

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

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November Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
The Zone

Scent Work 'Sniff & Go'

November 9, 2019
Idaho Falls Activity Center

Scent Work Trial

December 7 – 8, 2019
4H Building – Idaho Falls



BONE APPETITE



THANKSGIVING

PET SAFETY TIPS



Your pets are definitely a part of your family, but the Thanksgiving meal can present a number of dangers to your pet – here are a few to watch out for.



TURKEY

To be safe, it is best to avoid giving your pet turkey.



Turkey Skin is high in fat, which can cause pancreatitis, and seasoning, which can give your animal indigestion.



Poultry Bones are brittle and can easily break, lodging in your pet's throat.



POISONOUS FOODS

Additional Poisonous Foods to Watch Out For

Yeast Dough | Raisins or Grapes | Onions | Chocolate
Xylitol | Pie Filling | Raw Eggs or Meat | Alcohol



GUESTS



Instruct your guests not to feed your pets food from the table!

PUMPKIN



Pure, canned pumpkin (not pie filling) is a low-calorie, nutrient-packed treat that is filling and tasty!

DECOR



Keep your pet away from floral arrangements, potpourri, candles, and other potential dangers.



Keep your pet safe and away from the dining table, kitchen and garbage bins!



2019 Title information

A plaque/hanger is prepared for individual dogs. These record the dogs **TITLE** accomplishments during the year. They are presented at the annual Christmas party. We cut off a year at Thanksgiving to allow the trophy supplier time to fill the order; December is covered in the subsequent year.

Please have the information submitted by 12/02/19 to lucienjr2@msn.com

For those joining the club, or commencing competition with a new dog, this past year between 11/26/18 and 12/01/19, a plaque will be awarded that list the dog's full name (includes preceding and following titles) at the date of club entry and separately listing those title(s) subsequently earned.

A hanger, which is hung from the initial plaque, is presented to the handler noting subsequent title(s) earned in this past year.

1. Identify if you are to receive, by dog's call name, a plaque and/or a hanger (i.e. Rascal – plaque or Rascal – hanger).
2. List the handler(s)'s name as it will appear on the **PLAQUE** (i.e. Lucien E Frederick Jr)
3. List the dog's full registered name as it will appear on the **PLAQUE** (i.e. CH Rascal of Sherwood Forest CGC BN)
4. List the letter designation for each title earned this year (i.e. the Obedience Novice title is recorded as CD). I do not have all the titles memorized, especially those pertaining to Breed Specialties, so please list both the title and its acronym.
5. Do not submit tests or certifications, such as "Achiever Dog", only titles.
6. Send info, also any questions, to lucienjr2@msn.com.

USRVDTC Achievement of Excellence Awards

Applications for the USRVDTTC Achievement of Excellence Awards are due by **NOVEMBER 10, 2019**.

Forms and instructions are on our website at:

<https://www.usrvdtc.org/site/barbara-friedrich-achievement-of-excellence-award/>



Agility Trial Fun





Bits and Pieces

For those interested in Scent Work:

Since AKC Regulations have changed, we have boxes that we used to cover our buried hides for sale. The boxes will be sold for \$15 each and you can contact Lois and Steve Olson for more information.

Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club's

Sniff and Go

November 9, 2019

Idaho Falls Activity Center

1575 N Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

We will be offering:

Novice through Master levels of

Containers

Interiors

Buried

Registration starts at 8:30 am on November 9, 2019

\$5.00 per run (Discounts for Active Members)

Great opportunity for USRVDTTC club members to come and learn how to help run the upcoming trials. Come learn how to handle scent, time, set hides, and enjoy watching dogs use their noses!

For more information contact: Mary Ann 208-252-2313, Suzanne 208-521-8872, or Nicki 208-709-7914.

Obedience Information:

Our Obedience Classes for 2020 will start on February 5th and we will need instructors for all the classes offered which will be the STAR puppy class, two Basic classes (Elise will be the instructor for one of them), and the Intermediate/Advanced class.

Our other classes throughout the year will be in April, June and August and if you can instruct or help with any of these, please email Heike at Bayernzenzi@aol.com.

