

# UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020



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## **March Meeting**

**Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**

**At the Zone**

## **Obedience and Agility Classes begin in April**

Space is limited – sign up at [USRVDTC.ORG](http://USRVDTC.ORG)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**\*March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. we need volunteers for CGC and Trick dog testing at the 4-H building.

**\*April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>** our Agility Trial will be held at Wind River Arena- 70 North 4600 East – Rigby, ID

## **Fun Matches (see more information on page 5)**

Please check your email for updates on upcoming fun matches. These matches are a great chance for getting your team “ring ready.”

## **Upcoming Seminar**

The Idaho Capital City Kennel Club is hosting an obedience workshop with **Jeannie Dennard May 16-17 in Boise**. We wanted to make sure your members are aware of the opportunity. Back to FUNdamentals is a great workshop and Jeannie is a wonderful trainer. Please check out the ICCKC website at [www.icckc.org](http://www.icckc.org)

# Actually, I **\*\*Can\*\*** Get My Dogs' Attention

Posted on [April 20, 2018](#) by [Eileen Anderson](#)

I was thinking the other day about how and why I have a dream relationship with my dogs. They are cooperative. They are sweet. They are responsive and easy to live with. You know how I got there? Training and conditioning them with food and playing with them.

They weren't the most difficult dogs in the world when they came to me, but they weren't easy, either. Clara was a feral puppy who was growling at every human but me when she was 10 weeks old. Zani is so soft and sensitive that she would have been considered "untrainable" by many old-fashioned trainers. Plus she's a hound, and you know you can't get *their* attention when there is a scent around.



Yeah, actually you can.

## Getting the Dog's Attention

I published a piece earlier this year about a certain claim that some force trainers make. The post is called ["It's Not Painful. It's Not Scary. It Just Gets the Dog's Attention!"](#) I point out that a neutral stimulus that is not attached to a consequence can't reliably get a dog's attention, even though many trainers make that claim. A truly neutral stimulus will fade into the background, meaningless. And if there is no promise of a pleasant consequence attached to the attention-getting stimulus, trainers who claim success with it are using some kind of aversive method. You can't get something for nothing.

This was not really news. It was just post 3,197 trying to untangle some silly mythology about training.

But I've got something to add. If you do enough of the good stuff, you will likely find it easier and easier to get your dogs' attention. For my dogs, there's no such thing as a "neutral stimulus" coming from me anymore. For years I have reinforced everything I ask of them with wonderful consequences. So—don't tell—but I *do* have the "magical attention signal."

## Pre-session Pairing

Agility great Susan Garrett calls it "Being the Cookie." Bob Bailey might say you were inviting Pavlov to get permanently comfortable on your shoulder.

Applied behavior analysts call it pre-session *pairing*.

Huh?

That's right. ABA folks have a process where the analyst deliberately gains rapport with her client, usually a child. She sets herself up as the source of all sorts of fun before a session starts. The "pairing" part of the term is not between the analyst and the client. It's between the analyst and good stuff. In terms of classical conditioning, the analyst/trainer is setting herself up as a conditioned

stimulus (like Pavlov's buzzer, a predictor of intrinsically good stuff). In operant terms, she is becoming a secondary reinforcer.

This is a pretty readable scholarly review about it: [Developing Procedures to Improve Therapist–Child Rapport in Early Intervention](#). In it, the authors operationalize some of the techniques that are used for pre-session pairing. (Despite the term, pre-session pairing doesn't stop when the session starts. Most behavior analysts continue to do it whenever possible.) Some of the methods depend on verbal behavior, but several are rather familiar. I'm going to convert those to dog-talk.

- Imitating play that the dog initiates
- Offering items to the dog
- Creating a new activity with a toy.

Sound familiar? Of course, we would also add food, food, food! And petting, sweet talk, and cuddles with many dogs.

