

# Happy Tails News

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Our Condolences to  
Rosha Adams and family.

Rosha's mom passed away on  
Thursday, October 4, 2007.

Our love, thoughts and prayers are  
with Rosha and her family.

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**CLUB MEETING**  
Thursday, October 18, 2007  
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

**Five and Diner**

Come and join us!

A Halloween-themed illustration featuring a smiling ghost hanging from a gnarled tree on the right, a black cat standing on a jack-o'-lantern on the left, and several pumpkins in the foreground. A full moon is visible in the top left corner.

## USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2007

President Suzanne Belger called the regular meeting to order at 7:38 pm in the 5 & Diner

Introduction of Guests:  
Darcy Bartholome

Barbara Friedrich moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as printed in the newsletter. Diane Orr seconded. Passed.

Report of President:

Suzanne Belger apologized for being late. Suzanne read a few thank you notes.

Suzanne read a letter from the Grand Teton Mall announcing a fund raising opportunity.

Report of the Vice President:

Absent. Barbara Friedrich reported that she sent the deposit to reserve the Stanger Building for the Christmas party on December 8th.

Report of the Treasurer:

Barbara Friedrich reported on the state of the club finances..

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Chairman

LaDawn Moad reported that every thing is on schedule for the October Trials.

LaDawn stated that she is preparing the application for the 2008 October Trials and wanted to know whether the club will be changing the entry fees due to the new fees AKC will be charging. Carl Friedrich moved to readjust the fees in all events to reflect the fee increase imposed by AKC. Mary Lee Moore seconded. Passed. Carl Friedrich moved that the President appoint a committee of at least 2 club members to come up with a list of the appropriate entry fees for all events. Mary Lee Moore seconded. Passed.

LaDawn Moad reported that the March trials have been approved. The Ririe site has been reserved for the March 2008 and October 2008 trials.

Obedience Trial Secretary:

Cheryl Loomis suggested that we offer Grad. Novice, Grad Open and Versatility instead of the Wildcard classes in 2008 as Grad Novice, Grad Open and Versatility will become titling classes in 2009. Bill Orr moved to substitute Grad. Novice, Grad. Open and Versatility for the Wildcard Classes at the 2008 Trial. Diane Orr seconded. Passed

Barbara Friedrich moved to have all Non-Regular classes only on Saturday to include Brace, Veterans, Team, Wildcard Novice, Wildcard Open,

Wildcard Utility, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility. Suzanne Belger seconded. Passed.

Obedience Training Director:

Kelly P'Pool reported that we can rent the Activity Center for the Winter Classes, but only on Tuesday nights. She also wanted to know whether the club wanted to have the first session start in January or February. Barbara Friedrich moved to start our winter classes in February on Tuesday nights. Suzanne Belger seconded. Passed.

Equipment Manager:

Carl Friedrich reported that the contact equipment will be out of service until after the October Show so they can be refurbished.

Nominating Committee:

The committee consisting of LaDawn Moad, Lois Olson and Lori Keele have nominated the following slate of officers:

Suzanne Belger for President  
Judy Grof for Vice President  
Rosha Adams for Secretary  
Glenda Haller for Treasurer  
Steve Olson for the 3 year Board position  
Lori Keele for the 2 year Board position

Suzanne Belger read an application for membership from Darcy Bartholome who has Border Terriers and Parson Russell Terriers.

Unfinished Business:

Diane Orr inquired about the Electronic timers. Carl Friedrich reported that the timers had arrived and he arranged a meeting that was attended by Duane Loomis from ERKC and Randy Gaines and several members from PKC, to learn how to set up and operate the timer system.

New Business:

Mary Lee Moore thanked the Club and its members for the support given during her mothers illness and also to Diane Orr, who took Danny into the Obedience ring and Rally ring on short notice to finish his CD and RN titles.

Cheryl Loomis announced that there will be an agility and obedience practice held on Sunday, September 23 at 1:00 pm and again on October 7 at 2:00 pm. Both of these practices will be held at Tautphaus Park.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Obedience classes are running smoothly. We will be doing Canine Good Citizen Testing October 24, 2007. Please come and help. We are always in need of a good crowd and some "distracting" help!

Our last practice was a little "wet". We set up a standard course and as soon as it was washed by Mother Nature we put it away and decided to try again the next evening. We had a good practice.

