



UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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February Club Meeting

February 13, 7PM

At Smitty's

We have a special presentation from Stephanie Geraughty from Back 2 Basics Therapy on Canine Body Work Services - Massage, Magnawave Therapy, Red Light Therapy

CGC Test

February 26, 2025

Setup is @ 5:30pm - Testing begins @ 6pm

Budget and Volunteer Positions are included at the end of the newsletter.

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9 Ways to Make Valentine's Day Special for Your Dog

By AKC Staff

On Valentine's Day, humans give chocolate, teddy bears, and roses to our loved ones to show appreciation and affection. But what about our favorite canine companions? Here are some tips on how you can show your four-legged Valentine some love.

Take a Long Walk

What better way to spend Valentine's Day with your dog than sharing some quality bonding time? Take your dog for a nice, long walk in the neighborhood where they can sniff to their heart's content. Or bring them to a dog park or fenced-in, off-leash area to run around. If the weather's warm enough, you could even go hiking with your dog. It's a great way for your pup to get some exercise and have fun.

Teach Your Dog New Tricks

Another way to bond with your dog and show some appreciation on Valentine's Day is by teaching them a new trick. You can easily teach your dog tricks like shake hands, crawl, fetch, roll over, and even kiss. Training treats that your dog really loves are a great way to teach your dog tricks through positive reward training. Dogs who learn enough tricks can ultimately earn their AKC Trick Dog title.

Have a "Date Night" In

You and your dog may want to opt for a relaxing evening at home. Sometimes it's nice to just cuddle up on the couch and watch a good movie. If it happens to be a dog movie, even better. Giving your furry

friend extra attention and cuddles is a surefire way to make them feel special on Valentine's Day.

Give Your Dog a Gift

Valentine's Day is prime for gift-giving, but what's a dog to do with flowers or jewelry? Instead, consider pup-appropriate presents like a new toy, bed, or outfit. Your dog may not understand the reason for the gift, but they'll likely love it no matter what since it came from their favorite human. Plus, you can be reasonably sure your present won't get re-gifted.

Get Them Groomed

Some dogs may not like being groomed, but plenty of pups love it. A professional dog grooming session is a great way to splurge on or spoil your pup, but there are also at-home grooming options if your dog isn't into traveling to the groomer. At the very least, a good brushing and a quick bath are nice ways to keep your pet fresh this Valentine's Day.

Treat Your Dog Right

Anyone who's seen a ravenous pup devour their dinner can confirm that dogs love to eat. Treats are a great way to provide mental stimulation via training while showing your dog some love in the process. Sure, giving treats might be something you do every day anyway. If treats are what your dog loves, who are you to deny them some snacks (in moderation) on this day dedicated to love?

Give Sports a Shot

Dog sports are an ideal way to channel some of your dog's instincts and energy into a fun activity you both will love. Some sports (like Obedience,

Agility, and AKC Rally) focus on teamwork and the dog-owner bond. Others, like Fast CAT and Scent Work, seek to develop dogs' natural urges, like chasing and sniffing. Introducing your canine companion to the world of dog sports is a unique way to show your love.

Massage Your Dog

Yes, you read that right. Massages are beneficial to dogs, just as they are for humans. If your dog is already an athlete, they'll appreciate the added attention to sore muscles.

However, massages are good for all canines, even those couch potatoes. Massages reduce stress and anxiety, increase circulation, decrease pain, and strengthen the bond between you and your dog, making it a perfect Valentine's Day activity.

Get Smart(er)

If "a tired dog is a happy dog," that applies to your dog's brain, too. Dogs are intelligent creatures that require mental stimulation to stave off boredom and stress. There are plenty of creative ways to provide mental stimulation, but puzzle toys are a fun and easy option that both you and your dog will enjoy.

USRVDTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date 1/16/2025

The regular monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7:05pm at the Papa Kelsey's in Idaho Falls.

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

Motion by: Suzanne Belger

Board Members Present:

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

Visitors/Members Present:

Phil Moon Jimmy Bell Tiffany Stolworthy Alicia Thompson Elise Stolworthy Christina Krieger

Report of President: None

Report of Vice President: None

Report of Secretary: Working on updated membership list/ booklet for 2025. It will be emailed to each member and mailed to those without emails. The new obedience books came in that we ordered from AKC.

Report of Treasurer: YTD income: \$1947.65 Total Equity: \$109,206.06 Balance Sheets are filed with secretary notes and available upon request. Audit committee didn't find any errors. Results are filed with the secretary and available upon request.

Report of Committees:

Nicki – Cancelled March Scentwork trial. We couldn't find an affordable site in time to file the applications with AKC. We'll still be doing the cluster in June. We're also having a scent work trial on 10/11-10/12 if we can find a place we can do it.

Scent work seminar 2/15-2/16. If you're interested in doing scent work that's a good opportunity to learn because the first day is an introduction to Scentwork. We still don't have a location for the seminar, but it will be announced soon.

Suzanne – Bryce is getting the April 11-13 agility trial put together. He has everything ready with the judge and the location. It should be great!

Next CGC test will be 2/26th Set up 5:30. Beginning testing at 6.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Richard - Christmas Party will be 12/6/2025 so we can schedule a scent work seminar in December.

We need to change the meeting in February. Richard will move it and get the info emailed out.

Suzanne will plan a director meeting to get lesson plans put together for spring classes.

Volunteer positions –All vital positions have been filled. Forms attached with secretary reports and will be printed along with the January newsletter.

Budget –Reviewed and adjusted according to current needs. It is attached with secretary reports and will be printed along with the January newsletter. Motion to accept 2025 budget by Suzanne. Voted on and passed.

Motion for Adjournment: Richard Brizzee

Seconded by: Suzanne Belger

Time Adjourned: 8:25

USRVDTC Budget

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
President	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Vice President	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500
Secretary	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Treasurer	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Agility Trials	\$17,255	\$17,255	\$17,255	\$17,255	\$17,255	\$17,500
Agility Training	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$250
Agility Equipment	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$2,500
CGC	\$75	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$150
Club	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,000
Delegate	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Historian	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0
Video/Book	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0
Newsletter	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Obedience/Rally Trial	\$7,400	\$7,400	\$7,400	\$7,400	\$7,400	\$8,000
Obedience Training	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
Obedience Equipment	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Publicity	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$100	\$0	\$500
Tracking Test	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	\$0
Tracking Training	\$800	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$50
Trailer	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Seminar	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Scent Work Trial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Scent Work Training	\$500	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Storage	-	-	-	-	\$2,000	\$3,000

USRVDTC 2025 Volunteer Positions

Agility & Obedience Equipment Manager	Michael Cook, Robert Bonagofski
Agility Training Director Committee	Alicia Thompson, Suzanne Belger, Richard Brizzee
Agility Trial Chairperson	Bryce Hammond
AKC Delegate	Barbara Norton
AKC Delegate Liaison	Nicki Bowden
Canine Good Citizen Chairperson	Richard Brizzee
Financial Audit Committee	Lois Olson, Kelly Keele, Christina Krieger
Newsletter	Shelby Tornblom
Obedience Training Director Committee	Suzanne Belger, Cheryl Loomis, Nicki Bowden
Obedience Trial Chairperson	Tiffany Stolworthy
Scent Work Training Director	Suzanne Belger
Scent Work Trial Chairperson	Nicki Bowden
Trailer	Phil Moon
Trophy Coordinator	Amy Hall
Webmaster	Brian Meyers