



Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for October 2011

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At the September meeting, the nominating committee announced the following nominations for 2012:

*President - Frank Mason
Vice President - Deborah Newby
Secretary - Pat Staffon
Treasurer - John Baughman
3 Year Board - Suzanne Belger*

"Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any voting member in attendance, provided the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate."

- USRVDTDC Constitution & Bylaws, Article V, Section 4.c

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the October meeting and voting will take place at the November club meeting.

Thank you Glenda and LaDawn for forwarding along this information.

Hope to see everyone at the Pocatello agility trials this weekend!



Next Club Meeting
Pachanga's - October 20th
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Frank Mason called to order the general meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:40 p.m. on September 15th at Stockman's Restaurant.

Members Present:

Frank Mason	Lois Olson	Lee & Matt Anderson
Steve Olson	George Haller	Kerwin Hassing
Glenda Haller	Pat & Jeff Staffon	Cheryl & Duane Loomis
Theresa Mathis	LeeAnn Chaffin	and others
Abbie Zaladonis	John Baughman	
Rochelle Mason	Ray & Caroline Prigge	

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Glenda made a correction to minutes from the August meeting - Alan & Alice Crocket have applied for a family membership. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report from the board

President - Frank Mason, nothing at this time.

Vice President - Abbie Zaladonis announced that the next meeting will be held at Pachanga's downtown on October 13th. Discussion was held regarding possible places for Christmas party.

Treasurer - Glenda Haller, nothing at this time.

Committee Reports

None.

New Business

We had thirty \$10 gift cards left over from the obedience trial. Glenda suggested that we save them for next year's trial since they don't expire. We voted to save the gift cards for next year's trial.

Frank read suggestions from obedience trial judges. We discussed buying new jumps or scheduling differently in order to better use the jumps we have. Cheryl suggested that we stay with 4' jumps for better spacing. Someone will look into price for new jumps.

Glenda pointed out that we lose money at our trials. We discussed charging for hospitality or at least sodas. We voted to keep things the same for the upcoming October agility trial.

Nominating committee announced nominations for elections:

President - Frank Mason

Vice President - Deborah Newby

Secretary - Pat Staffon

Treasurer - John Baughman

3 yr board member - Suzanne Belger

Glenda read and defined committee positions and encouraged people to volunteer for them.

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day - it didn't work out this year, but we will try again next year.

Election of new members

Application read for Dave Swank and dog Ginger to be voted on next meeting.

Chris Mahoney, Jon & Ida Barry, Shell & Don Williams, Alan & Alice Crockett were all voted in as new members. Welcome!

Five Canine Heroes Honored With AKC® Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE)

The AKC® Humane Fund announced the winners of the 12th annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE), which commemorates five loyal, hard-working dogs that have made significant contributions to their communities in each of the following five categories: Exemplary Companion Dog, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service and Therapy.

"The AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence celebrate what dogs contribute to our lives and these five exceptional recipients exemplify the selfless service canines perform for us every day," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The dogs we're honoring with the ACE award show the impact a single dog can make in a community."

All the ACE recipients will receive \$1,000 and an engraved Sterling silver medallion presented at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida on December 17, 2011. Viewers can watch the ceremonies during the national broadcast on ABC Television on Feb. 4th (check your local listings). In addition, each winner will be honored at local events. The New York and New Jersey ACE winners will have their local ceremony and be available for a public meet and greet during AKC Meet the Breeds® on November 19-20, 2011 at the Jacob Javits Center in NYC. This year's ACE winners include:

Exemplary Companion Dog: "Tugg," a Bull Terrier owned by Blake & Kim Ovard of Cleburne, TX



When he was four months of age, "Tugg" was found staked down beside a road, wrapped in a blanket, barely alive and suffering from numerous infections. His adoptive owners, both animal control officers, started a Facebook page to report on Tugg's progress. Today, the Bull Terrier has more than 9,300 fans around the world. Tugg's fame has helped him raise money for an array of charitable causes, including animal rescue and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. As a certified Therapy Dog, Tugg makes school visits where he helps raise children's self-esteem with his "You are great just the way you are" program.

Law Enforcement Dog: "Blue," a German Shepherd Dog owned by Suffolk County Police Department and handled by John Mallia of Yaphank, NY

On December 11, 2010, John and Blue were requested to search for a missing woman in the Gilgo Beach area of Long Island, NY. They ended up locating a different woman's remains in an area covered with dense brush and later unexpectedly found three additional sets of human remains, all of which were believed to be victims of the same serial killer. Just one week later, the team recovered the remains of a person in an unrelated case, helping to bring closure to a victim's family.



Search and Rescue Dog: "Hunter" owned by Fire Captain Billy Monahan of Tehachapi, CA



Hunter and Captain Monahan were deployed to Haiti after the country's January 2010 earthquake. During his time there, Hunter detected and alerted to live human scent while searching the debris of a four-story collapsed building. As a result of his efforts, rescuers were able to pull three girls, still alive, from the rubble. Hunter was also called on after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami in March 2011 and worked through aftershocks, tsunami warnings, freezing temperatures and snow. In 2010, Hunter was awarded the Firefighter of the Year award by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, becoming the first ever non-human recipient.

