

Happy Tails News

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STANDING RULE CHANGES

The standing rules were changed at the February 15, 2007 General Meeting. To view the new standing rules visit usrvdtdc.org (member's area).

The newsletter will be emailed to all club members with a valid email address unless otherwise requested in writing (email notification will be acceptable).

The newsletter will also be available on the website.



CLUB MEETING REMINDER

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Godfather's Pizza

Be sure to mention to the cashier that you are with the dog club.

There is a discount for their buffet for all club members.



Winter Agility Classes

USRVDTC winter agility classes will be starting March 7, 2007. All participants (including club members) must pre register. For registration forms visit the club website. We will be offering foundations/basic/intermediate class from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Advance class will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All classes will be held at "The Barn", 4155 South 25th East (Hitt Rd.) Idaho Falls. For more information please contact: Linda Reimann 529-3942 or topdobe@onewest.net

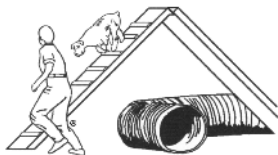
May/June Obedience Classes

Don't be left out...sign up now for the May/June Obedience classes. There will be Rally, Basic, and Intermediate classes. For more information visit the website!

Agility Practices

We will be holding agility practice at "the Barn". All practices will be from 3-5 p.m. The cost to all participants will be \$5.00 per dog.

March 4, 2007
March 25, 2007



For more information please contact: Linda Reimann 529-3942 or topdobe@onewest.net

Up-Coming Events

March 7, 2007 USRVDTTC Agility Classes start
March 16-18 ICCKC Caldwell Agility Trials
March 30 - ABMC Agility Trials (Rigby, ID)
April 1, 2007

CH Ranger VCD2 UD PT

August 6, 1992 to January 25, 2007

To My Best Friend,

You were just a small bundle of quivering fur and the last of your litter the first time I saw you, but when I looked into your eyes I new you were special and needed to go home with me. You started out slow but finally put it together and justified my faith in your ability.

You became a loving friend from the very beginning and always tried every thing I asked of you. I enjoyed our many days of going for walks, playing catch and training for obedience, agility, tracking and conformation. You have earned many firsts in addition to being my first Border Collie, such as, the first dog in the club to earn the title **VCD2** and the second smooth coat BC in the world to finish a breed championship.

So, my friend, until we meet at the bridge I will miss you greatly.



BRAGS

"Wunder" and Linda Reimann earned their Open Standard Title at the IKKC February trials with a 1st place! Way to go!

Arynne, Adrienne, & Ryan Belger made the High Honor Roll for their respective schools for the last trimester/semester.

Get Well Wishes

We send our get well soon wishes to Barbara Friedrich, Linda Reimann, Glenda Haller, and Bill Orr!

Meet our Members

Barbara Friedrich

I have had dogs since I was 3 years old - and that is a VERY long time! My first dog was a Saint Bernard - he bit me in the face - this required stitches and that was the end of our having Saints! Then we raised Cocker Spaniels. After the last one of those died we got an English Setter followed by a Boxer. None of these dogs ever went to obedience school!

Then came college followed by our marriage in 1959. We received a Standard Poodle for a wedding gift, and he went to class here in Idaho Falls at the age of 7½ years. We had two more Standard Poodles, who also went to school and both achieved the UDT title. After those were gone we decided to change breeds and we got two littermate Portuguese Water Dogs. Bad idea - they never grew up. They both achieved the UDT title and the female got her Novice Agility - 1 month before she died of cancer at the age of 11. After the male died we went for 1½ years with no dogs. Decided we had better get another dog before we were both too old to train!

We looked for a performance dog and were truly blessed to be picked to own Libby. She has surpassed anything we ever expected in our dogs. We share showing Libby - I show her in Obedience and Rally and Carl in Agility and Tracking. She first received her Tracking Dog title, then went through the Obedience degrees topping them with a UDX last summer. Along the way she received several high in trial and high combined awards. She started in Novice A Agility and went all the way to receive her MACH title last winter. She earned her Rally Excellent title and has 6 legs toward her RAE title - she has never NQ'd in Rally. She also earned her Apprentice Water Dog title in 2005. Libby is a well rounded dog that loves everyone and every dog she's ever met including our mailman.

We joined USRVDTTC in 1976. Two months after joining the club, Carl was President and I was Secretary. That is the fast way to become indoctrinated! Since then I have been President, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Member, Obedience Chairman, Agility Secretary, Agility Chairman - Hospitality, Trophy Chairman, Publicity, Delegate Liaison, Canine Good Citizen, etc. etc. etc...

I decided I had something to give back to the sport of obedience, so applied and became an AKC Obedience Judge 26 years ago in 1981. In 1985 I became a Tracking Judge, and in 2004 a Rally Judge. We have met many wonderful people and have traveled all over the US including Alaska four times and Hawaii three. We are going to both those states again later this year.

We are lucky to have such a super club member! A few of us our lucky enough to be able to take the favorite..."Rally Class" with Barb and Carl!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

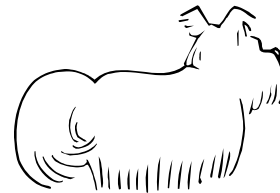


Thank You!

Thank you to all club members who helped with the Canine Good Citizen test on February 20, 2007. We had 15 dogs take the test and 12 who passed! The Grof's did a wonderful job their first time out! Special thanks to Jay and Vicki Robinson and Rosalyn McCandless who helped keep things running smoothly!

Rabies Clinic

Mark your calendars and volunteer to help at the Rabies Vaccination Clinic sponsored by the Eastern Idaho Veterinarian Association. It will be held Wednesday, May 9th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Activity Center. Contact Glenda Haller to volunteer!



