

August 2016

Heel And Sit News

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Looking for Trophy Sponsors & Stewards

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Next General Meeting is the Summer Picnic

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More Fat, Less Protein improves detection dogs' sniffers

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We are looking for trophy sponsors for our show in September. A trophy sponsorship is \$10 a trophy. In order to sponsor a trophy, email Catherine- at mcbride.catherine@gmail.com letting her know what event and days you would like to sponsor.

If you would like to sponsor the event for the entire weekend, it would be \$30. Events will be filled on a first come/first serve basis; however, if your preferred event is not available, she will reach out to identify which open event you would like to sponsor.

Checks for Trophy Sponsorship should be made out to "GSLDTC" and can be mailed to Catherine Beattie at 1749 Lyndi Lane Saratoga Springs, UT 84045.

We also **need** volunteers for stewards for the Sept Trials in Obedience and Rally up at the Farmington Shows. Remember, you do not need to have experience. You will be trained and learn a lot! It isn't hard work, taking names, giving numbers, etc. Please contact Donna Smith at karyonwesties@q.com or Penny Morrison at pennlcm@yahoo.com if you want more information or to volunteer. Remember, the club CAN'T continue to put on these trials without our members help and support! Thank you!



Next meeting will be
the Aug General Meeting / Annual Summer Picnic
Monday August 22, 2016

at Germania Park

7:00 pm

5243 S Murray Parkway Ave (1070 West)

We have our August meeting at the park. The club supplies meat and drinks. Please bring something to share and table settings (plates/silverware) for your party.

Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome, as are children/friends.

We will also have a raffle, so we **NEED** raffle items. If anyone has any dog or non dog related items to donate for the raffle, please contact Kathleen Jones
@jonessandk@msn.com or 801-282-2219



More fat, less protein improves detection dogs' sniffers

By Carly Hodes

From sniffing out bombs and weapons to uncovering criminal evidence, dogs can help save lives and keep the peace. Now, researchers have uncovered how to improve dogs' smelling skills through diet, by cutting protein and adding fats.



Such a diet, say the researchers, appears to help dogs return to lower body temperatures after exercise, which reduces panting and, thereby, improves sniffing.

U.S. Airforce Staff Sgt. Bobbie Ohm walks with Nero, a working military dog, to search for explosives during a joint explosive detection training.

The findings could change how detection dogs are fed and boost their detection abilities, says Joseph Wakshlag, associate professor of clinical studies and chief of nutrition at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. Wakshlag, who collaborated with researchers at Auburn University, is presenting the findings at the Companion Animal Nutrition Summit in Atlanta, held March 22-24.

The study, funded with a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, also found that detection dogs are more reliable detectors than previously thought. The study is the first to be conducted in the world's only detection dog research facility designed in conjunction with a military dog trainer. The Alabama facility, which provides expert detection dogs to police and military forces, flushes out fumes between tests, ensuring a fresh field each time.

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"Previous studies from other facilities, which lack this feature, had suggested detection dogs signaling for suspect substances are about 70 percent accurate," said Wakshlag. "The lower numbers may have been due to study design flaws which our new study overcame. Dogs tested in the new facility signaled with 90 percent and above accuracy. We also found we can push detection performance even further with the right kind of food."

Bucking conventional thinking, the group found that less protein and more fat in the dogs' diet helped trained dogs perform better in exercise and detection tests. During an 18-month period, they rotated 17 trained dogs through three diets Wakshlag selected: a high-end performance diet, regular adult dog food, and regular adult dog food diluted with corn oil. Measuring how different diets affected each dog, they found that dogs eating the normal diet enhanced with corn oil returned to normal body temperatures most quickly after exercise and were better able to detect smokeless powder, ammonia nitrate and TNT.

"Corn oil has lots of polyunsaturated fats, similar to what you'd find in a lot of nuts and common grocery store seed oils," said Wakshlag. "Past data from elsewhere suggest that these polyunsaturated fats might enhance the sense of smell, and it looks like that may be true for detection dogs. It could be that fat somehow improves nose-signaling structures or reduces body temperature or both. But lowering protein also played a part in improving olfaction."

Wakshlag designed the high-performance and corn-oil diets to have the same amount of energy from fat (57 percent). But the corn oil diet had less protein: 18 percent compared with 27 percent in the regular and high-performance diets.

