



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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April Meeting

April 20, 2023

7:00PM

At Papa Kelsey's in Centennial Square
(Across from the Mall)

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Set up for the Agility Trial will be
Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7:00PM

CGC testing will be held Tuesday,
April 18, 2023, at 5:45PM
Please contact Richard if you can
help.

Comics Corner



EAST IDAHO SPRING CLASSIC DOG SHOWS

Eagle Rock Kennel Club
Thursday, June 15, 2023
Friday, June 16, 2023

Pocatello Kennel Club
Saturday, June 17, 2023
Sunday, June 18, 2023

EVENT SCHEDULE



Thursday

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All Breed Conformation Dog Shows
Obedience and Rally Trial
National Owner Handled Series Competition
Junior Handler Competition
Agility Trial
Scent Work Trial
NADD Dog Dock Diving

Friday

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All Breed Conformation Dog Shows
Obedience and Rally Trial
National Owner Handled Series Competition
Junior Handler Competition
4-6 Month Puppy Competition
Agility Trial
Scent Work Trial
NADD Dog Dock Diving
FAST CAT (2) Trials
Balloon Buddies Fun Event (Ages 2-9)
FREE RHP Handling Clinic Open to Everyone

Saturday

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All Breed Conformation Dog Shows
Obedience and Rally Trial
National Owner Handled Series Competition
Junior Handler Competition
4-6 Month Puppy Competition
Agility Trial
Scent Work Trial
NADD Dog Dock Diving
FAST CAT (1) Trial
All Breed Puppy Match

Sunday

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All Breed Conformation Dog Shows
Obedience and Rally Trial
National Owner Handled Series Competition
Junior Handler Competition
Agility Trial
Scent Work Trial
NADD Dog Dock Diving

HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Held at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds, Blackfoot, Idaho
BaRay Show Services for Premium List and a List of Separate Show Secretaries

Traveling with Your Dog: Keep Your Pup Safe & Happy on the Road

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Traveling with your dog (or dogs) can be a wonderful way to create memories that last a lifetime. Whether taking your four-legged companion along for the ride during your spring break trip or for your upcoming summer vacation, there are plenty of dog travel tips to help you prepare for a safe and successful round-trip journey.

KEEP YOUR DOGS SECURE AT ALL TIMES

Dog owners routinely allow their pet(s) to roam the vehicle unsecured while driving. No matter the size of your dog, this can be extremely dangerous in the event of an accident. Small dogs are especially prone to injury, as sudden stops or a minor impact can send them flying throughout the vehicle. On top of injury, there is also the risk of your dog escaping the vehicle after an accident and becoming lost in an unfamiliar area.

Thankfully, eliminating accident-related risks can be achieved with the right equipment. When traveling with dogs, the best solution is to keep them contained in a size-appropriate [kennel or crate](#).

Here are some of our top recommendations for keeping your dog safe and secure during your next road trip:

- **MIM Safe VarioCage and MultiCage crates:** Some of our favorite automotive crates are made by 4x4 North America. These are the world's only crates that are crash-tested for safety and come in a variety of sizes to fit most breeds. Plus, we're currently offering **free shipping** on MIM products! We'll talk more about water bowls later, but we carry bowls designed for MIM crates.
- **RAM Kennel Collapsible Crate:** If you're looking for a tough and reliable crate that'll last forever, look no further than the RAM Kennel Collapsible Crate. And if your upcoming travel plans require a flight, be sure to consider the RAM Kennel Airline Compliant Kit.
- **PetMate kennels:** PetMate manufactures a few different types of travel kennels, like the Vari-Kennel and PetMate Wire Kennel. These are affordable options that will keep your dog safe and comfortable.

PACK A TRAVEL BAG SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUR PUP

Another one of the most valuable dog travel tips is to pack a separate bag or suitcase dedicated to your pup. If you are traveling with multiple dogs, you can usually fit everything into the same bag.

Start by creating a checklist of all of the items you'll need for your dog — both on the road and for the duration of your stay. Your list of dog travel gear will likely look like this:

- **Adequate supply of food:** Dogs shouldn't eat fast food (even if you're on the road). So pack plenty of kibble for the trip. And be sure to store the food in a Kibble Kaddie or Vittles Vault Travel Container for safety and freshness.
- **Food and water bowls:** Your dog won't be able to eat or drink if you don't pack a couple of bowls for them! Check out the spill-proof Buddy Bowl, a H2O4K9 Water Bottle, or the Collapsible Travel Cup, which are all great for road trips and adventures.
- **Treats:** Be sure to reward your well-behaved dog with plenty of treats while you're driving. Rewarding your dog with treats will keep them calm and happy during long trips.
- **Chew toys:** Giving your dog a chew toy or bone is the perfect way to keep them occupied and mentally stimulated while in the car. We also carry an assortment of soft chews that your dog will love.
- **Dog toys and tugs:** While a fetch toy or tug toy isn't the best item to give your dog while you're in the car, be sure to bring a few of their favorite toys to play with at rest stops and when you make it to your destination.