The advantages of gaining rapport with your client or your dog are pretty obvious. One advantage mentioned in the article stuck out to me, though:

Antecedent-based strategies can be used to reduce or eliminate the aversive nature of the therapeutic context (e.g., therapist and therapeutic setting).

This translates well to what we do, too. Training sessions are usually fun, but of necessity, we sometimes have to subject our dogs to unpleasanties. Shots, eye drops, trips to the vet. But if we set ourselves up as consistent givers of good things, we can help our dogs through these experiences with minimal stress. *So making ourselves into a giant conditioned reinforcer* is not a selfish thing to do. It's not just about, "Yay, my dogs think I'm great and I can get them to do anything!" It also helps the dogs in a big way.



## Too Clinical? Nope!

The section above may have halfway given some of you the creeps. If you are new to analyzing this stuff, it may feel bad, wrong, manipulative, unnatural—pick your word—to set out so deliberately to get somebody to like you. It might strike you as cold and clinical. But only if you haven't done it before. Because once you do it, you realize there is nothing artificial about it. It feels good. It's fun. It improves life for your dogs. I think it's punishment culture that makes us feel weird about purposeful generosity and kindness. We can get over it.

I have massively paired myself with good stuff over the years with my dogs. As a consequence, I don't need any special interrupters around here. I don't need to shake a can of pennies, throw something at the dogs, shock them, apply pressure, or yell. I don't even need a "positive interrupter," since that's just another cue trained with positive reinforcement. I can say about anything to them and in just about any situation, they will reorient to me. Because even if it's not one of their learned cues, if I'm talking to them, it's likely that something fun for them will follow. And that's pretty cool.

# DOG PARENTS

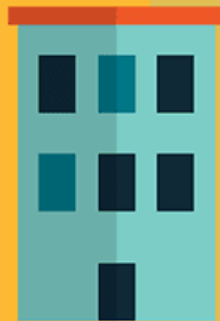
FUN FACTS ABOUT LIVING WITH DOGS  
IN THE UNITED STATES



# 70% 42%

OF PEOPLE WISH THEY COULD  
TAKE THEIR DOG TO WORK

OF DOG PARENTS LET THEIR DOG  
SLEEP IN THEIR BED



## LIVING WITH A DOG IN THE USA



THE AVERAGE US DOG PARENT LIVES  
WITH 1.6 DOGS.



ARKANSAS AND NEW MEXICO HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER  
OF DOG PARENTS (48% AND 46%.)  
CONNECTICUT (28%) AND MASSACHUSETTS (23%)  
HAVE THE LEAST.

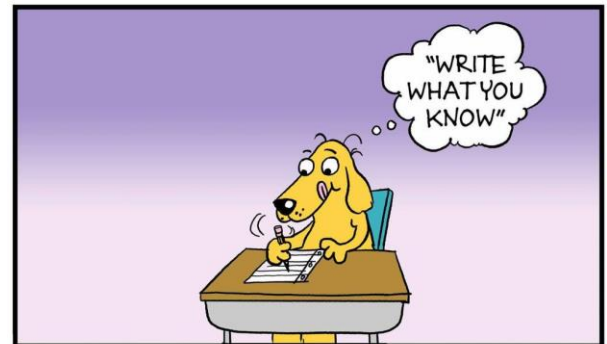


35% OF US  
HOUSEHOLDS  
HAVE DOGS



90% PERCENT OF PET  
PARENTS WHO  
PURCHASE DOG FOOD

## Fun Facts and Comic Corner



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Have you found a fun fact or a fun comic/meme you'd like me to share? Feel free to send it to me!

# SCENT FUN MATCH

Sunday, March 8th  
2 – 4pm 4H Building

Bonneville County Fairgrounds

1542 E 73<sup>rd</sup> St, Idaho Falls 83404 (South of Sandy Downs)

Come and work your team on Containers – Buried - Interior

We will set up all levels pre-signed up (drop-ins are welcome time allowing)

**COST: \$3.00/search Active Members \$5.00/search Friends**

All Entrants will be providing ring support to ensure a great environment

You must with two searches for each search you enter – no exceptions

Ensure your spot by emailing with name of your dog and search(s) you want to enter to: [lehill54@yahoo.com](mailto:lehill54@yahoo.com)

Drop-ins and multiple runs are welcome – time allowing.

