

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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Annual Picnic

July 17, 2025

6PM

Shelter 3 at Tautphaus Park

Dogs and Family Members Welcome!

We will have games and prizes, and we will
serve BBQ.

Please bring a side (salad, chips, dessert, etc.)

Please contact Richard to let him know what
you are bringing!
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Member Accomplishments

Jesse – CH Chateau Blanc’s Veni Vidi Vici won his class (of two) on Thursday. After BOB judging on Saturday, Jesse’s final award count (with BOB entry of 132) is

- Award of Merit/Select (9 total awarded)
 - Select Dog (1 awarded)
 - Best Owner Handled (1 awarded)

And he had great fun in the ring doing it!



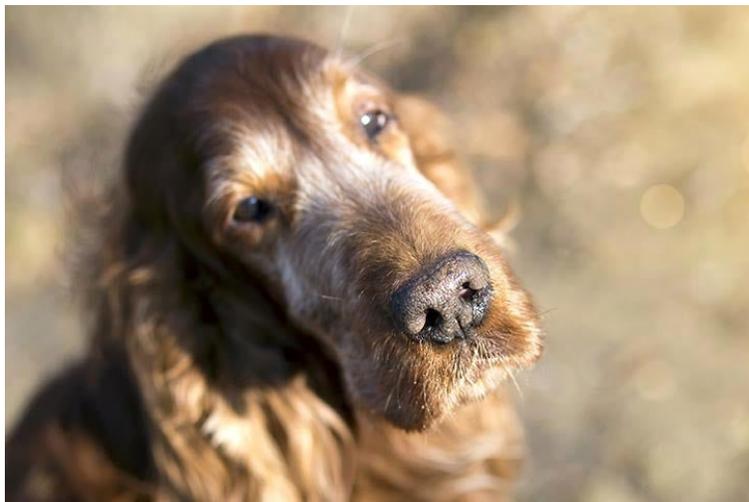
30 Fun and Fascinating Dog Facts

By [AKC Staff](#)



Here at the AKC, we never get tired of learning more about dogs, whether it's a new study on canine behavior, a statistic from our database, or even just cool facts about a dog's impressive physical and mental abilities. You may know some of these already, and others may be more of a "wait, really?" situation, but we think you'll find all of them entertaining. Check out these 30 fun dog facts.

1. The [Labrador Retriever](#) has been on the [AKC's top 10 most popular breeds](#) list for longer than any other breed.
2. A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
3. Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs [sleep in their owner's beds](#).
4. Speaking of sleeping ... all [dogs dream](#), but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.
5. Seventy percent of people sign their dog's name on their holiday cards.
6. A [dog's sense of smell](#) is legendary, but did you know that their nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.



7. [Rin Tin Tin](#), the famous [German Shepherd Dog](#), was nominated for an Academy Award.
8. Dogs' noses can sense heat and thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.
9. The [French Bulldog](#) was first named the [most popular breed in 2022](#).
10. The name [Collie](#) means "black." (Collies once tended black-faced sheep.)
11. [Yawning is contagious](#) – even for dogs. [Research](#) shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person your pet knows.
12. The [Dandie Dinmont Terrier](#) is the only breed named for a fictional person, a character in the novel "Guy Mannering" by Sir Walter Scott.
13. Dogs curl up in a ball when sleeping to protect their organs – a holdover from their days in the wild, when they were vulnerable to predator attacks.
14. The [Basenji](#) is not technically "barkless," as many people think. They can yodel.
15. The [Australian Shepherd](#) is not actually from Australia. In fact, they are an American breed.



- 16.... And the [Labrador Retriever](#) is originally from [Newfoundland](#).

17. Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.
18. There are over 75 million pet dogs in the U.S. – more than in any other country.
19. A person who hunts with a [Beagle](#) is known as a “Beagler.”
20. Dogs are not [color-blind](#). They can see blue and yellow.
21. All puppies are born deaf.
22. [Dalmatians](#) are born completely white. They [develop their spots](#) as they get older.



23. Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. We humans have between 2,000 and 10,000.
24. When dogs [kick backward](#) after they go to the bathroom, it's not to cover it up, but to mark their territory, using the scent glands in their feet.
25. A [study](#) shows that dogs are among a small group of animals who show voluntary [unselfish kindness](#) towards others without any reward.
26. The [Norwegian Lundehund](#) is the only dog breed created for the job of puffin hunting.
27. [Greyhounds](#) can beat cheetahs in a race. While cheetahs can run twice as fast as Greyhounds, they can only maintain that 70 mph speed for about thirty seconds. A Greyhound can maintain a 35 mph speed for about seven miles. The cheetah may start out first, but the Greyhound would soon overtake them.

28. The [Bloodhound](#)'s sense of smell is so accurate that the results of its tracking can be used as evidence in a court of law.



29. According to [Guinness World Records](#), a [Great Dane](#) named Zeus is the world's tallest male dog. Zeus is 3 feet, 5.18 inches tall.

30. What about the shortest dog? According to [Guinness World Records](#), the shortest dog ever recorded was Pearl the [Chihuahua](#). She measures 3.59 inches tall.

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date June 19, 2025

The regular monthly club meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, at 7:05 p.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at Papa Tom's in Idaho Falls, ID.

Board Members Present:

Richard Brizzee Nicki Bowden Suzanne Belger Lacey Moon John Baughman Mira Johnson

Members Present:

Cheryl Loomis Duane Loomis Alicia Thompson Christina Krieger
Phil Moon Bryce Hammond Candace Christensen Shelly Bradford Jimmy Bell Nicole Nead-Crossley
Eric Ward Sierra Ward

Guests

Introductions of Guests

Claire Uhlman Ariel Hammond

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting Read/Dispensed: Printed in May newsletter.
Motion by Shelly Bradford to accept minutes as printed in March newsletter.

Report of the President:

Report of the Vice President:

Club picnic July 17th Shelter #3 Tautphaus Park 6pm. Richard will send out an email to remind and invite everyone. Bring a side to share and your dog so you can play games.

Report of the Secretary:

Report of the Treasurer:

YTD balance of \$107,854.02 and YTD net profit of \$-793.73
Reports filed with minutes and available via email if interested in viewing.

Report of Committees:

Classes: Wednesdays at Lilac Circle at Tautphaus Park

Obedience. This class session has started. Begins at 5pm

Rally at 6pm -- Cheryl is leaving Rally set up so if any club member wants to run through the course after class and during club practice they can.

Agility -5:30 Setting up smaller courses so at about 6:30 any club members who want to run through agility can.

Club member practices after classes have finished – until dark.

Scent: Blackfoot Cluster – Made \$602.94. Really a great trial!

October -Probably at Elk's Lodge. All 4 elements Saturday and Sunday. Premium will go out soon. Judges are set.

If people want a March trial we need to find somewhere to have it. Nicki will work on getting something put together if there is interest.

Obedience trial -August trial is ready to go at Tautphaus Park. Judges have been hired, park has been reserved, help emails will go out soon.

Agility Trial -October trial has been filed and the premium is out. Judges have been set.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Cheryl - Should we do something to be more seen in the community? Parade, Farmer's Market, etc. Is there someone who wants to head this up?
- Cheryl- Could we do a 4-day indoor obedience trial? Several people would like an indoor obedience trial. Discussion was had and we'd have to think of where, who we'd draw, if it would be worth losing our holding at the Tautphaus spot. We'll see if the horse arenas can pack hard enough to do a good trial.
- Shelly- She's thought about a "scent-and-go" scavenger hunt where the scent dogs could have a fun way to train. She'll put some ideas together and get the information out.
- Scent practice – discussion was had about having scent practice a couple times a month. Suzanne is going to look into scheduling 1 Tuesday per month and 1 Thursday per month. Maybe we'll offer a Tuesday class with practice after. Nicki suggests a text group so if anyone wants to join in practicing it can be sent out. This will probably start the middle of July.

Membership Applications Read/Approved:

Vicky Jennings – Mini American Shepherd –Cali
Claire Uhlman –Mini American Shepherd –Dublin

Paula Morrell –Voted in –Welcome to the Club (again)!!

Motion for Adjournment: Candace Christensen

Seconded by: Richard Brizzee

Closed at 7:44 pm