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<u>Christmas Party</u> December 4th 6 P.M. Sandpiper Restaurant <u>January Board Meeting</u>

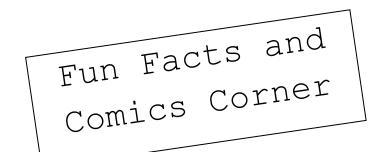
January 20th 7:00 PM McKenzie River Pizza

Upcoming Trials and Seminars

<u>USRVDTC Scent Work Trial</u> December 11th-12th <u>"Odor Pays" Seminar with Cameron Ford</u> March 4th, 5th, and 6th at the 4-H building Visit USRVDTC.org for more information

Membership Dues

2022 Club Membership Fees are due. Please pay online at USRVDTC.org









THROUGH THE SNOW

AKC Rule Updates

At their October 2021 meeting the AKC Board voted on the following Regulations:

The Board voted to **terminate** the following Regulation modifications at year-end:

- 1. Obedience The modified distance of eight (8) between dogs in the Novice obedience group exercises will return to a distance of six feet between dogs, for all events held after December 30, 2021.
- 2. **Tracking The modified 36-month tracking test certifications** will return to a 24-month certification certificate, for all certifications issued on or after January 1, 2022. Certifications issued in 2020 and 2021 will continue to be valid for 36-months.

These three temporarily suspended or modified Regulations have been extended for events occurring on or before Thursday, June 30, 2022.

- Obedience/Rally/Agility Two-Judge Requirement to Title The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally, and agility lower level classes and will allow titles to be earned under a single judge through June 30, 2022.
- 2. Obedience/Rally/Agility The waiver of date and mileage restrictions for judges The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally and agility judges and waived the date/location restrictions of 30 days and 100 miles for obedience/rally judges; and 30 days and 200 miles for agility judges, allowing them to accept assignments without a conflict through June 30, 2022.
- Obedience/Rally The judge's assignment limitation to judge the same classes - The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience and rally trials and will allow a judge to judge the same classes at more than two trials over the course of a cluster of no more than five days through June 30, 2022.

The Board approved **a permanent change to the Regulations for Agility Trials** effective for agility trials occurring on and after January 1, 2022:

 Agility – Exhibitors will continue to be allowed to carry their leashes during their agility runs, i.e., place leashes in their pockets when running the course or wear on themselves (i.e., clip like a belt around the waist) effective for all trials. This temporary modification will be made a permanent part of the Regulations effective January 1, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Companion Events Department at <u>obedience@akc.org</u>.

24 of the Best Dog Christmas Gifts That Are Sure to Get Your Pup in the Holiday Spirit

Make this a Christmas your dog will never forget.

By <u>Madison Pincombe</u> Updated October 29, 2021

When you're making your Christmas shopping list (and checking it twice), don't forget to include your pup's name. As a beloved member of your family, your dog definitely deserves to be spoiled with the best dog Christmas gifts this holiday season. Although there's no way to know exactly what's on our pup's wish list this year, we're pretty confident he or she will enjoy any sort of toy or treat.

RELATED: The 55 Best Gifts for Dog Lovers They'll Be Doggone Excited About

While Amazon's holiday gift guide and Oprah's Favorite Things List include essential supplies for pet owners, we've rounded up a list of the best Christmas toys and treats made especially for your pup to enjoy. Thankfully retailers don't skimp on Christmas-themed anything for your pets, so there's tons of cute yet practical gifts to choose from. Fill your pup's stocking with seasonal plush toys that will give them hours of enjoyment and holiday-flavored treats (so you won't have to worry about them eating something harmful from the holiday spread).

On Christmas day, with everyone dressed up in matching pajamas or Christmas sweaters and "Raise the Woof" on blast, you'll enjoy watching your pup open (more like tear into) these amazing dog Christmas gifts you know they'll love.

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Greenies Seasonal Gingerbread Flavor Dental Dog Treats

From the company with special flavors for every occasion comes gingerbread-flavored treats for the holiday

season. Greenies dental treats are both delicious *and* good for your dog's dental health. The unique texture of the treats helps clean down to the gum line, fight plaque and tartar, and freshen breath. (Just be sure to get the right ones for your pup base on their size—Chewy also offers the small option for our smaller pup friends, too!)

