



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER April, 2017

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Vyktori - practice on a cold windy day

DATES TO REMEMBER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 20th, 7 pm

Papa Tom's Banquet Room

1830 S. Woodruff – Idaho Falls

Obedience Classes

Starting April 19th – 6 and 7 pm

Orientation on April 18th at 6:30 pm

Agility Trial

April 14-16th – Wind River Arena – Ririe

Rabies Clinic - May 2nd, 1-7 pm

Blackfoot Shows – Obedience, Rally, Agility

June 15-17 – Fairgrounds

Caldwell – Agility

June 23-25

USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Marilynne Manguba, at 7:35 p.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at Papa Tom's Pizza, in Idaho Falls ID.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Chaz Houpt, Kacie Koester

Presentation by Chaz Houpt from Intermountain Therapy Animals. Pets Helping People.

Members Present:

Stephanie Nielsen	LaDawn Moad	Catherine Nielson
Kim Nielson	Suzanne Belger	Loganne Peters
Amy Kaiser	Carolyn Jenkins	LeeAnn Chaffin
Heike Vitacolonna	Ed Vitacolonna	Steven Olson
Lois Olson	Diana Robinson	Carl Friedrich
Kelly P'pool	David P'pool	Don Williams
Shel Williams	Glenda Haller	George Haller
Wendy Baldwin	Cheryl Loomis	Charlie Urbanski

Glenda Haller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because they were published in the newsletter. Shel Williams seconded. Passed

Suzanne Belger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because all were present at meeting. Shel Williams seconded. Passed

Report of the President: None

Report of the Vice President: Frank Mason reported the following important dates to mark on your calendars:

Club Summer Picnic - July 20th @ Tautphaus Park shelter #3

Christmas Party - December 16th @ Catered Your Way

More info to come.

Report of the Secretary: None

Report of the Treasurer: Suzanne Belger reported the taxes have been filed. The monthly and year-to-date financial reports were read.

Report of Committees:

Obedience Trial Chairman – Suzanne Belger reported for Lucien Frederick. The Obedience Trial dates have been changed to August 11, 12 & 13 due to the Solar Eclipse on August 21.

Suzanne Belger made a motion to move August 17 club meeting to August 10 to combine the obedience trial set-up and club meeting. Steven Olson seconded. Passed.

Agility Training Director: Marilynne Manguba reported for Linda Reimann. Please email agility class registration to Linda Reimann. First class is April 19th, agility class will not have an orientation the night before.

Obedience Training Director: Heike Vitacolonna reported obedience classes start April 19, orientation will be April 18. Instructors & assistants needed, please contact Heike if you can help.

Discussion held regards to holding puppy class.

March 21, Wednesday CGC testing 6:00 pm, please come to help with the testing.

Tracking Test Chairman: Diana Robinson reported the judges are in line and we have the same location. Cheryl Loomis is the chief track layer, volunteers needed as track layers.

Tracking Training Director: Lois Olson reported class is full and begin Saturday, March 19.

Agility Trial Chairman: LaDawn Moad reported the agility trial is April 14, 15 & 16. Set-up April 13 at 7:00 pm and clean up Sunday April 16 at 1:30 pm all who are willing to volunteer to help for set-up and clean-up are much appreciated. Please come to the trial and help.

Unfinished Business: Still looking for a winter agility practice place.

The following outdoor agility practices will be as follows:

March 26 @ the soccer fields on Old Butte Road at 1:00 p.m.

April 9 @ the soccer fields on Old Butte Road at 1:00 p.m.

New Business: Glenda Haller reported the Rabies Clinic will be held May 2 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Idaho Falls Activity Center. Please contact Glenda Haller if you can volunteer.

Marilynne Manguba reported she is personally teaching puppy classes.

Marilynne Manguba reported she is meeting with the Snake River Animal Shelter's new operations manager and director to talk about training volunteers who help at the shelter. LeeAnn Chaffin is volunteering at the shelter currently.

Membership Applications Approved: Karen & Scott Smith, Angie and Jayson Jensen and Nicki Bowman.

Applications Read: Jeanette Johnson and Aubrey Perry.

Carl Friedrich made a motion for adjournment. Frank Mason seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Location of Next Club Meeting: April 20, 7 pm - Papa Tom's Pizza

TICKS

We're hearing that ticks are particularly a problem this year. Of course you can dip or use a flea and tick collar, but if you'd like a more natural solution. Take a look here - <http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/natural-solutions-tick-season/>. Regardless of what you use, keep a close eye on your dog and definitely check carefully if you've been out hiking or running in areas where ticks could be hanging out – pastures, fields, shrubby areas..... They hang out at the ends of grass or leaves like this guy, just waiting for a warm body to pass by.