We will have an indoor ring and ring equipment for each class pre-registered.

**\*\* All involved will take turns working the ring and with ring and site clean-up\*\***

This is a fun new option being offered through the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club. As such the club's code of conduct and rules will be followed. Each participant is responsible for their own dog(s) and any disputes for misconduct are to be directed to the Club's Leadership. All efforts will be made to provide a safe environment though there may still be a risk of injury. Each participant is responsible for any injury which may occur.

Include in your email: Your Name, Phone No., Email Address, Dog(s) name(s), Classes desired.

All emails received by Sat. 3-7-20 at noon will receive a return email with tentative running order.

## NEEDED TO BUILD CLUB PRACTICE GEAR:

Please help us build a set of practice equipment for Scent work

We need containers of all types.

Bags, tins. small satchels or cases

5 small glass bottles with fitted lids

Package of q-tips

Package of cotton pads (makeup removal)

Plastic tubing used in aquarium

Suction cups for fish tanks

We also need 2 shoe box size containers with lids. A medium plastic container and large container to store items.

If anyone has scent oils to donate that would be great

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO SUNDAY PRACTICE OR TO CLASS MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY

THANKS

Leslie Hill [lehill54@yahoo.com](mailto:lehill54@yahoo.com)



# AKC Obedience Scoresheets

Entering a trial soon? A full list of scoresheets can be found at:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-judging-information/judges-books-scoresheets-effective->

## SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

(Guide for Judge's Use ONLY – May be modified, as desired.)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: **BEGINNER NOVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ (A or B) DOG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TRIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for any exercise, (NQ) should be recorded in points lost column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in Total Score column.)

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
<b>HEEL ON LEASH &amp; FIGURE 8</b>	<b>Heeling Fig. 8</b> Unmanageable _____ Unqualified Heeling _____ Handler continually Adapts pace to dog _____ Constant tugging on Leash or guiding _____	<b>Heeling</b> No change of pace Fast _____ Slow _____ Improper heel position _____ Occasional tight leash _____ Forging _____ Crowding handler _____ Lagging _____ Sniffing _____ Extra command to heel _____ Heeling wide _____ Turns _____ Abouts _____ No sits _____ Poor sits _____ Brisk pace _____ Handler error _____	<b>40</b>		
		<b>Fig. 8</b> Moving slightly before or during _____ Moves feet _____ Moves away after examination _____ Stands/lies down after exam _____ Heel position _____ Extra signal or command _____ Shyness _____ Handler error _____			
<b>SIT FOR EXAM</b>	Stands or lies down before or during examination _____ Growls/snaps shows resentment _____ Moves away before or during examination _____	Moving slightly before or during _____ Moves feet _____ Moves away after examination _____ Stands/lies down after exam _____ Heel position _____ Extra signal or command _____ Shyness _____ Handler error _____	<b>40</b>		
<b>SIT STAY</b>	Did not remain in place _____ Additional command or signal _____ Repeated whines or barks _____ Stands or lies down before handler returns _____	Stands or lies down after handler returns to heel position _____ Minor move before handler returns _____ Minor whine or bark _____ Handler error _____	<b>40</b>		
<b>RECALL</b>	Didn't come on second command or signal _____ Anticipated _____ Extra command or signal to stay _____ Moved from position _____ Out of reach _____ Leaving handler _____	Slow response _____ No sit _____ Poor sit _____ Extra command or signal to come or to sit _____ Failure to come directly to handler _____ Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop _____ Handler error _____	<b>40</b>		
	<b>NQ</b>	<b>MAX SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>		
<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>	<b>200</b>				
<b>MISC. PENALTY</b>	<b>⇒</b>				

# SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

(Guide for Judge's Use ONLY – May be modified, as desired.)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: **NOVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ (A or B)

DOG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW: \_\_\_\_\_

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for any exercise, (NQ) should be recorded in points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in Total Score column.)