"If you're a dog, digesting protein raises body temperature, so the longer your body temperature is up, the longer you keep panting, and the harder it is to smell well," said Wakshlag.

"Our study shifts the paradigm of what 'high-performance' diet can mean for dogs. It depends on what you want your dog to do. A sled dog or greyhound may need more protein to keep going. But detection dogs tend to exercise in shorter bursts and need to recover quickly and smell well. For that, less protein and more fat could help."

Carly Hodes '10, MBA '14, is a communication specialist at the College of Veterinary Medicine.



Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of July 2016

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club July 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Donna Smith, Judy Campbell, George & Dorathy Hart, Irene Lokcik, Mark Kuhn, Michelle Larsen, Kathleen Jones, Catherine Beattie, Penny Morrison, Darlana Quinn, Jeanne Rankin

Excused: Christine Wright, Tom McLelland, Stephanie Evans

Guests: Rich Lokcik, Sean Jones

Meeting brought to order @ 7:37 pm

Minutes of June Board Meeting, Penny 1st, Wendy 2nd, no opposed Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Asked if any brags, birthdays or anniversaries – nothing else at this time

Executive Secretary's Report:

Nothing at this time

Home Secretary Report:

Need to send email to members requesting trophy sponsors, stewards and raffle donations.

Treasurer's Report

, Everything is paid to date.

Vice President's Report:

No General Meeting in July, Next General Meeting will be the Picnic, so no guest speaker needed. Have received a few raffle donations for the Picnic.

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Kathleen Jones at jonessandk@msn.com

Show Report:

We will actually need 20 – 10' baby gates and uprights, plus getting tunnel ordered. Jeff suggested he and Mark make and paint the uprights for the baby gates to some \$\$\$. Motion made to increase the number of baby gates to purchase from 12 to 20 Michelle 1st, Katherine 2nd, no opposed, motion passed, Show committee will get them ordered.



We will set up for the show on Thursday Sept 15 if anyone would like to help, please meet at the legacy Center in Farmington at 11 am.

Training Report:

Next class sign up will be Aug 3rd and to start Aug 10th. CGC Test this week.

Hospitality:

Sharing hospitality with UKC at their trial and our tracking seminar went well. Anyone coming for the picnic, we will be setting up by 6 – 6:30 pm.

Trophy Report:

We have 11 trophies still available for sponsors. I have the signup sheets if anyone wants to sponsor a trophy for the Sept Trials.

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Committees:

Advertising – Website updated – Will start getting things together for the annual Festival of Trees. This year's theme "K9's in Service"?

Agility – classes going well

Obedience – We still need a few volunteers for stewards for the Sept Trials.

Rally –Ditto on above. Also no Rally class this coming Wed. We need to get a new sign #299

Tracking – Kristie and Wendy would like to Thank the club for supporting the Tracking Seminar. It went really well. Diane Schultz and Carol Ruthenberg presented

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: Aug 15, 2016 at Catherine Beattie's – 6 – 6:30 pm (sorry can't remember what start time)

Next General Meeting: Aug 22, 2016 @ Germania Park for Annual Picnic - 7:00 pm

Motion made to adjourn

Meeting ended at 8:41 pm



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School

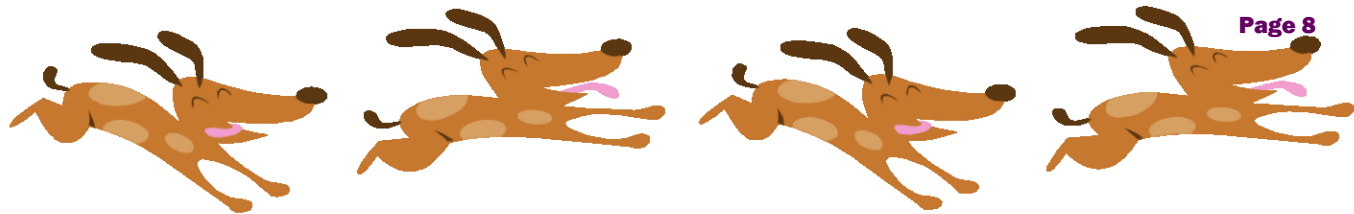


Summer's almost over, please be extra alert while driving as our children head back to school.

Interesting article on page 4 regarding the scenting of detection dogs' and increased fat in the diet.