Service Dog: "Bingo," a Labrador Retriever owned by Konrad Feldmann of Liberty Township, OH



"Bingo" acts as a service dog for Konrad, who has cerebral palsy. Since being paired with Bingo, Konrad has experienced a far more inclusive and welcoming attitude in his school and community. Whether it's a walk in the neighborhood or attendance at a high school football game, the team elicits a multitude of greetings from the many new friends Konrad has met through his canine partner. The team has also facilitated a presentation in a special needs classroom and taken part in a ribbon cutting ceremony for an accessible playground. Konrad loves to share his Service dog with others.

Therapy Dog: "Miki," a Pomeranian owned by Tricia Baker of Plainsboro, NJ



In 2009, Tricia Baker's son Kenny took his own life after years of struggling with depression and anxiety disorder. Therapy Dog Miki has been instrumental in the Baker family's recovery. After Kenny's death, Tricia and her family created the organization A.I.R. (Attitudes in Reverse), whose theme is "Mental illness is like air. Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean it isn't there. It is all around us." Tricia makes presentations about mental health and suicide prevention where people pet and hug Miki as they open up about their personal journeys with similar issues. Miki also helps raise awareness by walking for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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AKC Delegate Report - Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club

I attended my first meeting as your AKC delegate on Sept. 12 & 13, 2011, which was held at the Newark Airport Sheraton. There was quite a lot of discussion about the ten-year anniversary of 9/11. The delegates were meeting in Newark at the time the planes hit the World Trade Towers. Many delegates remembered being stuck for four or five days as there was no way to travel.

CEO Dennis Sprung reviewed things AKC has done to help Search & Rescue Dogs who took part in 9/11. The day following the attack, they answered the police K-9 handlers call for a portable x-ray because they needed to know if their dogs were injured. The only one available was in West Virginia, and there was no way to get it to New York City. So people in AKC set up a relay from West Virginia to New York, with AKC breeders meeting each other with their vans and each driving 2 to 4 hours with the machine until it arrived in New Jersey. Special permission was given to enter New York with a police escort. Within 48 hours, the AKC had the machine at Ground Zero, where it was used by vets who volunteered to care for the dogs.

Since then, the DOGNY program commissioned 110 statues of German Shepherds which accounted for about three million in donations to Search and Rescue. The AKC sent about \$6,000 to each of 300 SAR groups, with the money used to pay vet bills for the 9/11 dogs or to increase training for new dogs.

We heard reports from the Chief Financial Officer, Jim Stevens, regarding the financial health of the AKC. With the current economic troubles, many sponsors have not renewed their licensing deals with the AKC, resulting in a loss of more than \$600,000. Litter registrations and individual registrations continue to fall, but not as much as in previous years. Litters are down 11% and individual registrations are down 4% from last year. Overall entries in AKC dog events have increased by 4% over last year. He reported that the AKC has reduced staff by 20% in the last five years.

The executive officers feel the efforts of the new Marketing Department have helped the AKC maintain its income even with the huge loss of fees from registrations. Stevens said, "We remain cash flow positive."

The membership voted to add the title "Reserve Best in Show" at conformation shows. There were no issues regarding dog training at the meeting.

The next meeting is set for Dec. 17-18 in Orlando, FL, which coincides with the AKC/Eukanuba National Dog Show.

- Sharon Sakson

Brags & Pix!

From Theresa Mathis:

Millie picked up her Open Preferred JWW title in Farmington. She was so awesome!

Christmas Party

After considering the price, restrictions, and requirements of Stockman's restaurant it has been decided not to hold our Christmas party there. The party will be held at First American in Snake River Landing on Saturday, December 17th and will be mostly catered. I am looking for a few volunteers to help make desserts for the party.



Please call me at 524-1799 or email me at olivemyra@cablone.net soon if you like baking Christmas treats and would like to help. Thanks!

Abbie

Club Member of the Year

Please remember to send in your nominations for Club Member of the Year. Nominations should be sent to Shyne at guardyan@ida.net. The nominations will be published in the November newsletter and voting will occur at the November club meeting.

Upcoming Practice

There will be an agility & obedience practice on Saturday, October 22nd at 10 a.m. at Tautphaus Park.

This will be the weekend before the agility trial at Ririe. One last chance to fine tune our dogs before the USRVDTTC sponsored trial. Thanks Theresa and Dan for setting this up!

Come join in the fun!

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 "Karma" Chaffin
2	3	4 Abbie Zaladonis	5	6	7 Kerwin Hassing JoAnn Croft	8
9	10 Carl Friedrich	11	12	13 "Nyx" Keele	14 Janice King	15 "Rebecca" Mathis
16	17 Heike Vitacolonna	18 Alan King "Cassie" Orr	19 Deborah Newby	20	21	22 Lisa Moore McAteer Jeffery Staffon
23 Donna Whitham "Radar" Deurbrouck	24	25	26 "Gavin" Brothers	27	28	29 "Brandy" Olson
30 Liz Hassing	31 "Yogi Bear" Birch "Twinkie Toes" Birch					



Upcoming Events

September 30th - October 2nd
Pocatello Agility Trials

October 7th - 9th
Helena Agility Trials

October 13th - 16th
Boise Agility & Obedience Trials

October 28th - 30th
Ririe Agility Trials