

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER April, 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, April 19, 7 pm Meeting at Papa Tom's

April 7 Cabela's Dog Days Family Event 11 am - 3 pm Scent Work Demonstrations Noon and 2 pm Best Trick @ 1 pm

April 13, 14, 15 Agility Trial at Wind River Arena

April 18th - Obedience and Agility Classes

April 29, 30 – Agility Trial Eagle, ID – for info email desertmtnmalinois@gmail.com

May 2 - Rabies Clinic 1 - 7 pm Idaho Falls Activity Center on North Skyline Drive If you can help please contact Glenda @ 208.680.3374

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAURICE AND JANE GUIDINGER

Touche' Guidinger earned an open Fast leg, an Intermediate Rally leg and went RWD at the Superstition KC shows in Arizona

Tennille Guidinger earned a Master Rally leg in Arizona London Guidinger earned a Master Rally leg in Arizona

At the GSDOC Obedience and Rally trials in Utah: Touche' finished his RI title earning a perfect score along the way. Tennille earned a PCDX leg and a Master Rally leg London earned two Master Rally legs.



Touche', Tennille and London at the Jail Tree in Wickenburg, AZ

THE COLLAR GRAB TRAINING GAME



This training game is called "The Collar Grab Game". And basically you want to condition your dog that great things will happen when you grab your dog's collar.

Because here is the thing; most dogs learn over time that coming back to you (or their owner) is something to avoid because it leads to a loss of freedom.

Think of it from your dog's perspective. If your dog is playing freely in a park, and it's finally time to go home, what do you do? You call your dog to you, put the leash on your dog and go home.

But over time, your dog will learn this pattern. And you may already be experiencing some side effects of that with your dog starting to "ignore" your come command, or not fully coming all the way to you and staying a few feet away, or running away when you try to put on the leash.

So to counter-act this, you simply have to play "The Collar Grab Game". Basically you take your dog's collar, give your dog a treat, and then release the collar. Simple right?

So when can you use this? You'd want to use this when practicing recalls; get in the habit of grabbing your dog's collar whenever your dog gets to you. Of course sometimes put the leash on, and other times release your dog.

There's times when I'm at the park and I purposefully practice this game with my dog. I would call my dog to me and then grab the collar, put the leash on, give her a treat and then let her go back to play.

Full Article with video: http://www.successdogs.com/dog-training-lessons/collar-grab-game/

USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:09 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Idaho Falls Country Club, in Idaho Falls ID.

Suzanne Belger motioned to approve the previous Board meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Steven Olson seconded. Passed.

Board Members Present:

Marilynne Manguba

Frank Mason

LaDawn Moad

Suzanne Belger

Steven Olson

Lucien Frederick

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: None

Report of Treasurer: Report held for regular meeting

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Lucien Frederick motioned to adjournment. Frank Mason seconded. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12.

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:012 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Idaho Falls Country Club, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Kami Jenkins, Kira Brookover and Brin Miller

Members Present:

Stephanie Nielsen	LaDawn Moad	LeeAnn Chaffin
Janet Frederick	Lucien Frederick	Carolyn Jenkins
Suzanne Belger	Loganne Peters	Diana Robinson
Mary Ann Igoe	Judy Martin	Robert Martin
David Lively	Jennifer Lively	Mark Whitham
Donna Whitham	Layla Johnson	Duane Loomis
Cheryl Loomis	Marilynne Manguba	Tom Larson
John Baughman	Steven Olson	Lois Olson
Charlie Urbanski	Heike Vitacolonna	Nicki Bowden

Donna Whitham motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes because they were published in the newsletter. Seconded by Mary Ann Igoe. Passed

Suzanne Belger motioned to dispense with the reading of the Board meeting because everyone was present at the meeting. Donna Whitham seconded. Passed.

Report of the President: Marilynne Manguba reported on the new AKC TV Channel and AKC's has a new updated website.

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported next month's meeting will be Papa Tom's Pizza.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger read the monthly and year-to-date financial reports. The Club Taxes are filed.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial: LaDawn Moad reported April 13-15, 2018 Agility trial is coming, set up is April 12, 7:00 pm @ Windriver Arena. Clean up will be at the end of the trial on April 15, around 2:00 pm. Please come and volunteer to make the club event a success.

Equipment: Cheryl Loomis said the white boards need to be replaced.

Agility Classes: Suzanne Belger reported Agility classes will begin April 18 for beginning and Intermediate. Advance classes/Practice will be a different night.

Scent Work Seminar: Suzanne Belger reported the Scent work seminar went really well. Net income of \$1,201.28. Suzanne Belger recommends the club hold a training trial/seminar before June trial.

Scent Work Trial: Suzanne Belger reported the Scent Work trial is on track. Computer program is purchased and up & running.

Obedience Classes: Heiki Vitacolonna reported Winter Obedience classes will be ending. The spring classes are full and will be opening another class.

Canine Good Citizenship: CGC Test March 28 @ 6:00. Volunteers are needed to help with crowd, distractions, stranger, and separation. Please let Shel Williams or Jordan French know what you can help with.

Obedience/Rally Trial: Lucien Frederick reported AKC has approved the August Trial event and judges panel for August 17-19. Our trial site is reserved and Judges are Robert Bulkin & Chris Cornell.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Suzanne Belger suggested the club donate the big buckle collars. Kiara Brookover will get them distributed.

Marilynne Manguba reported Cabela's will be doing a Dog Day April 7, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will need volunteers to help with Scent work demo, rally course, talk about tracking, and man a table with information. Please contact Marilynne if you can help.

Kira Brookover membership application was read.

Lucien Frederick made a motion to adjourn. Lois Olson seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Location of Next Club Meeting: Papa Tom's Pizza.