2020 SCHEDULE OBEDIENCE CLASSES

WINTER CLASSES: Feb 5- Mar 25, 2020 at 4H Building at Sandy Downs

600pm S.T.A.R. Puppy class

700pm Basic Class 1

700pm Basic Class 2

800pm Intermediate/Open Class (To Be Determined)

Trick Dog Class (To Be Determined)

SPRING CLASSES: Apr 15 – June 3, 2020 at Tautphaus Park

600 pm Basic Class

700 pm Basic Class

SUMMER CLASSES: Jun 17 - Aug 5, 2020 at Tautphaus Park

600pm Basic Class

700pm Basic Class

700pm Rally

800pm Intermediate/Open Class or TBD

FALL CLASSES: Aug 19 - Oct 7, 2020 at Tautphaus Park

530pm Basic Class

630pm Basic Class

All classes subject to change

Club Member of the Year Nominations

Voting will take place our next meeting on November 21, 2019

Charlie Urbanski

I would like to nominate Charlie Urbanski for Club Member of the Year. He works so hard to help everyone improve their handling skills and relationships with their dogs by teaching agility. He spends many hours teaching, helping at trials and building equipment for others. I always see him at the park doing whatever he can to promote our club, agility and dog training. He is an excellent example for all of us.

Marilynne Manguba

I would like to nominate Marilynne Manguba for 2019 Club Member of the Year. Marilynne contributes to the club in many different aspects from President duties, chairing the tracking test, attending all the events, answering endless telephone calls/emails, instructing classes, pulling the agility trailer to all our events/classes/practices. Marilynne thank you for all you do for the USRVDTTC.

Lois Olson

I would like to nominate Lois Olson for club member of the year. She is a great teacher at scent work and tracking. She is patient and willing to help all, regardless of where they are in relation to the other dogs in class. She is very knowledgeable about dogs and is great at trouble shooting when things aren't working right. She gives 100% + in all that she does. She was willing to teach tracklayers how to lay track on a Friday night before the Tracking test. She is willing to give time and extra training if asked. She makes me feel welcomed at monthly meetings and texts me to see how my dog is doing. She is a great example.

Do the Dew(claws)?

by avidogzink | Sep 30, 2019 | Health | 0 comments



A dog using its dewclaws, preparing to “grip” the water. *Photo by Tom Fretz*

As a veterinary sports medicine specialist, I work extensively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery due to performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they must be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. I noticed that very few of those dogs had dewclaws and began to wonder whether these appendages might, in fact, protect a dog from injuries. What I learned might surprise you.

The Anatomy of Dewclaws

Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of the Dog, a veterinary anatomy text, has an excellent figure depicting the muscular anatomy of the distal forelimb. There are 2 functional muscles, the extensor pollicis longus et indicis proprius and flexor digitorum profundus, which are attached to the front dewclaw by 4 tendons (Figure 1). Each of those muscle/tendon units has a different function in movement. That means that if you cut off the dew claws, you are preventing the muscles that were attached to the dewclaws from functioning.

In contrast, rear limb dewclaws do not have muscle/tendon attachments, so their removal might be appropriate, except in the breeds such as Briards and Beauceron in which they should be retained.