Shop now: Greenies Seasonal Gingerbread Flavor Dental Dog Treats Regular,
\$9; chewy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF BARKBOX



BarkBox Subscription

BUY NOW

Give your pup a gift that keeps on giving. Nowadays there are subscription services for almost everything, and you can include your dog in the fun. BarkBox is one of the most popular canine subscription boxes. With a

subscription you'll receive a themed box containing two fun toys, two all-natural treats, and a chew every month. BarkBox recently created *Home Alone-* and *Peanuts-* themed boxes that we are OBSESSED with!

Shop now: BarkBox, starting at \$23 per box; barkbox.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF AMAZON



Bocce's Bakery Holiday Dog Treats

BUY NOW

Although your dog shouldn't eat the real, human versions of marshmallows with xylitol, chocolate, raisins (a key ingredient in figgy pudding), or raw turkey, these seasonal treats are specifically made to be safe for dogs. Bocce's

wrapped classic holiday flavors into a soft and chewy cookie with minimal ingredients. With such adorable packaging, you won't even have to wrap this gift up.

Shop now: Bocce's Bakery Holiday Dog Treats, \$7 each; amazon.com



CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY

Frisco Milk and Cookies Plush Squeaky Dog Toy



Involve Fido in your Christmas traditions by giving them

their own plate of cookies to leave out for Santa Paws. The two-piece toy comes with a carton of milk and a dog-safe cookie, so your pup will have double the fun. All of the pieces are soft and squeaky for maximum enjoyment. If you have a heavy chewer, you should probably skip this toy.

Shop now: Frisco Holiday Santa's Cookies Plush Squeaky Dog Toy, \$5; chewy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF WILD ONE



Wild One Dog Toy Set

BUY NOW

Wild One offers tons of useful and chic gift sets, and we know your dog will love the set of three of their innovative toys. The triangle tug, twist toss, and bolt bite have a reinforced core for added strength against your

dog's tug. The set comes in blush, navy, tan, and coral red. If you regularly travel with your pup, consider gifting Wild One's trendy travel carrier.

Shop now: Wild One Dog Toy Set, \$36; wildone.com

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Haute Diggity Dog Muttini Dog Toys

BUY NOW

Make sure your pooch is the life of the party with parody adult beverage dog toys. Haute Diggity Dog's Muttini bar collection features 25 different plush toys, from LickCroix (Barkin Berry, Lickety Lime, or

Pamplemutt) to White Paw (Bark Cherry, Muttlennial Mango, or Waggermelon). If your dog can handle something heavier, consider the Cosmuttpolitan or Muttgarita toys!

Shop now: Haute Diggity Dog Muttini Dog Toys, starting at \$15 each; amazon.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF UNCOMMON GOODS

French Macaron Dog Treats



BUY NOW

Indulge your petit chien in the crème de la crème of French sweets. These hard-chew texture biscuits are baked in the shape of macarons and come in mint, lavender, and strawberry flavors. Whether you have a French bulldog or

an American Staffordshire terrier, your dog will love snacking on the charming treats.

Shop now: French Macaron Dog Treats, \$24; uncommongoods.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF ETSY



Personalized Dog Santa Sack

BUY NOW

A personalized Santa sack is the perfect way to package all of your dog's amazing gifts. You'll be able to keep the presents under your tree until Christmas day, and then your puppy can sniff and paw their way to their gifts. You can customize the sack with your

dog's name and choose between two designs: "paws off until 25th Dec" or "do not sniff before 25th December." Bonus points if your dog has a Christmas name.

Shop now: Personalized Dog Santa Sack, \$14; etsy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY

Zuke's Mini Naturals Holiday Trees Turkey & Cranberry Recipe Dog Treats



BUY NOW

Stuff your furry friend's stocking with these tender treats perfect for training. In honor of the holiday season, the Christmas tree-shaped treats are made with turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberries, and cherries. At only three calories per treat, anytime can be treat

time!

Shop now: Zuke's Mini Naturals Holiday Trees Turkey & Cranberry Recipe Dog Treats, \$6; chewy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Outward Hound Holiday Hide A Squirrel Puzzle Dog Toy

BUY NOW

The Outward Hound Hide-A-Squirrel toy is a bestselling puzzle toy, so we're thankful that the brand released a holiday version. The toy includes a plush tree stump and three squeaky squirrels with Santa hats for your dog to retrieve from inside the stump over and

over again. This hide-and-seek game challenges your dog's brain, keeping him occupied for hours!

Shop now: Outward Hound Holiday Hide A Squirrel Puzzle Dog Toy, \$20; chewy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF AMAZON

Claudia's Canine Bakery Gourmet Christmas Dog Treats



BUY NOW

While you enjoy a vast array of Christmas cookies, give Fido his own tub of treats to devour. This Reindeer Wonderland pack includes approximately 50 fresh cookies in Christmas shapes and colors. Yogurt is drizzled over some of the cookies to add to the palatability and festivity. Just don't accidentally include these in your annual

Christmas cookie exchange!