- **Dog waste bags**: Nobody likes a dog owner that doesn't pick up their dog's droppings. So don't be that owner... Pack a few rolls of bags.
- **Grooming supplies**: It's not a bad idea to pack grooming essentials, like nail clippers, brushes, or bathing supplies to keep your dog looking his or her best.
- **Dog ramp**: This isn't a must-have for all dogs, but older pets or larger breeds may need a dog ramp to get into and out of the car.
- **First aid supplies**: Nobody likes to think about an accident. But it's better to be safe than sorry by packing a first aid kit.
- **Muzzle**: It's smart to pack a RAM Adjustable Muzzle or a traditional fitted muzzle in case of an emergency where others need to be comfortable around your dog.

There may be other additions you'd like to bring with you. Depending on your dog's needs and preferences, you might also consider packing a dog bed, extra leashes or collars, dog training supplies, or dog enrichment activities. Also, if there are any supplies or documents that you specifically need from your veterinarian, be sure to request these items well in advance of your trip (never wait until the last minute!).

PLAN ROUTINE REST STOPS

As you map out your route, be sure to plan where you'll be stopping along the way. In every state, there are an abundance of pet-friendly rest stops that make it easy to let your dog walk around and relieve themselves. Before traveling with dogs, conduct online research to see what interstate exits have some of the best pet rest stops for your trip.

HAVE PET-SAFE CLEANING SUPPLIES ON HAND

Living and traveling with dogs means being prepared for messes of all kinds. In the event of rain, mud, or a potty-related accident, it is essential to have pet-safe cleaning supplies on hand at all times. Keep your vehicle stocked with towels of varying sizes (along with bags to hold soiled towels until they can be washed), a spray bottle of plain water, dog shampoo, and a pet-safe cleaner.

USRVDTTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date 3/23/23

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, on Tuesday, March 23, 2023 at 7:07pm Plum Loco in Idaho Falls.

Previous Board Minutes Read/Dispensed: Motion to accept board minutes as they were printed in the February newsletter.

Motion by: Suzanne Belger

Seconded by: Makayla Summers

Board Members Present:

Lacey Moon Nicki Bowden Richard Brizzee Mira Johnson MaKayla Summers Suzanne Belger

Visitors/Members Present:

Phil Moon Alicia Thompson Heike Vitacolonna

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: None

Report of Treasurer: YTD income: \$829.03 Total Equity: \$110,543.99 Balance Sheets are filed with secretary notes and available upon request.

Report of Committees:

Nicki - Scent work trial will be going in June. Still pending on AKC because Nicki doesn't know exactly what the judges are judging. As soon as she gets word, she'll put out the premium.

Richard - Next CGC test will be 4/18th Set up 5:30. Beginning testing at 6.

Alicia - Agility practices have ended for the winter.

Unfinished Business:

Nicki is working on the plaque for the donation to the Snake River Animal Shelter in memory of Marilynne –she'll bring it to the next meeting so everyone can see it before she delivers it to the animal shelter.

Next class session: Registration will be online after April 1st. Classes start Wednesday, May 17th (Obedience orientation on the 10th at class time). 3 Obedience, 1 Puppy & Beginning Agility. Club practice will be after classes.

New Business:

Suzanne - Mathew Leslie sent a flier to see if we wanted to buy advertising for reusable shopping bags that he gives away at the farmer's market. \$1150 for a 4.5" x 4.5" space. Board voted it down.

Suzanne – We have been approached by people who want to compete in our agility trials but the equipment is old and needs to be replaced. Suzanne ran numbers to see what it would cost to buy Weave Poles, A Frame (with

wheels), See-Saw & Dog Walk --\$7500-\$8500. Suzanne moves and Mira seconded to buy the poles now and wait for the other items. We will address the other things after our trial.

Class plans – We reviewed the class lesson plans and made changes as necessary.

--STAR Puppy. These classes have to be taught by a CGC Evaluator. This is a class for the owners to be responsible and to prepare the dog for basic obedience.

--Basic Obedience. We just need to make sure we teach to the plan. This class is to get the dogs and handlers ready for the CGC.

--Rally – Changing the class to teach the skill and develop a relationship and attention-- not just read the sign.

--Agility – Lesson plan per day along with an easy map for the day. Plan breaks down each week into advancing skills. The lesson plan is made so that the map for the class correlates with what the practice for the club will be set up like afterword. We'll extend the class to 10 weeks.

--Scentwork – Lesson plan gives website for videos that demonstrate each section for practice at home.

The updated class plans will be posted to the website.

Motion for Adjournment: Suzanne Belger

Seconded by: Makayla Summers

Time Adjourned: 8:27