



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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Obedience Trial Setup

August 15, 2024, 6:00PM

**We will need volunteers to help set up!
Club Meeting will follow setup.**

USRVDTC Obedience Trial

August 16, 17, & 18

**There will be many volunteer
opportunities!**

Shoutout to Richard!

**We had another great picnic this year!
Thank you, Richard, for planning such
fun events for us!**

Canine Summer Safety Tips

Health Tips

We may know our canine companions better than anyone else, but it is important to remember most of us are not medical professionals. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. It is important to keep the following information in mind with the arrival of summer:

- Have your dog's vaccinations updated if necessary. Diseases such as rabies, distemper and parvo are ever-present dangers and necessary precautions should be taken.
- Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.
- Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.
- Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.
- Most lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.
- The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.
- No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.

General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.
- Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water.
- All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.
- Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.

- Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

Beach Tips

Taking your dog to the beach can be a great way to spend a beautiful summer day. However, as a responsible dog owner there are certain precautions you should take:

- Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.
- Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.
- Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions – dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea [lice](#).
- If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.
- Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.
- Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water.
- Not all beaches permit dogs. Check local ordinances before you begin your excursion to the beach.

Does Your Doggy Paddle?

The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But dogs entering the water for the first time should be tested. Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim:

- Never throw your dog into the water.
- Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy – but always keep your dog within reach.
- Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.
- If your dog begins to doggy-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.
- Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly.
- Be careful of strong tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.
- Never leave your dog unattended! You should always be in a position to help him get out of the water.

2024 Obedience and Rally Gift Donations

It is that time of year again where club members get the chance to donate money towards the obedience and rally trial 1st place gifts. Last year, we gave a treat/toy and a stainless-steel water bucket. This year, we will be giving dog-show themed blankets from Kohl's. We gave out a few of these at the October agility trial, and they were a hit!

If you are interested in donating, please email me (Desirae Chase) with the amount you'd like to donate. The blankets were \$6.74 (I got them for a killer deal) and we need approx. 50 sponsorships for this year (we have leftover buckets/toys from last year that will be offered as well). Even sponsoring one class makes a huge difference! If you donate, we will list your name on in the premium as a sponsor.

We are sticking with tradition for the high in trial, high combined. Etc. classes and will be giving out the \$25 gift cards with a specific sponsor listed. If you are interested in sponsoring one of those classes, please see the availability for those below (the empty ones are available to sponsor).

Please pay Suzanne Belger, or club secretary, with cash or a check. Please make checks payable to USRVDTTC and mail them to Suzanne at 994 Lowell Dr., Idaho Falls ID 83402

2024 Sponsorship Donors

ODMAD Dog Training
Nicki Bowden

Tiffany Stolworthy

Suzanne Belger

*****FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024*****

Class Name		Sponsor Name
Obedience Classes		
High Combined (Open B & Utility)	\$25	Lynne and Aaron Saul (2024)
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Class	\$25	ODMAD Dog Training (2024)
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	The Jossi Family (2022)
Rally Classes		
High Combined (Advanced B & Excellent B)	\$25	
High Combined Triple (Advanced B, Excellent B, & Masters)	\$25	

Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	Jossi Family 2024
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******SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024******

Class Name	Cost	Sponsor Name
Obedience Classes		
High Combined (Open B & Utility)	\$25	Olsen Family (2024)
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Class	\$25	Olsen Family (2024)
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	Jossi Family (2022)
Rally Classes		
High Combined (Advanced B &Excellent B)	\$25	
High Combined Triple (Advanced B, Excellent B, & Masters	\$25	ODMAD Dog Training (2024)
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	Nichole Nead-Crossley @ Keller Williams Realty East Idaho (2023)

*******SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024*******

Class Name	Cost	Sponsor Name
Obedience Classes		
High Combined (Open B & Utility)	\$25	
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Class	\$25	
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	The Jossi Family (2022)
Rally Classes		
High Combined (Advanced B &Excellent B)	\$25	

High Combined Triple (Advanced B, Excellent B, & Masters)	\$25	Kristie Rasmussen (2023)
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	\$25	The Jossi Family (2022)