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
<b>HEEL ON LEASH  THEN FIGURE 8</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heeling Fig. 8</p> Unmanageable _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Unqualified Heeling _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler continually Adapts pace to dog _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Constant tugging on Leash or guiding _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<p style="text-align: center;">Heeling Fig. 8</p> No change of pace Fast _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Slow _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Occasional tight leash _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Forging _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Lagging _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra command to heel _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Heeling wide _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Turns _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ No sits _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Brisk pace _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>40</b>		
<b>STAND FOR EXAM</b>	Sits or lies down before or during examination _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Growls or Snaps _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moves away before or during examination _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Shows shyness or resentment _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Moving slightly before or during _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moves feet _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moving after examination _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Sits after exam _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Heel position _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra signal or command _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>30</b>		
<b>HEEL FREE</b>	Unmanageable _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Unqualified heeling _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler continually adapts pace to dog _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Leaving handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	No change of pace Fast _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Slow _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Improper hand position _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Occasional tight leash _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Forging _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Lagging _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra command to heel _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Heeling wide _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Turns _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ No sits _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Brisk pace _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>40</b>		
<b>RECALL</b>	Didn't come on first command or signal _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Anticipated _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Extra command or signal to stay _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Moved from position _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Sat out of reach _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Leaving handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Stood or lay down _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Slow response _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Touched handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ No sit in front _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sat between feet _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ No finish _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Failure to come directly to handler _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Poor finish _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler arms not at side _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>30</b>		
<b>SIT STAY GET YOUR LEASH</b>	Did not remain in place _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Repeated whines or barks _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Stood or laid down before handler returns _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Stood or laid down after handler returns to heel position _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Minor move before handler returns _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Minor whine or bark _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Handler error _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>30</b>		
	<b>NQ</b>	<b>MAX Sub Total</b>	<b>170</b>		
		<b>MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY</b>	⇒		
		<b>TOTAL NET SCORE</b>	⇒		

## SAMPLE OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S WORKSHEET

(Guide for Judge's Use ONLY – May be modified, as desired.)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: **OPEN A – Open B I or Preferred I** DOG NO. \_\_\_\_\_ JUMPS: \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: If a dog receives a non-qualifying score for any exercise, (NQ) should be recorded in points-off column. Total score need not be given. NQ may be put in Total Score column.)