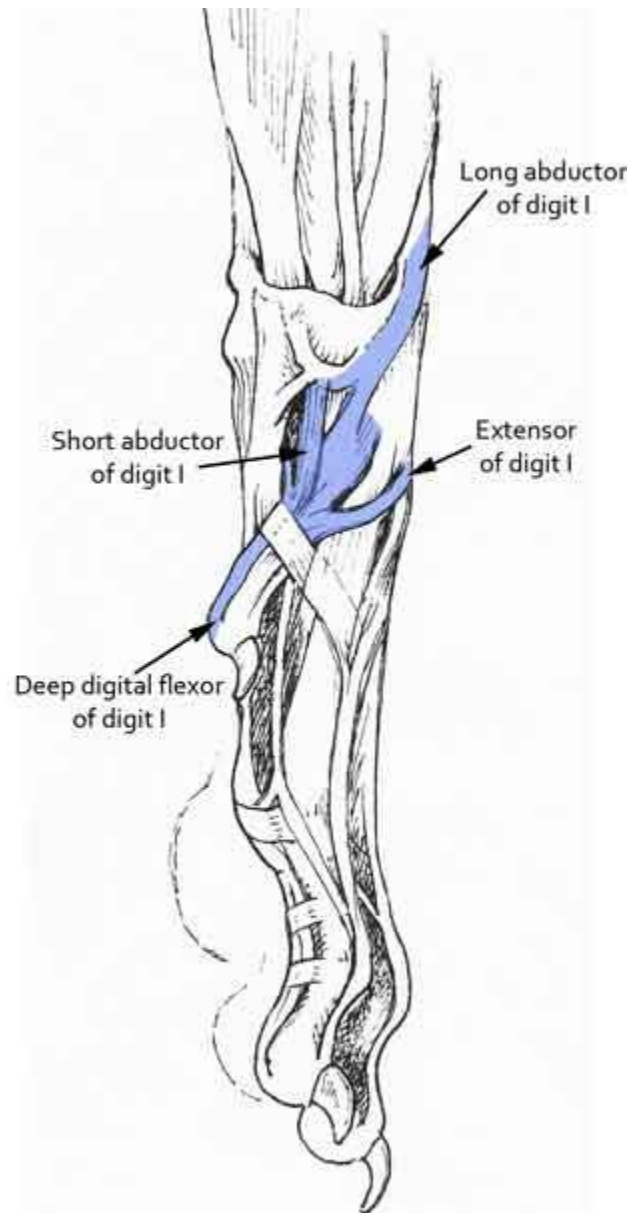


Figure 1. Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the four tendons that attach to the dewclaw. *Illustration by M. Schlehr, from Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog.*

Dewclaws Do Have Functions

If there are muscles and tendons attached to the dewclaws, then they most likely have a function. Broadly speaking, dewclaws have at least two different functions:

1. *Grasp the ground when the dog is turning to prevent torque on the forelimb.* Each time the front foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping (see Figure 2), the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw actively digs into the ground to stabilize the lower leg and prevent torque. In Figure 3 you can clearly see the dewclaw of a Corgi herding a sheep extended, ready to grip the ground. And in the image at the top of this article, you can see the dewclaws of a dog extended, ready to grip the water!

If a dog doesn't have dewclaws, the leg will twist on its axis, creating increased pressure on the carpal bones, as well as the elbow, shoulder and toes. A lifetime of this kind of torque and the result can be carpal arthritis or injuries to and subsequent arthritis in other joints of the forelimb, such as the elbow, shoulder, and toes. Remember, the dog is participating in the activity regardless, so there will

be concussive pressures on the leg, and if the dewclaw does not help to stabilize the leg, those pressures will be transmitted to other areas of the leg, especially the joints.



Figure 2. In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw will dig into the ground to stabilize the lower leg and prevent torque.



Figure 3. Corgi using its left dewclaw while herding. *Photo by Jessica Viera.*

2. *Grip objects.* We have all seen dogs using their dewclaws to grip an object such as a ball or bone (Figure 4). I've even seen many photos of agility dogs gripping the teeter for stability (Figure 5). But did you know that the dewclaws' gripping ability can, in fact, save your dog's life? Check out the video "[Dewclaws Do Have a Purpose](#)" for "gripping" views of dogs attempting to get out of water onto ice without the help of those ice picks on the inside of their legs. The video also shows dogs using their dewclaws to grip the ice and escape from a potentially fatal situation. I have known several dogs that drowned after falling through ice in the winter. None of them had dewclaws. If they had, perhaps they would have survived and spared their owners the incredible heartache of watching their dogs die unnecessarily.