We have scheduled another practice for October 7, 2007 at 2 pm in Tautphaus Park. We will have an JWW course and as always can sneak in a little obedience work....at least some sit/down stays. If you have any questions call Cheryl Loomis or Linda Reimann.

### Up-Coming Events

10-11/14-07---ICCK/Lizard Butte Shows-Boise, Idaho  
10-26/28-07---USRVDTCAgility Trials-Windriver Arena  
12-08-07---USRVDTCAgility Christmas Party

### **"Braggs"**

At the Golden Retriever National Specialty in Everett, WA "Candy" Haller got a Clean Run and her first leg in Novice Preferred Jumpers Class. She also got a 97 in Rally Advanced B for her RA title.

At the same specialty Cricket got a 97 and an additional leg in Rally Novice B.

"Candy" and George Haller picked up their second NJP leg with a 1<sup>st</sup> place at the PKC agility trials. "Candy" loves NJP!

"Pyper" and LaDawn Moad earned their first Novice Standard leg we a score of 90 and a 3rd place at the PKC September trials. Yahoo!

"Rider" and Cheryl Loomis earned a MX leg with a score of 100 at the PKC trials. They picked up 6 MACH points!

"Chance" and Jane Guidinger enjoyed the home field and had a great time at the PKC agility trials. On Friday, they picked up a NFP leg with a 4<sup>th</sup> place. Then on Saturday they earned a NJP leg with a 2nd place and their NJP title. To round out the day they picked up a OAP leg with a 1<sup>st</sup> place. Sunday they decided to pick up another OAP leg with another 1st place.

Not be be outdone "Kilo" with Jane's help she earned a NAP leg with a second place on Friday. Then on

Saturday with a 1<sup>st</sup> place she earned a NJP leg. The reds had a great weekend!

Several other club members had a great time running at the PKC even though they didn't come home with any "Q"s. Of course they all brought the best dogs home! Kudos to Bill Grof and Max, Brenna Hassing and Sky, Kerwin Hassing and Sid, Elizabeth Hassing and Sid, Shelby Moad and Gibb, and Adrienne Belger and Dune for giving it a try and having a great time.

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

### **2008 Club Officers**

Our nominating committee consisting of LaDawn Moad, Lori Keele, and Lois Olsen has presented the following slate of officers for the year 2008.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| President:      | Suzanne Belger |
| Vice-President: | Judy Grof      |
| Secretary:      | Rosha Adams    |
| Treasurer:      | Glenda Haller  |
| 3 year Board:   | Steve Olsen    |
| 2 year Board:   | Lori Keele     |
| 1 year Board:   | LaDawn Moad    |

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next regular club meeting. We will vote on 2008 officers at the November meeting and they will take office January 1, 2008.

### **2008 Committees**

Soon it will be time to volunteer for club committees and positions. If you would like to volunteer please contact Suzanne Belger. If you don't call us...we will call you!

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



## Potatoes, Potatos, Patatos

Shelby Moad is selling 50 Pounds of freshly harvested potatoes for \$15.00.

Call and reserve your potatoes before October 11, 2007.

Potatoes will be delivered October 15, 2007

Proceeds to benefit Sandcreek Middle School GATE Program.

Call 208-552-1174!

Halloween can be a fun for the whole family, but can also be stressful and dangerous for your canine companion. Your dog may be exposed to many unfamiliar sights and sounds, especially with the array of scary costumes available. The whole family should consider the following points to ensure the safety of your dog during this festival.

- With all the sweets and treats around at this time, do keep your dog away, especially from chocolate and raisins as these are toxic to dogs. Chocolate contains theobromine which can be lethal – the darker the chocolate the higher amounts of theobromine. Do contact your vets immediately if you suspect your dog has eaten these food items – especially if you see any of the following symptoms; vomiting, a sore abdomen, excessive thirst, excitability, drooling, slow heart rate or convulsions
- Unfamiliar sights and sounds can lead to nervous responses such as cowering, playtime 'frenzy', and possible aggression –taking your dog for a walk earlier in the day may mean he has less energy to react to trick or treaters in the evening
- Provide a quiet and cosy familiar place in the house for your dog to retreat to so he is less likely to be exposed to trick or treaters – this may include a favorite room or play pen. Provide him with chew toys, his favorite blanket or a comfort item
- Do not force your dog to receive any unwanted attention, even from family members, as they may not recognize even their owner if in costume, and may be very uneasy
- Never force your dog to wear a dog costume if he is uncomfortable with this. Especially do not put anything on him if it inhibits the use of his senses, hence do not cover up his eyes, nose or ears
- Be careful of decorations such as costume accessories as some parts may easily become loose and your dog may choke or become tangled up. Lit candles or pumpkins can easily harm your companion – keep these items out of reach and do not leave your dog unattended with such items
- Think twice about taking your dog on a trick or treating outing, as the extra excitement around the event or added attention from strangers may make cause distress. Also other dogs may not be too welcoming of another dog on their territory
- Do not leave your dog in the garden, especially if there is easy access – people may make use of