DOG FOOD RECALLS

Did you know you can check out dog food recalls online? The American Veterinary Medical Association posts them here - <https://www.avma.org/news/issues/recalls-alerts/pages/pet-food-safety-recalls-alerts.aspx>

One recent recall - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is advising pet owners and caretakers, veterinarians, and the pet food industry to be aware that pet food and treats made with livestock gullets (meat from the throat region) have the potential to contain thyroid tissue and thyroid hormones. Pets that eat food or treats containing thyroid hormones may develop hyperthyroidism, a disease that is rare in dogs and usually triggered by thyroid cancer.

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism include excessive thirst and urination, weight loss, increased appetite, restlessness, hyperactivity, elevated heart rate, rapid and/or labored breathing, vomiting, and diarrhea. Continued exposure to excess thyroid hormones can cause damage to the heart and in some cases, death. The foods involved

WellPet voluntarily recalled of certain lots of 13.2 ounce cans of Wellness 95% Beef Topper for Dogs with best-by dates of 02 FEB 19, 29 AUG 19, and 30 AUG 19 printed on the bottom of the can. The UPC Code is 076344894506.

Blue Buffalo Company voluntarily recalled of one lot of 12.5-ounce cans BLUE Wilderness® Rocky Mountain Recipe TM Red Meat Dinner Wet Food for Adult Dogs with a best-by date of June 7, 2019 printed on the bottom of the can. The UPC code is 840243101153.

EIRMC and INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC) is looking for more therapy animals and is scheduling a team training course. Some funding is available for qualified dog/handler teams to cover the course and screening fees. Contact Intermountain Therapy Animals - <http://www.therapyanimals.org/Home.html> or Marilynne can put you in touch with Chaz Houpt, who made a presentation at our March meeting.

RABIES CLINIC – Tuesday, May 2nd – 1-7 pm, Skyline Activities Center

The club assists in running the clinic every year, if you can help, please contact Glenda Haller sunkisd@cablone.net - includes helping with paperwork, answering questions, helping the veterinarians handle pets, something for everyone.

\$12.00 for each vaccination and the FIRST vaccination is free for pets owned by seniors (65 and older). Cash only.

AGILITY TRIAL – APRIL 14-16 – Wind River Arena and Stables, Ririe, ID

Volunteers are need to help with set-up on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 pm and clean up/takedown on Sunday, April 16 starting around 2 pm. Lots of entries this year, don't miss it!!!

RALLY PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

The Companion Events Department is pleased to announce new enhancements to the AKC Rally® program. The AKC Rally program has not had any changes to the class structure since its launch in 2005. We thank you, the clubs, for your continued support in hosting AKC Rally trials.

Over the years we have heard from many rally handlers who have won the Rally Novice title, saying they are not ready to move up to the Advanced level class, which requires the dog to work off-leash. AKC has created a new class and title for dogs that have won the Rally Novice title, but have not yet earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class. The Rally Intermediate class and associated title (RI), will provide a stepping-stone class to help prepare teams for the off-leash performance required in the Advanced class. The Intermediate course is a mirror image of the Advanced course without a jump. It is the Novice exhibitor's choice to take advantage of this additional opportunity and the RI title is not required to enter the Advanced class. We have also listened to the Rally Fancy who have long asked for a champion level title. We are excited to announce the new Master class and associated title (RM), as well as the Rally Champion title (RACH), both of which will provide additional challenges for dedicated rally exhibitors.

The criteria to earn the RACH title (sounds like "ROCK") requires the team to earn 20 triple qualifying scores; qualifying in the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes at the same trial, at 20 separate events, plus earn 300 RACH points from the Excellent B and Master classes. Points are determined by a dog's score. At least 200 RACH points must be earned from the Rally Master class.

Please review the full details of these program enhancements at [this link](#) on the AKC Rally News and Updates page and share this information with your club members responsible for managing your rally events. There is also a set of mini-signs and full size signs you can download at the link.

<http://www.akc.org/events/rally/>

Easter Hazards in Dogs (and Cats)

Written by: Virginia Wells Last Modified: April 03, 2015

As Easter approaches, many of us look forward to the excitement of Easter festivities like Easter egg hunts, Easter baskets filled with chocolate bunnies and jelly beans, and parades. But the joys of Easter can mean danger for your pets. Each year thousands of pets are injured and/or become deathly ill. To keep your pet safe, you should be aware of some common Easter pet perils.

Easter Lilies (and others such as the day lily and the tiger lily). For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life -- the spiritual essence of Easter. Cat owners, however, need to be especially careful with these beautiful flowers because their leaves contain toxins that can cause severe kidney damage. So far, toxicity has not been reported in dogs.

Eating just one leaf of this toxic plant can result in severe poisoning and within a short time your cat will exhibit signs of toxicity. Minutes to hours after ingestion, your cat may stop eating and begin vomiting. As the toxins begin to affect the kidneys, your pet may become lethargic, and within five days, kidney failure will cause death. If you suspect your cat has eaten part of a lily plant, it is important that you contact your veterinarian immediately. If treatment is started early, chances for recovery are good, but once the kidneys have been severely affected, your cat may not survive.