EXERCISE	NON-QUALIFYING (NQ)	QUALIFYING	Max. Points	Points Lost	NET SCORE
<b>HEEL FREE THEN FIGURE 8 (OFF LEASH)</b>	Unmanageable..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Heeling Fig.8</b> No change of pace Fast..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Improper heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Forging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Crowding handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Lagging..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sniffing..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command to heel..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heeling wide..... <input type="checkbox"/> Turns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Abouts..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sits..... <input type="checkbox"/> Heel at brisk pace..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>40</b>		
	Unqualified Heeling..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler continually adapts pace to dog..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Command Discrimination STAND DOWN SIT</b>	Did not remain in place..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Walks forward /moves..... <input type="checkbox"/> Changed position after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b>		
	Did not remain in position before handler returns..... <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to change position on first command and/or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>DROP ON RECALL</b>	Didn't come on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Stood or lay down..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow response..... <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Drop..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touched handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sit in front..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat between feet..... <input type="checkbox"/> No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come directly to handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b>		
	Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command or signal to stay..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moved from position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/> Failing to drop..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>RETRIEVE ON FLAT</b>	Fails to go out on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Slow: Going..... <input type="checkbox"/> Returning..... <input type="checkbox"/> Mouthing..... <input type="checkbox"/> Dropping..... <input type="checkbox"/> Directly to dumbbell..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touched handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20</b>		
	Fails to retrieve..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>RETRIEVE OVER HIGH JUMP</b>	Fails to go out on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Slow: Going..... <input type="checkbox"/> Returning..... <input type="checkbox"/> Mouthing..... <input type="checkbox"/> Dropping..... <input type="checkbox"/> Directly to dumbbell..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touches jump..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor delivery..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touched handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/> Pause, hesitation or reluctance at jump..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b>		
	Fails to retrieve..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/> Extra command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to jump going or returning..... <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps only one direction..... <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing jump..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>BROAD JUMP</b>	Anticipated command..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Hesitation, pause or reluctance to jump..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touches jump..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor return..... <input type="checkbox"/> No sit in front..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sit..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat between feet..... <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> No finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Poor finish..... <input type="checkbox"/> Touching handler..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20</b>		
	Refuses to jump on first command or signal..... <input type="checkbox"/> Does not jump full distance..... <input type="checkbox"/> Sat out of reach..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>STAND STAY GET YOUR LEASH</b>	Fails to stand on first command/signal..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Changed position after handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moves a short distance away..... <input type="checkbox"/> Moves feet repeatedly..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler error..... <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30</b>		
	Moves a substantial distance away..... <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated whines or barks..... <input type="checkbox"/> Handler Error..... <input type="checkbox"/> Does not remain in position until handler returns to heel position..... <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>			<b>200</b>		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY</b>			<b>⇒</b>		



## USRVTD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President Nicki Bowden at 7:00 p.m. at The Zone Sports Grille, 1505 W Broadway Street in Idaho Falls.

Board members present:

Nicki Bowden            Lucien Frederick Jr.        Shel Williams            LayLa Johnson

Melissa Meyers

Melissa Meyers made a motion to accept the board meeting minutes as published in the newsletter, with the addition of adding her name to the January board meeting attendance list. Lucien Frederick Jr seconded. Motion passed.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Vice President: None

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: None

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished business: None

New business: Leslie Hill proposed a budget for the fun matches that will be held this year. Fun matches will be offered in rally, obedience, agility, scent and tracking. Up to 20 matches will be held per year to support participants preparing for competition. Matches will be held using existing club equipment and staffed (judges, stewards and secretary) through volunteers drawn from the participants at each match. Participants can sign up through an email to Leslie, although drop-ins will also be accepted, time permitting. The cost is \$3 per run for active members, \$5 per run for non-members. The proposed budget is \$1,600 (2-hour minimum rental @ \$40/hr x 20 matches = \$1,600). Fees were listed as \$1,500. Lucien Frederick Jr. made a motion to approve the budget. LayLa Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Motion for Adjournment: Lucien Frederick, Jr.

Seconded by: Layla Johnson

Time adjourned: 7:14 p.m.

# USRV TDC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President Nicki Bowden at 7:14 p.m. at The Zone Sports Grille, 1505 W Broadway Street in Idaho Falls.

Members present:

Shel Williams	LayLa Johnson	Desirae Chase	Alicia Thompson
Lee Ann Chaffin	Melissa Meyers	Brian Meyers	Lacey Moon
Heike Vitacolonna	Ed Vitacolonna	Rosha Adams	Diana Robinson
Mary Ann Igoe	George Haller	Glenda Haller	Steve Olson
Lois Olson	Lucien Frederick Jr	Janet Frederick	Nick Bowden

Leslie Hill

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Jeanne Davis has recently moved to Idaho Falls and has competed successfully in flyball competitions in California for many years. She would like to start a group for practice and competition, hopefully this summer. Fly ball is basically a relay race for dogs. When dogs are taught correctly how to use the box, injuries are not as common as many people think. The closest competitions are in southern Utah, and there are many in California. Entry fees are typically \$100 a day for a team of six dogs. Equipment required is a flyball box with a thruster mechanism; a quality box is \$1,600 and two boxes are needed to start a team. If anyone is interested in learning more, the Web site is [flyball.org](http://flyball.org). Jeanne's phone number is (916) 969-0810 and her email address is [starfleetflyball@yahoo.com](mailto:starfleetflyball@yahoo.com)