Speaking of scenting, The GSLDTC will be holding it's annual VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test on Oct 2, 2016 at the University of Utah Campus. So get those dogs ready and off the float tubes, vacation is over!! :) If you don't have a dog ready to enter, but are interested in watching, make plans and come on out!

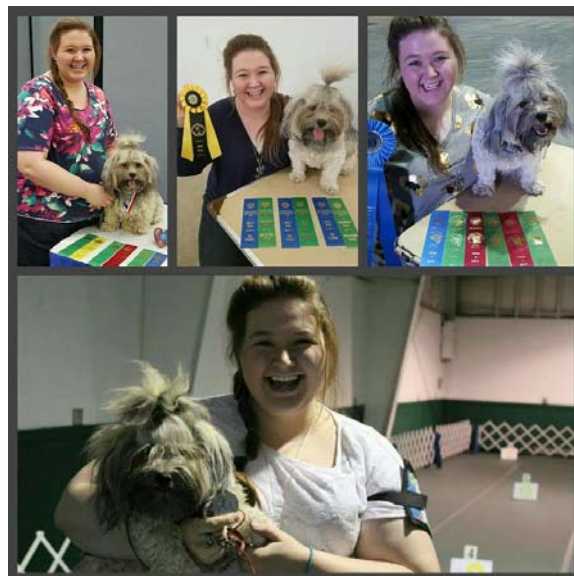




Member's Page

Next sign up is Sept 7 Conformation class is not included in the sign ups, it is a drop in class at 7:45 pm and cost \$5.00 per class.

From Jessica Dawn Buhlman: This summer was filled with many amazing adventures. First, Ari, a two-year-old Havanese finished his Rally Advance Excellent. This fantastic working boy went from Rally Novice to Rally Advance Excellent in a matter of Five Months! Along the journey, Team Dragon was honored to be awarded a Rally High Combined in Eagle, Colorado. Ari finished his RAE on Friday July 22nd in Reno Nevada. I am beyond proud and excited for the future with this amazing dog. The second success is a personal one, many of you may know that at the age of thirteen I began training and learning about the sport of Rally and Obedience. By the time I was fifteen, I showed my Aunt's (Deborah Nendell's) dogs in Rally for the first time, and, at one point, I was showing three dogs at once in Rally and soon began showing my Novice A dog in Obedience! I was completely hooked, and wanted to do and learn more. I was absolutely in love with the sport of Rally, and it was my dream to finish my Rally goals for each dog and apply for my judge's license. When I



turned twenty-one, I followed all of the procedures and early this year I became an Apprentice Rally Judge for the United Kennel Club (UKC). As a full time student, my priority this summer was to finish my apprenticeship. On Sunday August 7th, I completed all of the requirements necessary to make me a Provisional UKC Rally Judge.

There are so many people to thank for their support and guidance along my journey, and one of them is GSLDTC. This club has been a part of my education from the beginning and the people in it have been an amazing support system. From the bottom of my heart, I'd like to say "thank you" to each and every one of you that were a part of my journey. This is only the beginning, and I look forward to what the future holds...especially as a new UKC Provisional Rally Judge!

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS
Jessica!!!!**

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From Deb Nendell: On July 31, 2016, my little Havanese, Corey finished his ASCA OTCH under Judge Kristie Rasmussen. I am extremely proud of his work, which was consistent and extremely accurate that weekend. He's a wonderful partner and has been a joy to live with and train! He's now Joyfulnoise Heartsong UD, GO, RAE, CGC, ASCA-OTCH, ASCA-REMX, U-UD, U-ROC/U-RX! More adventures await! He is the second Toy Dog in Utah to earn this title, and I'm also extremely proud to share that this is my second ASCA OTCH: My Yorkie, Parker, earned the first almost eight years ago! I have been blessed to know and love these special dogs! They are all heart! Thank you to the continued support and amazing skills and patience Donna Eliason has shown us to help us get to this wonderful place!

From Crystal Gail Toupin: Crystal & Lily earn RAE (Rally Advance Excellent) and a Rally High in Combined in Wyoming July 31, 2016



HUGE CONGRATS to ALL!!

Do you have an accomplishment or brag? Let's get it in the newsletter! No matter how big or small the accomplishment is, it deserves to be BRAGGED about! So please send me your brags!!

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