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# Heel And Sit News

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB

## What's Happening.....

The GSLDTC's new website is up!

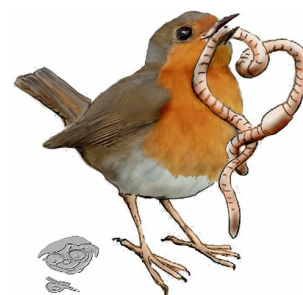
If you haven't had a chance to take a look, please do. [www.gsldtc.com](http://www.gsldtc.com)

April 19th, 2015 the club held their annual TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) test in Vernon, UT. See write up on page 4.

May 10, 2015 will be the club's annual TD (Tracking Dog) test.

**THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN MAY**

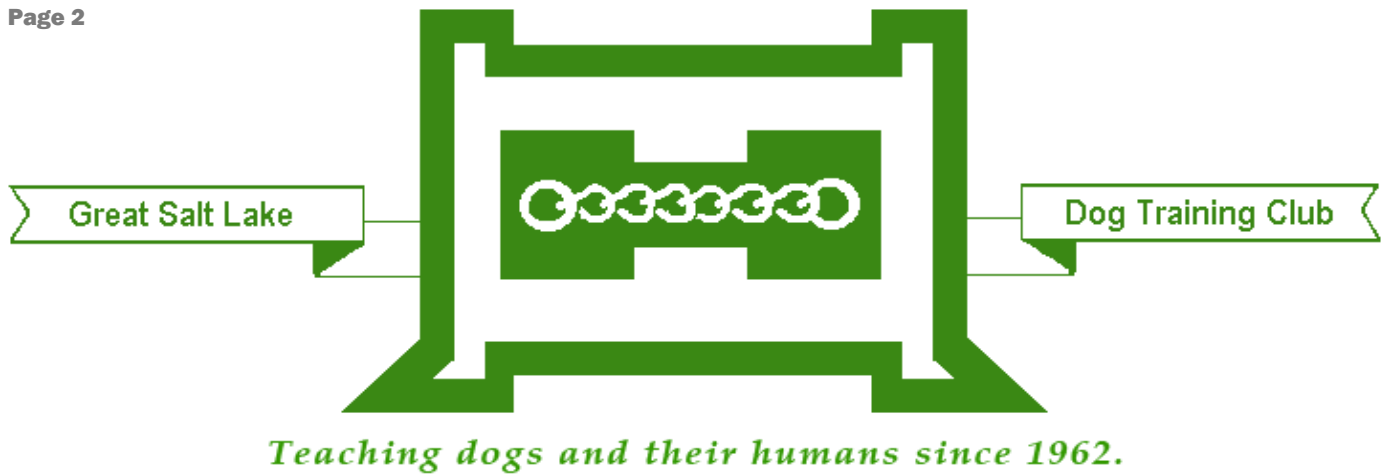
due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



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To all the Mom's, whether you are a Mom to 2 or 4 legged kids, we hope you had a VERY special day!!



## New Information about Jerky Treats for Pets

By Nancy Kay D.V.M

Posted in: Canine Health, Learn!

Since 2007, we've known that chicken jerky treats manufactured in China can cause gastrointestinal and/or kidney issues in some dogs. Until recently, virtually all commercially sold jerky treats in the United States were manufactured in China. Despite extensive investigations by numerous experts, the actual cause (s) of jerky-induced illnesses has not been identified.

When jerky-associated problems were first documented, savvy proprietors of many independently owned pet stores quit stocking Chinese-manufactured jerky treats. More recently, many of the big box stores have followed suit. These pet store changes have seemingly produced positive results. According to a February 2015 *Seattle Times* article, "For the first time in seven years, complaints that jerky pet treats made in China are sickening and killing America's animals, mostly dogs, have fallen sharply." Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman, Siobhan DeLancey reasoned, "We're not sure if this is because the products are off the market, because people are more aware of the problem, or because some of the products have been reformulated."