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes as they were published in the newsletter. Leslie Hill objected because the discussion regarding Sean Hernandez' membership application was not included in the minutes. Minutes are amended as follows: Sean Hernandez was not present at the meeting when his application for club membership was read in. Suzanne found information stating that as long as one of the people who sponsored the new member was present at the meeting, the application could be read in. Since Suzanne Belger and Desirae Chase were his sponsors, and Suzanne was present, the application could be read in. Leslie Hill also asked about the ideas that were suggested for those who were active members in the club, or thank you gifts so that those who had taught classes could be recognized. The original notes from the previous regular meeting were read aloud, and those items that were in the notes had been included in the minutes. Glenda Haller made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Leslie Hill (?) seconded. Motion passed

Report from the board meeting: Glenda Haller made a motion to waive the reading of the board meeting minutes as everyone was present. Lois Olsen. Motion passed.

Report of the President: None

Report of the Vice President: None

Report of the Secretary: Shel Williams passed around the current membership list and asked everyone to verify their contact information and then initial beside their entry that their information was correct.

Report of the Treasurer: None

Report of Committees: Desirae Chase made a proposal regarding the newsletter deadlines. Important information such as trial dates, other events, etc., should be submitted by the 21st of every month to be included in the next month's newsletter. Brags are also to be submitted by the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month. Meeting minutes should be submitted by the Monday following the Thursday meeting. Desirae Chase made a motion to approve the deadlines. Lucien seconded. Motion passed.

Scent work trials will be held June 11-14 (Thursday through Sunday). Judges for the trial will be Mary Lehman and Hallie McMullen. The trials will be held in Blackfoot at the EISF fairgrounds.

The club's agility trial will be held Easter weekend, April 10-12 (Friday through Sunday).

Membership application approved: The membership application for Sean Hernandez was voted on and approved. Leslie Hill pointed out that as a new member, Sean Hernandez should be given copies of the AKC charter, the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Constitution and Bylaws, the standing rules, the general membership list and the board member contacts. It was verified that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the general membership was present so that a new member could be voted in.

Unfinished business: None

New business: None

Motion for Adjournment: Glenda Haller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lois Olsen seconded. Motion passed. Time adjourned: 8:02 p.m.

Location of Next Club Meeting: The Zone Sports Grille, 1505 W Broadway Street in Idaho Falls.

## **USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 27, 2020**

A special board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, at 7:06 p.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 447 Park Avenue, in Idaho Falls ID.

Board Members Present:

Marilynne Manguba  
Nicki Bowden

Suzanne Belger  
LayLa Johnson

Melissa Meyer

Report of President: Nicki presented some ideas on possible changes to Membership Application and the sponsorship of new members and suggested we revise the application form and present at the next meeting. Melissa Meyer made a motion that we should revise the Membership Application and add additional sponsorship information. Seconded by LayLa Johnson. Passed.

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: None

Report of Treasurer: Suzanne Belger reported our CD's are both maturing in March and we need to decide if we should roll them over or do something else. Currently our CD's are earning 1% and our Savings account would earn .5%. LayLa Johnson made a motion that we roll them over. Marilynne Manguba seconded. Passed.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: LayLa Johnson made the motion that the club purchase additional agility mats for practices (\$750). Melissa Meyer seconded. Passed.

There was discussion surrounding the deadlines submitted by the Newsletter Committee and voted in by the membership in the February 2020 general meeting. A concern has been raised that the dates set are not reasonable. After much discussion the board decided that we will not change or ask to change the deadlines for submissions to the newsletter or minutes that were approved by the membership.

Suzanne Belger made a made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Melissa Meyer. Passed.

Time Adjourned: 8:30 pm