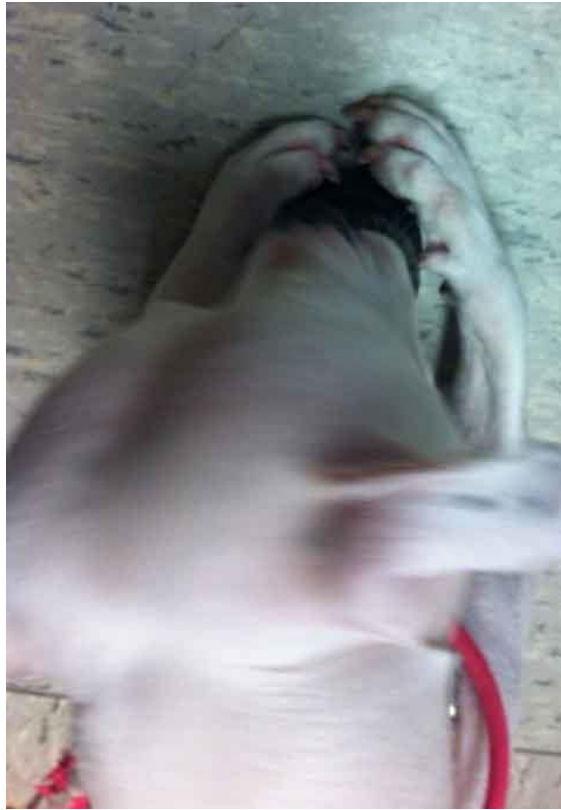


Figure 4. Dog using left dewclaws to grip a food toy. *Photo by Samra Elser.*

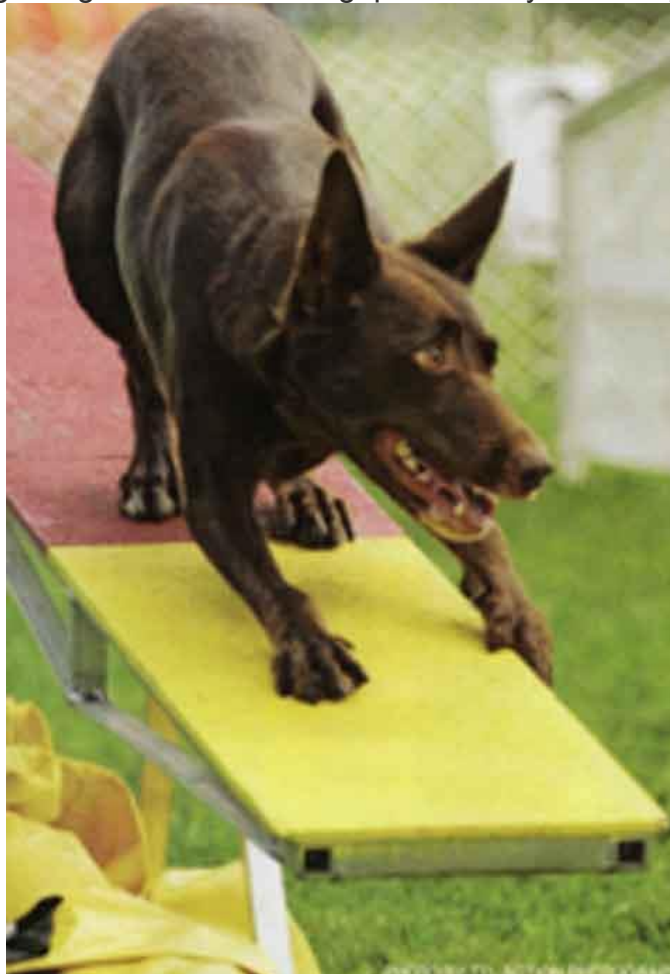


Figure 5. Kelpie gripping the teeter for stability. *Photo by TTL Action Photography.*

Arguments for Removing Dewclaws

1. *The dewclaws will get injured.* This is the most common reason I hear for removing dewclaws. A friend of mine had such a severe dewclaw injury in one of her dogs that she swore she would remove them on all the dogs she bred subsequently.