### New jerky-related problems

Ms. DeLancey was recently back in the news responding to reports of illnesses caused by jerky treats manufactured within the United States. In response to these new claims filed by veterinarians Ms. DeLancey stated, "We have found some of these products may contain ingredients from outside of the U.S. The FDA continues its investigation into these, as well as other, jerky treats potentially linked to illnesses." The implication is that jerky treats manufactured within the United States don't necessarily contain domestic ingredients. Whether or not the source of ingredients explains recently reported illnesses remains anyone's guess.

Some dogs who responded adversely to jerky treats manufactured within the United States experienced vomiting and diarrhea. More seriously affected dogs developed kidney failure, and some developed Fanconi Syndrome, a rare form of kidney disease seen primarily as an inherited disorder in the Basenji breed. Dr. Urs Giger, a veterinary geneticist, professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and

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leading expert on Fanconi Syndrome, reported that his laboratory began seeing many more non-Basenji cases of Fanconi Syndrome in or around 2007, all seemingly related to jerky consumption. Four hundred Fanconi cases were identified between 2009 and 2012, and Giger reports that he continues to see new cases weekly. The most recent cases are seemingly associated with consumption of jerky treats manufactured within the United States.

### **Jerky treats and your pet**

What does this information mean in terms of your dog's health? Jerky-induced illnesses remain a reality, and a "Manufactured within the United States" product label is not a guarantee of safety. Until the actual cause(s) of jerky-related illness is identified, I strongly encourage you to avoid feeding jerky products to your dogs, regardless of where they are manufactured. If your dog really loves jerky (can't live without it!), consider making your own. Until further notice, please stay away from the store bought stuff.

Based on this information, will you be altering your dog's jerky habit?

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## **Make Your Own Chicken Jerky Dog Treats**

Pet jerky treats, which include chicken, duck or sweet potato jerky treats, have now been linked to more than 1,000 deaths in dogs, more than 4,800 complaints about animal illness, and three human deaths. Despite exhaustive testing, the FDA has been unable to find a contaminant causing illnesses.

If you choose to feed your pet jerky treats, one option is to dry your own treats using a food dehydrator or your oven. This allows you to buy local, high-quality meats, giving you peace of mind about the safety of the ingredients.

### **Jerky Basics**

Dehydration preserves foods by removing moisture, which inhibits the growth of microorganisms. You can dehydrate most raw meats, such as slices of beef, chicken, turkey, fish, or liver, as well as many fruits and vegetables, such as sliced apples, sweet potatoes, and carrots.

Several brands of small dehydrators are reasonably priced and easy to use. These machines have stacked or slide-out trays that hold the food to be dehydrated. A motor provides heat and powers a fan that blows hot air over the food. A tray at the bottom catches excess moisture. **You can also dry foods in your oven — on a cookie sheet** — if it can be set at a low enough tempera-

ture. The lowest temperature for many ovens is 150 degrees Fahrenheit, and that's fine. Prop the oven door open a few inches with a towel so hot air laden with moisture can escape. This works well, but because your oven is also heating the air in the kitchen, it uses more energy than a food dehydrator would.

Store dehydrated foods in airtight containers in the refrigerator or freezer. Protect these foods from moisture and humidity, or they will spoil.

The American Veterinary Medical Association advises pet owners who feed jerky treats to do so in small quantities and only on occasion, especially with small-breed dogs.

### **Chicken Jerky Strips**

The thinner you slice the meat, the less time it takes to dry. Popping the meat into the freezer for about 15 minutes beforehand makes it easier to slice thinly.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast tenders, sliced into strips about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

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## Directions

1. Rinse off chicken breast and remove any fat. Fat slows down the dehydrating process and makes your jerky spoil faster. Slice the chicken with the grain. This will help make the jerky even chewier.
  2. Lightly coat the chicken slices with vegetable oil to prevent sticking.
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1. Place the chicken breast strips evenly on the tray, leaving space between them and making sure they do not touch each other.
  2. Once they are all in the dehydrator, turn it on and set the temperature to 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
  3. The jerky will probably take between three and 12 hours to fully dry, depending on how thick you cut your slices. Start checking it once every hour after the first hour. To check it, open up the tray and take one slice out. Cut it open with a sharp knife and examine the inside. You should see no moisture at all, and it should be the same color throughout. If it's not finished, put it back in for another hour. Once it gets close, check every half hour.