Shop now: Claudia's Canine Bakery Gourmet Christmas Dog Treats,

\$20; amazon.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Wobble Wag Giggle Holiday Edition Dog Toy



Keep your dog active and healthy, even as the temperatures plunge, with this interactive toy. The holiday-themed ball makes giggle sounds when pushed, shaken, or picked up. The tubes inside the toy make the

enticing sounds, so there are no batteries required. The ball includes six easy-grip pockets so your dog will have no trouble playing with it.

Shop now: Wobble Wag Giggle Holiday Edition Dog Toy, \$15; chewy.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Buddy Biscuit Original Oven Baked Peanut Butter Dog Treats



Even though they aren't explicitly holiday themed, we couldn't help but include these gingerbread-shaped dog treats. Your dog will love their mouth-watering peanut

butter flavor and the satisfying crunch. You can feel good about feeding them to your best friend because they are made with simple and wholesome ingredients. We also think these treats would make a great addition to any gingerbread dog house you're making!

Shop now: Buddy Biscuit Original Oven Baked Peanut Butter Dog Treats, \$3; chewy.com



Midlee Christmas Plush Dog Balls



Channel crowd-favorite Christmas movies—*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus is Comin' To Town,* and *Elf*—with this set of plush balls for your pup to play

with. The set of 6 includes two of each holiday design, and each ball has a squeaker for added fun. You may even be able to tire your dog out with a game of fetch before your guests come over for Christmas dinner.

Shop now: Midlee Christmas Plush Dog Balls, \$20; walmart.com

BARK Lump of Coal Holiday Dog Toy



Even a naughty pup deserves something under the tree. With this lump of coal toy, your dog won't even be disappointed. This multi-part toy has a large squeaker and tons of crinkle to please your pup whether they've been naughty or nice. Hide the lump of coal and/or treats

inside her stocking to give your dog an enriching and fun activity.

BUY NOW

Shop now: BARK Lump of Coal Holiday Dog Toy, \$12; target.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Chewy Holiday Goody Box

BUY NOW

Make your dog's holidays merry and bright with this limitededition goody box from Chewy. Dogs will receive six items: a blanket, a bandana, a bag of treats, two toys, and a recipe card! There are different size options to fit puppies, small

dogs, and medium/large dogs.

Shop now: Chewy Holiday Goody Box, \$25; chewy.com



This aesthetically pleasing dog toy from Fable comes in four different colors and can help stave off anxiety and boredom in pups by providing interactive entertainment. It holds over 1.5 cups of dry dog food so pups can eat their meals while exercising their brains.

Shop now: Fable The Game Dog Toy, \$55; fablepets.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF THE FOGGY DOG



Holly Jolly Flannel Dog Bandana

BUY NOW

We are obsessed with the beautiful festive colors on this bandana! Is there anything more perfect than red and green plaid? It's made from luxuriously thick flannel that's soft as a cloud and perfect for chilly winter nights.

Shop now: Holly Jolly Flannel Dog Bandana, \$26; thefoggydog.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF TARGET



MilkBone Holiday Tin with Original Beef Holiday Dog Biscuits

This fun assortment of treats come in holiday shapes and colors like red and green stocking and trees in addition to the

classic bone-shaped biscuits. Wrapped up in a festive holiday tin, your dog will love seeing this under the tree on Christmas morning!

Shop now: MilkBone Holiday Tin with Original Beef Holiday Dog Biscuits, \$10; target.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHEWY



Aspen Pet Self-Warming Bolster Dog Bed



Your dog will love cuddling up in this self-warming pet bed all winter long. Plus, the festive red corduroy makes it a perfect dog Christmas gift for any pup!

Shop now: Aspen Pet Self-Warming Bolster Dog Bed, \$15; chewy.com

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Dog Knit Pattern Christmas Sweater



Keep your furry friend warm and cozy this winter with a festive, hand-knit sweater. They're made by artisans in South America, and provide work and income for the native

Quechua people. A gift that gives back? Sign us up. Check out more of our favorite dog Christmas sweaters.

Shop now: Dog Knit Pattern Christmas Sweater, \$35; landsend.com



CREDIT: COURTESY OF CHOPPER & OTIS

Yummy Yuletide Log

This toy is so-ho-ho good for a dog who loves crackling. Yummy Yuletide Log is crinkly and rolled, making it an interactive toy to keep them busy while you cook Christmas dinner.

