



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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Obedience & Rally Trial

August 15-17, 2025

Lilac Circle in Tautphaus Park

Trial Setup is Thursday, August 14, 2025, at
6PM

We will need stewards for both rings. Stewards are responsible for helping the Judge with any tasks they require. There will be signup sheets starting on Thursday evening or you can pre-sign up by emailing Cheryl at setnsundogs@gmail.com with your availability.

While it is nice for the Judge to have the same set of stewards all day, it is understandable if you have a limited availability, so we will have different time slots available.

Regular Club Meeting

August 14, 2025

Lilac Circle in Tautphaus Park

Directly after Obedience Trial Setup

Member Accomplishments

Mozzie received the ATT Title!



Zip and Tinsel also received their ATT Titles!



On behalf of the USRVDTTC Board and Directors and Training Directors we are sending this reminder of expected safety behavior for all club events.

As club members, instructors, and training directors we have become complacent about safety precautions when training and instructing classes. This is irresponsible and leaves the club in a precarious position. We all need a reminder that dogs are unpredictable, and all dogs have the capacity to bite and/or cause a fight. We need to be proactive and maintain a safe and positive environment for our membership, students and our dogs.

When at a club function (practice, class, etc) it is imperative that instructors and members set a good example for the general public and each other. While the "rules" may seem unnecessary they are for the protection of the membership, general public, our dogs, and the existence of the club. As such they are not optional but mandatory.

Please familiarize yourself with the following rules:

1. **All dogs must be crated or secured in your vehicle during set up and take down.** As an instructor it is your responsibility to enforce this rule, there are no exceptions. It is not acceptable to have your dog tied to something or in a "stay".
2. **All dogs must be crated or secured in your vehicle if you are not actively working and engaged with your dog.** If you are waiting your turn (agility, rally, or obedience run through) your dog should be crated. It is frustrating for a dog to have to sit and watch other dogs run and work. This frustration causes dogs to act out in a negative manner.
3. **There will be no crates within 15 feet of the ring or working space.**
4. **Dogs waiting their turn will not be within 15 feet of the ring or working space.** If you are actively engaging with your dog, whether preparing them for their turn or just training, you will need to maintain a 15 foot buffer.
5. If you are sitting with your dog on a leash, or sitting and talking with other members/general public that is great! We encourage camaraderie and sharing of ideas, but your dog should be crated or secured in your car. You are NOT actively engaged or training your dog and as such it is too easy for "accidents" to happen.
6. If your dog needs "extra space" due to reactivity issues, it is your responsibility to provide that space for your dog to ensure the safety of everyone.

Failure to follow the rules will result in the following:

1. If your dog is not crated, you will be asked to crate your dog.
2. If you do not comply you will be asked to leave.

3. If this becomes a reoccurring problem it will be considered “conduct prejudicial to the well being of the club”.

It is everyone’s responsibility to keep themselves, their dogs, and others safe so we all may enjoy working with our dogs and training with friends and those that share our love and interest in dogs.

Respectfully,

USRVDTC Board and Directors

Suzanne Belger, Training Director

Cheryl Loomis, Obedience/Rally Training Director

Alicia Thompson, Agility Training Director

Lois Olson, Tracking Training Director

Suzanne Belger, Scent Work Training Director

Thank you, Alicia and Richard, for a great summer picnic!



