

Happy Tails News

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Happy New Year!

CLUB MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2008
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Members, families,  come and join us!



Club Member of the Year 2007

Congratulations

Duane Loomis

The two of us would like to put in our votes for Duane Loomis. Because he is always there (at the trials, training classes, practices), to help set up, help take down, and generally works his tail off throughout the events. It seems like he doesn't get the appreciation that he should, but his name immediately popped out when we saw this email. Climbergirl and Monsterdog (the Whithams)

Comment [SB1]:



USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December, 2007



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!

PRACTICE...PRACTICE...PRACTICE

We will be having agility and obedience twice a month throughout the remainder of the winter. 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. In order to continue having practices we need member participation so we can cover the cost of the barn. So come and join us and have some fun with your dog!

- Sunday, January 6, 2008.....5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Sunday, January 20, 2008.....5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- 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

Up-Coming Events

- 01-12/13-08---Agility Trials---Farmington, UT
- 02-05-08---USRVDTC Obedience Classes start
- 02-15/17-08---Agility Trials---S. Jordan, UT
- 03-14/16-08---Agility Trials---Caldwell, ID
- 03-26/28-08---USRVDTC March Agility Trial

"Braggs"

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

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 to setsun@cablone.net. It is preferred that you email your brags to the editor.

Obedience 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 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

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Diana Robinson is please to announce that "Duncan" has joined their family. He is of course a very smart, very sweet Borzoi! He is seven months old. He is from an AI breeding using semen frozen 20 years ago!

SAD FAREWELLS

Our time together is never long enough... remember not to waste a single precious minute.

"Kavik" Lasky
December 17, 2007

"Cricket" Haller
January 2, 2008

CONDOLENCES AND GET WELLS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy Lasky and family. Nancy's father passed away in December.

Get well wishes to:
Linda Reimann
Theresa Mathis
Glenda Haller



**Ralph Adams/Jimmy Allen Memorial
Trophy
2007 Recipient**

Diane Orr & "Danny" Moore CD RN

This trophy was donated by Mary Lee Moore in memory of Ralph Adams and Jimmy Allen. The high scoring dog in a regular obedience class at the USRVDTC's August trials is the recipient. The trophy will be awarded at the Christmas party.



Recommend Changes to AKC Obedience Regulations

"The AKC Obedience Advisory Committee (OAC) has published their recommendations for changes to the Obedience Regulations. They were published on the AKC website Dec. 28, 2007. It is very interesting reading. There are many changes, including new titles. Anyone interested in obedience should print them, study them. If you have any opinoins – pro or con – write to the OAC and let them know what you think. For details visit:

[http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience_advisory_co
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Titles earned in 2007

2007 was a good year for USRVDTC.
We all deserve a pat on the back!

Rosha Adams -AJP
Adrienne Belger - Dune RN PT
Arynn Belger - Everett RN
Suzanne Belger - Celeste PT NF
Carl Friedrich - Libby RAE TDX VCDIII NF OF
Jane Guidinger - Kilo CD NA NAJ NAP NJP RA
Jane Guidinger -CHChance AX AXJ NAP NJP NF
George Haller-Candy RA NJP
Glenda Haller- Cricket RN
Brenna Hassing-Sky RN
Elizabeth Hassing-Sid RN
Cheryl Loomis - Rider NAP NF AXJ
Cheryl Loomis - Windy RN
Theresa Mathis - Major RN
Shelby Moad - Gibb RN
LaDawn Moad - Pyper RN RA
Mary Lee Moore - Danny CD RN
Diane Orr - Ebby RN
Linda Reimann - Wunder OA NF RA
Linda Robinson - Saber RE CD



2008 Committee Chairs

Obedience Training Director---Kelly Ppool
Agility Training Director---Linda Reimann
Tracking Training Director--- vacant
Match Chair---Shelby Moad
Practice Director---Cheryl Loomis
Obedience Trial Chair---Duane Loomis
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Hospitality---Abby Zaldonis
Webmaster---Diane Orr
Trailer Chair---George Haller
Equipment Manager---Carl Friedrich

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers!!!

DOGNY: America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs About Search and Rescue (SAR) Dogs

The bond between humans and canines is an ancient one. Dogs and people have lived together for twelve thousand years. Over the course of our history together, dogs and humans have worked as teams to find food, work with livestock and serve our country. Search and Rescue is arguably the dog's most noble vocation. Dogs have acted on behalf of lost or injured humans as early as 1750. The Canine Search and Rescue Teams of today put the canine-human bond into practice by tracking and finding victims of crime, avalanches, earthquakes, floods - and as we all witnessed on September 11 - terrorism.

An estimated 300 Search and Rescue Dogs and their handlers offered their services to the recovery efforts at The World Trade Center. The events of September 11 prompted the largest response of United States Urban Search and Rescue in the history of the FEMA network. Twenty-four of the twenty-eight FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams were deployed, with twenty teams working at the World Trade Center and four in Washington. The FEMA teams, consisting of four dogs per team, represented nineteen states. The New York City Police K9 Unit deployed all of its German Shepherd Dogs for the grueling task of finding victims in the rubble. In addition to official, government sponsored teams, several volunteer Search and Rescue Dog teams arrived from all over the world to help with the Search and Recovery efforts.

Search and Rescue dogs represent a variety of breeds, the most common of which are German Shepherd Dogs, Labrador Retrievers, and Golden Retrievers.

Working with their handlers, Search and Rescue Dogs find lost children, Alzheimer's patients who have wandered from their homes, victims of drowning, avalanche, flood, tornadoes and other disasters. And incredibly, many of them do it not as professionals, but as volunteers.

Their dedication is even more incredible when you realize how much training is involved. Preparing a team for its first mission takes twice-a-week practices for a solid year. Handlers must learn land navigation, map and compass, wilderness survival and other skills. They practice rigorously throughout their lives to keep those skills sharp.

In a time when disaster preparedness is so crucial, DOGNY seeks to ensure that we will never be short of resources for our nation's Search and Rescue Dogs. In the words of The NYPD K-9 Unit's Lt. Dan Donadio, "What we do is needed now more than ever."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 "Koki" Fitschen	2	3	4	5 Diana Cazier
6 Agility Practice 5-7:30 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12 LaDawn Moad
13 Aryne Belger	14	15 Shelby Moad	16 Karl Roth	17 Club Meeting	18	19
20 Agility Practice 5-7:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Kelly P'Pool	26
27	28	29 Kirk Vance	30	31 "Reddy" P'Pool "Toots" Tuck		



Wishing all... love, laughter, and good health for the new year!