With eye uprais'd, his master's look to scan;
The joy, the solace, and the aid of man;
The rich man's guardian, and the poor man's friend,
The only being faithful to the end.

---George Crabb, from *The Bourough*, 1810

If you have brags or articles for the newsletter email them to Karen at:
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USRVDTM MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2007

Attending: George & Glenda Haller, Cheryl Loomis, Suzanne Belger, Barbara & Carl Friedrich, RosalynMcCandless, Bill & Diane Orr, LaDawn Moad, Steven & Lois Olson, Karen Petersen, Jay & Vicki Robinson, Diana Robinson, Bill & Judy Grof, Juley Hankins, and Shyne Brothers

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, Suzanne Belger, on February 15, 2007, at Godfather=s Pizza in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Guest speaker, Dr. Quirel from Upper Valley Veterinary Hospital, did a presentation about hip dysplasia, OFA and PennHip procedures.

Barbara Friedrich motioned to dispense with the reading of the board meeting minutes. Glenda Haller seconded the motion. PASSED

The minutes of the January 18, 2007 regular meeting minutes were corrected. Diane Orr motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Barbara Friedrich seconded the motion. PASSED

Report Of the President: Suzanne Belger reported on members, Lisa Jensen-Smith and Rainy. They are still in Oregon with Rainy's father who is under hospital care for cancer.

A Thank You was read from Vicki Robinson for the gift certificate sent by the club at her recent surgery.

Suzanne receive notification from AKC that the application fees for trials was being raised. Agility will go to \$100, Rally to \$100, Obedience to \$50. This is per day.

Report of the Vice-President: None

Report of the Secretary: None (absent)

Report of the Treasurer: The regular monthly financial report was read and is attached.

Report of Committees:

Delegate Liaison: None (absent)

Agility Secretary: The application for the Agility Trial was not approved. Classes for FAST must match regular classes offered. Barbara Friedrich motioned to offer Excellent Fast, Excellent Standard Fast, and Excellent JWW Fast. Carl Friedrich seconded the motion. PASSED

Agility Trng Director: March 7th is sign-up and first class for agility. Those wishing to participate in the classes must sign-up for the class and get that to Linda Reiman or Suzanne Belger. Dog are to come to first class on March 7th. Times are 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. is Basic and Intermediate, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. is Advanced. The location is Sandcreek Stables. There is a map on the web site.

Equipment Manager: The FAST equipment is all ready for the trial. The dog walk has been stabilized and is ready to go.

CGC Chairman: Judy Grof announced that the Canine Good Citizen testing will take place on February 20th at the City Activity Center (same place as the classes were held), at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers were asked to show up to help. Vicki Robinson, as last years CGC Chairman will be there to help as needed.

OB Training Director: Classes are finished except for CGC testing. The next classes will begin May 9th, at Tautphaus Park. Times will start with Rally at 5:30 p.m., Basic at 6:30 p.m., Intermediate at 7:30 p.m.

OB Trial Chairman: Duane Loomis sent via Cheryl that judges for 2007 have been secured. They are Ms Karen TenEyck of California, Miss Nancy Pollock of New Mexico, and Mr. Pat Alvarez of California. Copies of the judging schedule has been sent to each of them. Some adjustments have been made from last year, such as, Friday we will be starting at noon so rings can beset up on Friday morning. Also, based on last years entries, non-regular classes will be offered on Saturday only.

We have received signed confirmation letters from the three judges for 2008. They are Mrs. Jill Jones of Oregon, Miss Bonnie Lee of Nevada and Ms Janice Anthes of New Mexico.

OB Trial Secretary: Cheryl Loomis wanted to know who the Trophy person and the Chief Steward are for the 2007 trial. The information (Jane Guidinger and Barbara Friedrich) was passed on to her.

Web Master: Diane Orr reported that the newsletter and standing rules are up on the home page. She is trying to set up a page for members only and will let everyone know when she gets it going.

New Member: Shelly and daughter, Diamond Dent were voted in as new members. They own a Black Lab named Chloe

Unfinished Business: The Board of Directors recommended to the regular membership to accept the changes about the newsletter and insufficient funds check charges made to the standing rules. Glenda Haller made the motion to accept. Steven Olson seconded the motion. PASSED

The membership was asked to submit their individual request for the newsletter to Suzanne Belger or to Newsletter Editor, Karen Peterson.

New Business: Glenda Haller reported that the Idaho Falls Rabies Clinic will be coming up soon. Our club has again been asked to help with this event. Club members indicated that they wanted to do this and would be willing to help. It will be held Wednesday, May 9th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Activity Center. Glenda will contact people to help.


Glenda Haller reported that the club's 2007 Member Directories are printed and ready for each member upon request to Rosha Adams, Secretary.

Bill Orr motioned to adjourn. Barbara Friedrich seconded the motion. PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Dodger Chaffin
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Agility Practice 3-5 pm Pyper Moad	Abby Nielson	Klaus McCandless	Agility Class #1		Wunder Reimann Dune Belger	Rob PPool
11	12	13	14	15	16	 17
Warren Collins		Andy Chaffin	Agility Class #2	Club Meeting 7pm Ellen McKee	Agility Trial- Caldwell Mark Whitham Abby Peterson	St. patrick's Day Agility Trial- Caldwell
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Agility Trial- Caldwell	Spodie Hankins		Agility Class #3		Elise Fitschen	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Agility Practice 3-5 pm Killian Eckman Darby Eckman			Agility Class #4		Agility Trial ABMC-Rigby Rick Belger	Agility Trial ABMC-Rigby

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