But the data indicate that dewclaws are not injured very often. A study published in 2018 showed that the dewclaw was the LEAST likely toe to be injured in agility dogs, in which landing and turning from jumps and other obstacles put the toes at risk for injuries. Thus, it makes no sense to remove the dewclaws because of risk of injury. And, of course, no one would consider removing the 5th digits in the front feet, which are by far the most commonly injured toe.

2. *Owners forget to trim the dewclaws.* Surely this is a matter of education. Do we really want to remove a functioning digit in all dogs, just because some owners need to be reminded that they must be remember to trim the dewclaws?

3. *Dewclaws make the forelimb look less straight when viewed from the front in conformation.* The AKC states: "The breed standard describes the characteristics of the ideal dog to perform the function for which it was bred." While we could have long discussions about the veracity of this statement, it is interesting to note that there are VERY few breed standards that require dewclaw removal. I know of only one – the Vizsla breed standard.

A Plea

So, here's a plea to retain dogs' dewclaws. They are a functioning digit. They are the toe least likely to be injured. Isn't this enough to convince us not to do the dewclaws?

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9 Indoor Exercises for Dogs This Winter



Written by

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A tired dog is a good dog. Unfortunately, winter often makes it difficult to exercise outdoors with your dog. There is plenty you can do indoors to keep your pup zonked out. Plus, many of these exercises have added long-term benefits.

1. Play a Game of Tug.

Dogs need mental and physical stimulation. Tug presents an opportunity to blend the two. Grab your dog's favorite tug toy and get them riled up. After one minute of play stop tugging, but keep holding the toy. Ask your dog to "drop it" and have him sit. When he does, praise him and reward him by continuing the game. Now you're alternating between intense physical exercise and obedience training. And this particular training increases your dog's impulse control, so you'll have greater control of him in high energy situations.

2. Learn a New Trick.

Learning tricks often involves obedience training, which is sure to quickly wear out your dog. "Touch" is an easy trick that can be handy in all kinds of situations. Hold out one hand and ask your dog to touch it. Hold a treat in the other hand behind your back. When your dog nuzzles your open palm, praise and reward him. In challenging situations, such as when he'd rather chase the neighborhood cats, use "touch" to redirect your dog's attention. When your dog masters "touch" try "spin," "roll-over," and "shake."

3. Master the Stay Command.

If your dog is like mine, he wants to be glued to you at all times. The "stay" command allows you to get some distance when you need it, like when the FedEx man needs a signature. Start by having your dog sit, then back away a few steps. If he stays, return to him and reward with a treat. Immediately ask him to stay again, then back up further. When you're done training, release him from the "stay" position by saying "okay". Continue to increase the distance and the time, until you feel comfortable adding other distractions. To go even further with this trick check out the PetSafe® Train n' Praise™ Treat Dispenser.

4. Work That Nose!

Scent is your dog's most acute sense. Play a game of scent search. For instance, have him sit and stay while you hide his favorite toy. Return and release him to go find it. Increase the difficulty by rubbing the toy around the house before hiding it.

5. Play Hide and Seek.

This is a variation of the scent game. Have your dog sit and stay while you go hide. Shout your release command, or have a friend release your dog to come find you. Once he's found you, praise and treat your pup with gusto! Hint: if your dog likes to counter-surf and you're alone, make sure you don't leave out any goodies he can get while you are hidden.

6. Try an Interactive Feeder.

Feeding your dog from a bowl can be a missed opportunity for activity. Make them work for that meal! Challenge your dog with interactive toys such as the Squirrel Dude™, Tug a Jug™, or any other Busy Buddy® toy. I feed my dogs with the Kibble Nibble™ toy for most meals. Tip: freeze a Kong or Squirrel Dude toy with some peanut butter for a longer-lasting treat.

7. Do Puppy Push-Ups.

Get your dog's blood pumping with the doggy version of push-ups. Have your dog sit, do a down position, and then sit back up. Once your dog is anticipating the behavior add "stand" in between. Start by offering treats after each command. Then, challenge your dog by giving him treats only after sequences. Continue to vary the sequence and add reps between treats.

