



Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for September 2011

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Introducing Rayne Staffon the SRAS Mascot of the Year



Rayne is a male Golden Retriever from Salt Lake City's "Companion Golden Retriever Rescue". He was found on someone's doorstep in central Utah during a bad rain storm, badly emaciated and dripping wet, hence the name "Rayne". Even with all he must have gone through during his life, he is a lovable companion with no aggression around food, towards other dogs, adults or even children.

When we first met Rayne, the first thing he did was run up to me and lay his head in my lap and stare at me with his dark brown eyes, asking me to believe in him and choose him. We believe he was very mistreated by his previous owner because he is about 7 years old and knew nothing about windows, stairs, mirrors, TV or even how to play. To this day, he still barks and stares in amazement when animals appear on the TV. It took us all of about 2 weeks to house train him and make him an inside dog. He is extremely smart and learns quickly. We leave him inside with our 9 year old female Golden all day while we work and nothing is disrupted or chewed while we're gone.

The part that brings tears to our eyes is when we tried to get him to play. Until this year, he didn't know how to play or have fun. It was so sad to see a dog that cowered when you picked up a broom, shovel or rake, only to run to you with a smile on his face when called. We've had Rayne for almost two years now and he's a normal Golden Retriever who loves to play, run, jump and swim. Rayne would make an excellent mascot.

Next Club Meeting

Stockman's Restaurant - September 15th

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Frank M. called to order the **Board Meeting/ General Meeting** of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:35 P.M. on August 18, 2011 at Tautphaus Park.

Members Present:

Steve Olson

Abbie Zaladonis

Theresa Mathis

Frank Mason

Kathe LaRosa

Suzanne Belger

Glenda Haller

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Barb F. made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from July's meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Glenda H. seconded, motion approved.

III. Report From the Board

President, Frank M. Nothing at this time.

Vice President, Abbie Z. Abbie thanked all of those who participated with the organization for the annual picnic (George, Glenda, Steve). Our next club meeting will be held at Stockman's Restaurant on September 15, 2011. We are able to order "Off the Menu."

The following is a tentative schedule for USRVDTTC meetings and facilities:

*October 20, 2011, up for suggestions, the group liked Pachangas

*November 17, 2011, Godfathers Pizza

* December, CHRISTMAS PARTY to be determined

Secretary, Kathe L. Nothing at this time.

Treasurer, Glenda H. Reviewed the balance sheet from the period of July 15, 2011 through August 18, 2011.

IV. Committee Reports

Obedience trial will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Agility classes begin August 24, 2011.

V. New Business

Election of New Member(s):

DEBORAH NEWBY - WELCOME, Deborah has Miniature Schnauzers.

*Applications for Membership:

Chris Mahoney, Chris has German Shepherds.

Ida Barry, Ida has a Chihuahua.

Shel and Don Williams, Shel and Don have two Border Collies.

Alan Crockett, Alan has an Airedale Terrier.

*Voting for new applicants will be at the next general Meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

Glenda wanted to remind club members that money for obedience trophies is still outstanding. Please get your money in. Also, during 2011, USRVDTTC had 10 new member applications and she wanted to remind all members to please welcome these individuals to the club.

LeeAnn Chaffin discussed the possibility of a tracking trial in 2012, the club discussed possible dates and September seemed to be a good time. LeeAnn stated she will do more research on the tracking trial.

VII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn general meeting made by Glenda H., Kathe L. seconded, meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING – Stockman's Restaurant on September 15, 2011

Brag & Pix!

From The Hallers:

The Haller pups had a great weekend at USRVDTTC's Obedience Trials. Both were entered in the Beginner Novice Class.



Friday: Bo - 1st place with a score of 196 1/2

Ivy - 4th place with a score of 195

Saturday: Ivy - 1st place with a score of 197

Bo - 2nd place with a score of 191 1/2

Sunday: Ivy - 3rd place with a score of 196 after run off for 2nd place

Bo - 4th place with a score of 195 1/2

Glenda also wanted to share the following: I had the best obedience class ever! 6 of my 9 students passed the CGC test with flying colors. Way to go guys!

They were:

Shel Williams with Branna (Border Collie)

Ida Berry with Sophie (Chihuahua)

Laurie Jones with Dutch (Mix)

Logan McVey with Jax (Doberman)

Jud Morriss with Susie (Lab)

Jim Norrell with Drifter (Aussie) Previous CGC

From Diana Robinson: USRVDTTC Obedience Trial

"Saber" earned qualifying scores in Rally Advanced and Excellent all three days with 3 more legs toward his RAE title winning a first, 2 seconds, a third and fourth placement.

"Duncan".....Well Duncan, after being dismissed or making mom ask the judge to dismiss him from almost every class, finally earned a qualifying score of 196 and after a run-off for 2nd place, earned 2nd place in Beginner Novice. He does love to try mom's patience!



