Such a dog must be immediately excused and may not be judged under any circumstances.

Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with the performance of the dog, may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes or in the manner as they are normally shown in the breed ring.

No dog will be eligible to compete if it appears to have been dyed or colored in any way, if its coat shows evidence of chalk or powder, or if the dog has anything attached to it for protection or adornment. Such a dog may be judged later if the condition has been corrected and if the judge desires to do so.

An obedience judge is not required to be familiar with the breed standards or to scrutinize each dog as in dog show judging but will be alert for conditions that may require disqualification or excusal under this section.

TO BE CONTINUED



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 "Ripley Bennett"
2 Adrienne Belger Ryan Belger Karen Setter 	3	4	5	6 Anita Ogden	7	8
9 "Champ" Ogden	10 Rosha Adams	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Vicki Robinson	13	14 "Ribbon" McKee	15
16	17 "Sage", "Queenie", "Cody", "Fire" & "Drift" Loomis	18	19 Barry Rabin	20 Diane Roth CLUB MEETING	21	22
23 "Sherman" Rath	24 Kent McCandless	25	26 Ed Vitacolonna "Chilly" Nelson	27 "Elsie" Grant 	28	29 Marilyn Tuck
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Remember there is no meeting in December. The Christmas Party is December 13th at the Sandpiper Restaurant.

Sack Lunches

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation. 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me.

' Chicago - to Great Lakes Base. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Iraq '

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached Chicago , and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time. As I reached for my wallet, I overheard soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to Chicago ' His friend agreed. I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq ; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?'

'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand, and said, 'I want to shake your hand.'

Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed in Chicago I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.'

Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people n this country who no longer understand it.'