8. Try Dognition® Puzzles.

Discover more about how your dog thinks, solves problems, and sees the world while playing a variety of fun games! Sign up on [Dognition.com](https://dognition.com) for loads of challenges that will keep you both busy throughout the winter months. It's like sudoku for your pup!

9. Go on Indoor Outings.

Take your dog for some schmoozing at pet-friendly shops. New sights, smells, and surroundings provide loads of stimulation for your dog. He'll likely doze off soon after returning home. Also, try doggie-daycare; it's a great place for your dog to socialize and burn off some energy with friends.

USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2019

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:06 p.m., on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at Johnny Carino's, in Idaho Falls ID.

Suzanne Belger moved to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes because no business was conducted. Nicki Bowden seconded. Passed.

Board Members Present:

Marilynne Manguba	Frank Mason	LaDawn Moad
Suzanne Belger	Steven Olson	Nicki Bowden

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: Marilynne Manguba reported the club will purchase mats to test out at the 4-H building for the winter classes.

New Business: Lois Olson suggested to the board selling the old scent work boxes.

Suzanne Belger moved to sell the extra scent work boxes. Nicki Bowden seconded. Passed.

Nicki Bowden moved to adjournment. Frank Mason seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:11 p.m., on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at Johnny Carino's, in Idaho Falls ID.

Guests/Visitors: Kami Jenkins

Member Present:

Stephanie Nielsen	Nicki Bowden	Alisha Thompson
Marilynne Manguba	Heiki Vitacolonne	Ed Vitacolonne
Frank Mason	Carl Friedrich	Shelby Moad
Suzanne Belger	LaDawn Moad	John Baughman
Lois Olson	Steven Olson	Fred Adams
Rosha Adams	Shel Williams	LeeAnn Chaffin
Cheryl Loomis	Duane Loomis	Aubrey Parry
Desirae Chase	Charlie Urbanski	Kyra Brookover
Kristine Colby	Elise Desautel	Lacey Moon
Layla Johnson	Jordan French	

Carl Friedrich moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Ed Vitacolonne seconded. Passed.

Elise Desautel moved to dispense with the reading of the Board meeting minutes because all were present.

Alicia Thompson seconded. Passed.

Report of the President: none

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported November board and regular meeting will be at the Zone.

More information will be coming about the Christmas party.

Club member of the year will be voted on at the November meeting.

Report of the Secretary: Nothing

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger read the monthly and year-to-date financial reports.

Report of Committees:

Agility Trial Chairman - LaDawn Moad reported a sign-up sheet for the agility trial is being sent around, volunteers are needed.

Scent Work Trial - Suzanne Belger reported the scent work trial is December 7 & 8. Volunteers are needed.

Obedience Training Director - Heiki Vitacolonne reported the next classes will be held in February 2020. We will need instructors. Desarie Chase and MaryAnn Igoe will teach a trick dog class.

Agility Training Director – Suzanne Belger reported the next classes will be held in February. Foundation and Jump 2 will be offered in conjunction with the obedience classes at the 4-H building.

Canine Good Citizen Testing Chairman - Shel Williams reported there were 16 dogs that participated with 12 CGC, 1 CGCA and 1 trick dog passing.

Suzanne Belger recommended the club hold a CGC Test evaluator training for club members.

Shel Williams will work on some helpful CGC signs.

Tracking Test Chairman - Marilynne Manguba reported both LeeAnn Chaffin and Diana Robinson passed for a 100% pass rate. Congratulations!!!

Unfinished Business: Marilynne Manguba reported we have a photo for the trailer wrap.

New Business: LeeAnn Chaffin asked if the club will be offering a ring ready class for the February session. The consensus is if there is an interested, if you are interested email Heiki Vitacolonne.

Elise Desautel proposed nice durable signs be purchased for CGC to help with the issues that happened at the testing.

Suzanne Belger asked Elise Desautel to get the information and cost for the November meeting.

Aubrey Parry asked about offering a February obedience/rally trial. Pros and cons were discussed.

Membership application voted in. Welcome Bert and Darlene Cape.

Elisa Desautel moved to adjournment. Aubrey Parry seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Location of next club meeting: The Zone.