Shop now: Yummy Yuletide Log, \$14; chopperandotis.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF AMAZON

Holiday Crinkle Rope Dog Tug Toy



BUY NOW

This durable dog toy is made of 100-percent cotton that satisfies a dog's need to tug, chew, and chase. If tug is your dog's favorite game, they'll be thrilled to find this toy in their stocking on Christmas morning.

Shop now: Holiday Crinkle Rope Dog Tug Toy,

\$12; amazon.com

CREDIT: COURTESY OF AMAZON

Haute Diggity Dog Fashion Hound Dog Toys



BUY NOW

Haute Diggity Dog with another Christmas toy win. Christmas is often the time that we splurge and add luxurious items to our wish list. Let your dog's pup-sonal style shine with a plush accessory from the Fashion Hound collection.

Your dog won't ever want to leave home without their Barkin or Chewy Vuiton bag. If your dog prefers doga (A.K.A. dog yoga) to runway shows, Haute Diggity Dog also offers a Chewlulemon bag. **Shop now:** Haute Diggity Dog Fashion Hound Dog Toys, starting at \$15 each; amazon.com



'Twas the night before Dog-mas, when all through the pound, Not a puppy was yelping or playing around. Our leashes were hung by our kennels with care, in hopes that St. Bernard would soon find us there.

Chihuahuas were curled up all snug in their beds, while visions of doggie treats danced in their heads. Max in his collar, on somebody's lap, had tucked in his tail for a midwinter's nap.

When outside the room there arose such a clatter, my ears perked right up to hear what was the matter. Away to the window I jumped up with glee, and barked at the shadows that were cast by a tree. The glow from the moon changed night into day, and started me thinking, "Woof, woof, time to play". When, what with my puppy-dog eyes did I see, but a splendid dog-sled, led by doggies like me!

With a regal furred driver, commanding, not stern. I yelped to the others, "That must be St. Bern"! More rapid than greyhounds, our saviors they came, and we barked and we howled and called them by name.

"There's Duchess! There's King! fat Chance, and bare Buffy! On Fido, On Scooter! On Rover, and Scruffy! Go by the red hydrant and run past those trees! Nothing can stop you, not even some fleas!"

As puppies at play chase after a stick and race to their masters so lovely and quick, so out in the field his canines all flew, Catching the Frisbees that St. Bernard threw.

And then in an instant I heard at the door The scratching and clawing of each little paw.... As I pulled in my nose and was turning around, Through the door St. Bernard came in with a bound!

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his tail, His wood cask adorned with an icing of hail; A bag of chew toys he had brought in with him, and his mouth was turned up in what looked like a grin.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His ears flopped, how merry! His coat shone like crystal, his nose like a cherry! His big sloppy mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the fur on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a bone he held tight in his teeth, and his collar encircled his neck like a wreath. He had a large face and a furry round belly, that shook when he barked, like a bowlful of jelly. He was fluffy and plump, a big cuddly old pooch and I laughed when I saw him and gave him a smooch!

A wink of his eye and a wag of his tail; We knew right away we'd have homes without fail. He howled not a howl, but went straight to his deed, and took down our leashes that soon we would need.

He opened the door and families stood there, with children, all smiling, and much love to spare. He leapt to his sled, to his team gave a call, and away they all flew as if chasing a ball. But I heard him exclaim, as he chewed on a bone: "Happy Dog-mas to all and to all a good home!"

- Diamond Paws

IMPORTANT MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES

As approved by the board, here is the schedule for meetings moving forward.

Board Meetings	General Board
	Meetings
January	February
March	April
May	June
July	August
September	October
November	November

USRVDTC Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, at 7:02 pm, on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at Dixie's Diner, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Previous Board Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Board Members Present:

Nicki Bowden Suzanne Belger Lacey Moon Nicole Crosley Layla Johnson

Report of the President:

Report of the Vice President: Layla Johnson - For the Christmas party, the club is picking up the difference after the \$20 or \$25 price point and tip (should be around \$400). There will be a cash bar.

Report of the Secretary:

Report of the Treasurer: Held until the regular club meeting.

Reports of Committees:

Scent Work : Nicki Bowden - The club bought a scent work trailer. Its "black and sexy". It's at Marilynne's house. The back door is a ramp so we'll probably get a wagon to carry the sandbags.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

The meeting was closed with a motion by Nicole Crossley at 7:07pm

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Previous Minutes were posted in the October newsletter. Jennifer Evans moved to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion was seconded and passed.

