



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER August, 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 10th
Tautphaus Park-Lilac Circle
Starting around 5:30 – we will be setting up our Obedience
and Rally Trial – dinner provided

Obedience/Rally Trials – August 11-13
Stewards and other help needed

AGILITY PRACTICE – August 9 and 16, 5:30 pm
Tautphaus Park

Obedience and Agility Classes – August 23-October 11
Register now

Tracking Test - September 24th
tracklayers still needed

Agility Trial – October 27-29 – Ririe
Setup on Thursday

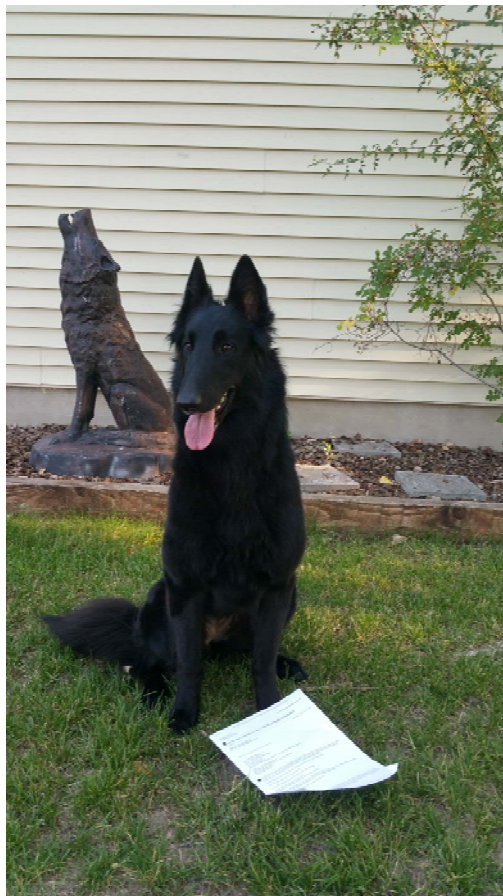
Premium Lists and Entry Forms at www.usrvdvc.org

Go to <http://www.akc.org/events/> for info on other trials in the area



Steve and Zip, with his AKC Trick Dog Title and also his ribbons from this weekend, where he got a 1st place and finished his RATN title. Way to go Zip.

Java and her Trick Dog Title. Also, AKC just notified Lois the Java is eligible to enter the AKC Novice Obedience Classic in Orlando, Florida on December 16 & 17th. Lois is pretty proud of her little girl.








Want to earn your Trick Dog title – see <http://www.akc.org/about-trick-dog/> for rules and requirements. CGC title counts as 5 tricks, then you just have to do 5 more (10 if no CGC). Here's a sample of suggested tricks: Crawl; Find treat hidden under a cup; Hold; High Five; Spin – lots more to choose from or you can be creative (handler's choice). Next test will be following the CGC test on August 9th.








OBEDIENCE GRADUATION AND CGC TEST – August 9th, starting around 5:30 pm – we will need some assistance – setup and in the ring (contact shel@cuzs-soccer.net if you can help).

DOGS AND BABIES – for those of you with small children (or grandchildren) a great resource for information on making sure those babies (and dogs) are safe - <http://www.dogsandbabieslearning.com/blog/>

AND FOR GENERAL TRAINING – a resource for some good thought-provoking articles, e.g., The Power of Checking Out: 4 Steps to Boost Your Dog’s Engagement; Using Play in Training: The Dog Toy You Should Ditch to Build Better Focus - see <http://www.collared-scholar.com/category/general-training/>