Obviously, the best prevention of lily toxicity is to keep the plants away from your kitty. If you bring

Easter lilies into the house, keep them in a separate room where your nibbling cat cannot enter.

Plastic Easter Grass and Other Goodies. Like children, cats and dogs love to nibble on goodies in the Easter basket. Unfortunately, our curious pets enjoy everything in the basket, even the colorful plastic grass, toys and foil-wrappers on candies.

Take care to keep Easter baskets away from your dog and your cat. The plastic in Easter grass is non-digestible and can get caught in the intestines, leading to blockage and possible perforation. Cats love string-like objects and often play with the grass before eating it. Once ingested, the grass, as well as small plastic toys, can cause choking or become lodged in the stomach or intestines and create an obstruction. Your pet may also ingest ribbons, bows, streamers and other decorative items – even ribbons and bows tied around their necks. Don't be tempted to decorate your puppy or kitty; they don't enjoy it and it may result in choking or strangulation. Keep these items away from your pet and throw candy wrappers in a covered trash can.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested something that may not pass through his intestinal tract, contact your veterinarian. Waiting until your dog or cat starts to vomit will make removal of the object more difficult and costly. Also, if you notice a sudden loss of appetite, vomiting, excessive drooling or abnormal bowel movements, consult with your veterinarian immediately.

Chocolate Toxicity. Did you know that chocolate can poison your pet? Chocolate is toxic to both cats and dogs, and other candies and wrappers can become lodged in the stomach or cause your pet to choke.

Chocolate has a high fat content and contains caffeine and theobromine, which stimulate the nervous system and can be toxic if taken in large amounts. Depending on the type of chocolate ingested and the amount eaten, various problems can occur. White chocolate has the least amount of stimulants and baking chocolate has the highest. Here is a list of the most common sources of chocolate and the amount leading to toxicity:

- White Chocolate: Mild signs of toxicity can occur when 45 ounces per pound of body weight is ingested. Severe toxicity occurs when 90 ounces per pound of body weight is ingested. This means that a 20-pound dog would need to ingest at least 55 pounds of white chocolate to cause nervous system signs. A 10-pound cat would need to ingest 27 pounds. These high amounts mean that theobromine toxicity from white chocolate is highly unlikely.
- Milk Chocolate: Mild signs of toxicity can occur when 0.7 ounces per pound of body weight is ingested. Severe signs occur when 2 ounces per pound of body weight is ingested. This means that a little less than one pound of milk chocolate can be toxic to the nervous system of a 20-pound dog. A 10-pound cat would need to ingest 1/2 pound.
- Semi-Sweet Chocolate: Mild signs of toxicity can occur when 1/3 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. Severe signs occur when 1 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. This means that as little as 6 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate can be toxic to the nervous system of a 20-pound dog. A 10-pound cat would need to ingest 3 ounces.
- Instant Cocoa: Mild signs of toxicity can occur when 1/3 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. Severe signs occur when 1 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. This means that as little as 6 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate can be toxic to the nervous system of a 20-pound dog. A 10-pound cat would need to ingest 3 ounces.
- Baking Chocolate: Mild signs of toxicity can occur when 0.1 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. Severe signs occur when 0.3 ounce per pound of body weight is ingested. Two small one-ounce squares of baking chocolate can be toxic to a 20-pound dog. A 10-pound cat would need to

ingest 1 ounce of baking chocolate. This type of chocolate has the highest concentration of caffeine and theobromine and very little needs to be ingested before signs of illness become apparent.

Once toxic levels are eaten, you may notice restlessness, hyperactivity, muscle twitching, increased urination, and excessive panting. The high fat content in chocolate can also cause vomiting and diarrhea. Make sure that chocolate is kept in a safe place. If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate, consult your veterinarian immediately. Animals treated for chocolate toxicity generally recover and return to normal within 24 to 48 hours.

Snake River Animal Shelter Volunteer Dog Handling/Training seminar – April 29th at 3:30 pm

Are you interested in helping out at the Snake River Animal Shelter doing some basic work with shelter dogs? On April 29th, Marilynne will be making a presentation to volunteers focused on basic dog handling skills and some simple training and conditioning for the dogs that will help them while they are in the shelter as well as once they are adopted.

Research shows that particular behaviors, which can be easily taught are more likely to be adopted and that having volunteers do some simple training rather than just walking them helps the dogs better cope with shelter life. Contact Marilynne if you'd like to be involved.

Brags from the Redcoat Pack

Touche'Guidinger

RWD both days at the Superstition K.C.shows in Phoenix

Earned first Rally Novice Leg at SKC trial

Tennille Guidinger

Earned her 2nd and 3rd RAE3 legs at SKC and GSDOC trials

London Guidinger

Earned her 2nd and 3rd RAE legs at SKC and GSDOC trials