Board Members Present:

Nicki Bowden Suzanne Belger Lacey Moon Layla Johnson Nichole Crossley

Club Members Present for both meetings:

Cheryl Loomis John Baughman Brian Meyers Leslie Hill Sara Hatcher Rosha Adams Phil Moon Desirae Chase LaDawn Moad Richard Barzee Heike Vitacolonna Fred Adams Jennifer Evans Carl Friedrich Matt Johnson Steve Olson Lois Olson Linda Newby Reimann

Guest: Jamel Hayes

Report of the President: On the website, there is a new form so members can sign up for volunteer positions. It will be under member's menu.

AKC rules that were relaxed because of COVID are being tightened up again. The letter from AKC is attached.

Make sure you fill out your Active Member Certification for July-December2021 to sign up for classes that start in February. If you have already signed up for classes, you'll need to fill out the certification and re-sign up for the classes.

Report of the Vice President: Layla --Christmas Party will be Dec 4th at the Sandpiper. Info in newsletter. You can also pay on our website. We will do the "doggy" gift exchange, ugly sweater, doggy trivia and pass out awards (Club Member of the Year and title awards). Saturday 11/20 is the last day to sign up to attend.

Report of the Secretary:

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne reported that the club has a current net income of \$10,464.15 and a net worth of \$111,299.00. The spreadsheets are filed in the secretary box and are available upon request. Also, Suzanne is renewing our insurance.

Reports of Committees:

Scent Work : (Nicki Bowden) December scent work trial is in 3 weeks and we aren't quite full. We have the judge and the building reserved. We have a new judge coming in. Her name is Judith Guthrie. Because of COVID distance restrictions and the size of the building, there will be no dog crating inside.

Tracking:

Agility: (LaDawn Moad) Thank you everyone who came out to help with the trial. We made \$11,163.00 in entry fees. After expenses, we made \$2,511.14 profit. LaDawn also received a "Thank You" card from the judge. It is filed with the secretary.

Nominating Committee:

Newsletter: (Desirae Chase) - Again, she asks everyone who has a cableone.net email address to please give her a different email address that she can send correspondence to so it doesn't get rejected.

Obedience/Rally:

Seminar: (Suzanne) Cameron Ford is doing a scent work seminar in March. Working spots are full but we have unlimited spots for auditing. Sign up on the website.

New Business:

Desirae Chase --bought instructor gifts and gave them out to people who volunteered to be instructors during this session. She purchased clever little leather poop bags.

Voting for board 2022.

President Nicki Bowden 1 year Marilynne Manguba

Vp Richard Brizzee 2 year Cheryl Loomis

Secretary Lacey Moon 3 year Nichole Crossley

Treasurer Suzanne Belger

The board was voted for and all accepted their posts.

Nicki Bowden - Reminder that dues are \$15 individual \$20 Family and due December 31.

Nicki Bowden - 2022 classes begin February 2nd. They will be 8 weeks. We have teachers

for all the classes. Club practices will be after those classes. 7:30-9 will be open. To participate in the club practice, it is expected that people will help out with the classes before the practice.

Nicki asked how we want to schedule the 2022 classes. Do we run straight through the summer with one week between sessions or do we have 2 weeks in between? It was discussed and decided that we will have a 2 week break between the classes and offer 3 sessions. We will decide later whether we offer a 4th after the 8/10 class ends. The classes will run 2/2-3/30, 4/13-6/1, 6/22-8/10.

Matches -Leslie Hill will put some matches together for this winter and people can sign up on the website to participate.

Sunday practice is going on now - sign up online if you want to join.

Auditing committee - Nichole Crossley, Desirae Chase, Rosha Adams. Suzanne will get with them and they can audit the club books at the beginning of the year.

January- Board Meeting only. No club meeting until February, but everyone is welcome to attend the board meeting.

Suzanne wanted to give a shout out to Brian Meyers for automating our website and making Suzanne's life easier. He has put together the volunteer forms and the certification forms and also made paying online much easier. THANK YOU!

Unfinished Business:

The club donated a set of jumps for the 4H Dog participants to use. They are in the storage closet at the 4H building.

Membership Application Read/Approved: Jamel Hayes was read (Sampson is her pooch). We will vote this application in the February meeting.

Application for Tamara and Robert Burnett was voted on and passed. Welcome to the

club! The meeting was closed with a motion by Carl Friedrich at 7:45pm.

Next meeting will be a board meeting on January 20th.