2017 Ball Reviews – from the Whole Dog Journal

DOG BALL RATINGS AND REVIEWS				
4 paws = As good as it gets. We strongly endorse the product.	3 paws = A good product, with one or two significant flaws.	2 paws = The product has some value, as well as some serious flaws. Some of its features may be useful in certain applications.	1 paw = We are including the product only because of its potential for improvement.	0 paws = The product has no redeeming value that we can appreciate.
PRODUCT	RATING	PRICE	SIZES	NOTES
Orbee–Tuff Squeak Ball Planet Dog Westbrook, ME (800) 381–1516		\$17	3"	Patent–pending squeaker is molded into the center of the ball. Recyclable and free from latex, BPA, and phthalates. Material contains a small amount of essential peppermint oil for a subtle minty scent. Made in the U.S.
Orbee–Tuff Recycle Ball Planet Dog Westbrook, ME (800) 381–1516		\$15	3"	Made from recycled bits of Orbee–Tuff material left over from molding other Orbee–Tuff toys, and recyclable themselves. Soft and squishy and yet exceedingly durable. Hollow and light, so it’s challenging to throw as far as some of the other balls. Made in the U.S.
Chuckit! Max Glow Ball Petmate Arlington, TX (877) 738–6283		\$4 – \$11	Small = 2" Medium = 2.25" Large = 3" XL = 3.5"	Very durable hollow ball; stiffer than the Orbee–Tuff toys but still squishable in the dog’s mouth. Glows in the dark for about 20–30 minutes after only about 5 minutes of exposure to light. Manufacturer says it’s made of rubber. Made in Vietnam.
Kong Squeezz Ball The Kong Company Golden, CO (303) 216–2626		\$3 – \$5	Medium = 2.5" Large = 3" XL = 3.5"	This ball is made of two pieces, one glued inside the other. The squeaker is built into the center of the ball; it’s not a separate piece that can be removed. Our test dogs were unable to destroy or disassemble this ball. Made in China.
Kong Squeezz Crackle Ball The Kong Company Golden,		\$3 – \$5	Medium = 2.5" Large = 3"	This ball is made of more than two pieces, one glued inside the other and containing some sort of crackly material in the center. Our test dogs were unable to destroy or disassemble this ball. Made in China.

CO (303) 216-2626			XL = 3.5"	
Zogoflex Air Boz West Paw Design Bozeman, MT (800) 443-5567		\$10 – \$15	Small = 2.5" Large = 3.25"	Large size is too big for launchers like the Chuckit!, and is kind of heavy; we wouldn't want a dog to get knocked on the head with an errant throw of this ball. This would be a great ball for a very large dog who ordinarily chewed up his toys; it's too big to be easily chewed – and guaranteed against damage! Recyclable, BPA-, latex, and phthalate-free, non-toxic, FDA-compliant. Made in the U.S.
Rhinoplay Beast GoDog (a subsidiary of Worldwise, Inc.), Novato, CA (415) 721-7400		\$10 – \$13	Jr. = 3.5" Large = 5"	Junior size is difficult to find; large is too big for any except large dogs to pick up and carry. Very lightweight, unique, dense foam material. Ball is too lightweight to be thrown far – and yet very durable. Made in Taiwan.
Jolly Pets Bounce-n-Play Jolly Pets Streetsboro, OH (800) 232-7950		\$8 – \$14	Small = 4.5" Medium = 6" Large = 8"	These balls are not really for fetch, but are semi-soft, self-inflating, balls for play. They can be punctured and will still inflate. Company says its products are non-toxic and recyclable. Made in the U.S.
Chuckit! Firefly LED Ball Petmate Arlington, TX (877) 738-6283		\$11	2.5"	It's difficult to get the lights in the ball to turn on; fortunately, they turn off by themselves after 20 seconds of no movement. Very bright and fun to play with at night (on grass or other soft surface). Made in China.
Chuckit! Ultra Squeaker Ball Petmate Arlington, TX (877) 738-6283		\$4 – \$8	Small = 2" Medium = 2.5" Large = 3"	Bouncy yet squishy ball, made to fit in Chuckit! ball launcher. Dogs loved its squeak – but material was not durable enough to last beyond the first hour of play and chomping. Made in Vietnam.
Grinz Treat Ball Roqz Cape Town, South Africa		\$5 – \$7	Small = 2" Medium = 2.5" Large = 3"	Outwardly, very similar to Orbee-Tuff balls: hollow and squishy. But the inexpensive material it's made of is not at all durable. Calling it a "treat ball" is a stretch; it's no more so than a number of the balls here.
Squeaky Ball Ruff Dawg Worcester, MA (800) 772-3726		\$6	3"	Package calls it a "super tough toy" – it didn't last one minute with our test dog. Made in the U.S. of non-toxic, recyclable material, a thermoplastic polymer. Made in the U.S.