From Cheryl Loomis:

At our trial this month, Sage earned a first place leg in Grad Novice. Also, Mariah earned her Rally Novice title with two third places at a grand old age of 11 ½ years . . . now on to Beginning Novice.



American Kennel Club and AKC Companion Animal Recovery Cautions Owners as Pet Thefts Continue to Rise

According to the AKC Companion Animal Recovery National Pet Theft Database, based on AKC CAR customer and media reports, approximately 224 pets have been reported stolen so far in 2011 compared to 150 in the same 7-month period last year.

“We are getting reports almost daily of pets stolen during home invasions, out of parked cars while people are running errands and even snatched from dog lovers out for a walk in the park,” said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. *“Fortunately, we have also seen recoveries of stolen pets because of their microchips which permanently identify them with their owners. A simple scan at the shelter or vet’s office and the true identity of the real owner can be found by calling the pet recovery service.”*

The reasons people may steal a pet are as varied as where the pets are stolen from. Some may steal dogs to resell on the internet or at roadside sales or hold for ransom. Others may want to take them for themselves or as a gift for others without having to pay a purchase price or adoption fee.

“We’ve even seen a new trend of dogs being stolen from shelters and adoption events for the first time this year,” Peterson added.

In response to this continuing trend, AKC & AKC CAR offer the following advice to prevent your “best friend” from being the target of a crime.

PREVENTION

In the Neighborhood

- *Don’t let your dog off-leash – Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves.*
- *Don’t leave your dog unattended in your yard – Dogs left outdoors for long periods of time are targets, especially if your fenced-in yard is visible from the street.*
- *Be cautious with information – If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don’t answer questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.*

ON THE ROAD

- *Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it’s locked – Besides the obvious health risks this poses to the dog, it’s also an invitation for thieves, even if you are gone for only a moment. Leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only encourage break-ins and possibly allow the dog to escape, even if the thieves don’t decide to steal it too.*
- *Don’t tie your dog outside a store – This popular practice among city-dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.*

RECOVERY

- *Protect your dog with microchip identification – Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Thieves will not know the dog has a microchip until a veterinarian or shelter worker scans it so keep contact information current with your microchip recovery service provider. For more information, enroll your pet in a 24-hour recovery service and sign-up at www.akccar.org.*
- *If you suspect your dog has been stolen – Immediately call the police / animal control officer in the area your pet was last seen and file a police report. If your dog has a microchip, ask to have that unique serial number, along with the dog’s description, posted in the “stolen article” category on the National Crime Information Center.*

- *Canvass the neighborhood – Talk to people in the immediate vicinity where your pet went missing for possible sightings of the actual theft.*
- *Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing – Keep several current photos (profile and headshot) of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.*
- *Contact the media – Call the local TV station, radio station and newspaper and ask to have a web post put out about your missing pet.*

DON'T BUY STOLEN PETS

- *Don't buy dogs from the internet, flea markets, or roadside vans –There is simply no way to verify where an animal purchased from any of these outlets came from. Web sites and online classifieds are easily falsified, and with roadside or flea market purchases not only do you not know the pet's origins but you will never be able to find or identify the seller in case of a problem.*
- *Even newspaper ads may be suspect – Adult dogs offered for sale at reduced prices, for a “relocation” fee, or accompanied by requests for last minute shipping fees are red flags. Dog owners who truly love their animals and are unable to keep them will opt to find a loving home without compensation for re-homing the animal.*
- *Seek out reputable breeders or rescue groups – Visit the home of the breeder, meet the puppy's mother, and see the litter of puppies. Developing a good relationship with the breeder will bring you peace of mind when purchasing.*

Contacting breed rescue groups can also be a safe alternative if you are looking for an adult dog.

- *Demand proper papers on your purebred puppy – Ask for the AKC Litter Registration Number and contact AKC customer service at 919-233-9767 to verify registration authenticity of your purebred puppy.*

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Upcoming Practice

There will be an agility & obedience practice on Saturday, September 10th at Tautphaus Park from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

We will have an agility course set up, as well as an obedience ring. We will have signs for anyone interested in rally.

Come join in the fun!

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "Everett" Belger "Nessie" Sakson	2	3 Rebecca Johnston
4	5	6 "Ebbie" Orr	7 Closing date for Pocatello agility trials	8	9 "Saber" Robinson Nancy Lasky	10 Practice at Tautphaus 10:00 a.m.
11	12	13 "Molly" Mathis	14	15 "Millie" Mathis	16	17
18	19	20 John Baughman	21 Kathe LaRosa	22	23	24
25 LeeAnn Chaffin	26	27	28	29 James Norrell	30 Barbara Friedrich	

Upcoming Events

September 2-5
Agility in Salt Lake City, Utah

September 3-4
Obedience in Great Falls, Montana

September 15-18
Agility & Obedience in Farmington, Utah

September 22-25
Obedience in Helena, Montana

September 30-October 2
Agility in Pocatello, Idaho