the anonymity to tease, poison or even steal your dog! Do not leave him alone in a car!

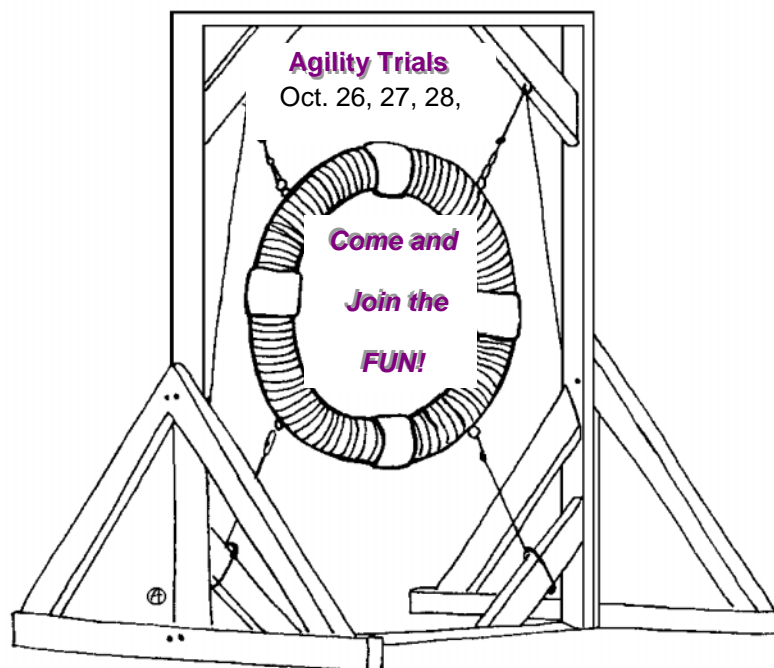
- Be extra careful when opening the door to any visitors as your dog may escape. He is more likely to run away if he is frightened by Halloween costumes
- Please keep a watch over your dog this Halloween to reduce any chance of distress, so that he and the rest of the family can enjoy the celebrations without any foreseeable accidents.

If you have any particular concerns about your dog's behaviour do speak to your vet who should also be able to advise or recommend a local dog behaviorist

You may also be interested in other fact sheets from Dogs Trust which can be found at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)



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# October 2007



| Sunday                                               | Monday                                                                                              | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                                                                                                             | Thursday                                              | Friday                          | Saturday                        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | 1<br>"Karma" Chaffin                                                                                | 2                       | 3<br>"Ginger" Vance<br><br>Obedience Class #5                                                                         | 4<br>Abbie Zaladonis                                  | 5                               | 6                               |
| 7                                                    | 8<br> Columbus Day | 9                       | 10<br>Carl Friedrich<br>"Malama" Fitschen<br><br>Obedience Class #6                                                   | 11<br>Boise Shows                                     | 12<br>Boise Shows               | 13<br>Boise Shows               |
| 14<br>Janice King<br><br>Boise Shows                 | 15                                                                                                  | 16                      | 17<br>Heike Vitacolonna<br><br>Obedience Class #7                                                                     | 18<br>Alan King<br><br>Club Meeting<br>Five and Diner | 19                              | 20                              |
| 21                                                   | 22                                                                                                  | 23<br>Donna Whitham     | 24<br><br>Canine Good Citizen Testing                                                                                 | 25                                                    | 26<br>USRVDTC<br>Agility Trials | 27<br>USRVDTC<br>Agility Trials |
| 28<br>"Nuala" Ppool<br><br>USRVDTC<br>Agility Trials | 29                                                                                                  | 30<br>Elizabeth Hassing | 31<br>"Coal" Rath<br><br>HALLOWEEN |                                                       |                                 |                                 |