Once your jerky is done, store it in airtight containers. Write the date you made it on them. Out of the refrigerator, the treats last about 10 days in an airtight container. They'll keep in the refrigerator for approximately three weeks. They can also be frozen for up to eight months.

*Recipe courtesy of Excalibur Dehydrator (www.excaliburdehydrator.com).*

Treats should be fed in moderation. Consult your veterinarian any time you are making changes to your dogs food or diet.



With Spring upon us and the flowers starting to bloom, you should know which flowers, plants and bulbs are toxic to your pets, in the yard and in the house.



Tulip, hyacinth and daffodil bulbs can damage a dog's mouth and esophagus, leading to drooling, vomiting, severe diarrhea and even abnormal heart rhythms. Asiatic and Japanese lilies can cause severe kidney failure in cats. One or two leaves can kill them. Be sure to keep bulbs out of reach before planting and surround them with plenty of mulch; supervise your dog when they are outside as a precaution. For a complete list along with pictures of each plant/flower, you can go here: <http://www.entirelypets.com/toxicplants.html> But my favorite site is this one as it covers more flowers, plants, shrubs and trees. <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>





## TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) Test

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What a beautiful weekend we had for the TDX test (April 18 & 19).....the only bad part was that not even one dog passed.

But kudos go to our great competitors and their dogs. Don't give up cuz you guys CAN earn that TDX.

Kristie Rasmussen and Seti - Golden Retriever  
Tom Redmon and Smudge - Beagle  
Lucien Frederick and Rascal - Cocker Spaniel



Thanks to all the workers from our club that of course make our tests a success!!



Randy & Stephanie Evans and Michelle Larsen for hospitality

Michelle as TDX chair

Dorraine Clark as chief track layer

Bob Elder, Penny Morrison and Nancy Cook for laying track.

Wendy McCleery and Sean Jones for cross tracks ( we were NOT the problem to any of the dogs....just saying!)

Jeff McCleery for judges transportation

and of course....our favorite judges Ada McClory and Sally Diess for awesome tracks!!!

Bravo!!!

Wendy McCleery TDX secretary



## Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of April 2015

### Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club April 20, 2015 Board Meeting

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Judy Campbell, Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Michelle Larsen, Tom McLelland, George & Dorothy Hart, Donna Smith, Penny Morrison, Catherine Beattie, Jeanne Rankin, Darlana Quinn

Excused: Bob Elder, Christine Wright, Stephanie Evans

Guests: Linda McLelland

Meeting brought to order @ 7:39 pm

Minutes of March 2015 Board meeting approved as posted in the Newsletter. Wendy 1st Michelle 2nd

**President's Report:**

AKC has a new Rep for Rally and Obedience. They have also added another CGC test called the Urban CGC (Canine Good Citizen). You can read more about it here: <http://www.akc.org/news/akc-urban-canine-good-citizen/> It is more tuned to the "big City" life, whereas they need to learn to ride in Taxi's, trains, buses (mass transit), walk through buildings and ride on elevators.

**Executive Secretary's Report:**

Nothing at this time

**Home Secretary Report:**

Nothing at this time

**Treasurer's Report**

Everything is paid to date. Armory paid through June 2015.

**Vice President's Report:**

Sent cards. Wendy will be guest speaker for the April General Meeting on Conditioning your dog.

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

**Show Report:**

Everything good to go for the Sept shows.

**Training Report:**

Next sign up is May 6, 2015 with classes starting May 13, 2015.

CGC test will be Apr 29th @7:45pm

A motion was made to have the class fees for the Puppy/Beginning classes to be inclusive of the STAR Puppy fee. We normally charge the class fee and at the end of the 8 week course for all puppies (up to 1 year of age) passing the STAR Puppy evaluation, they are charged 5.00. We will no longer charge the 5.00 for any puppy in the puppy or beginning classes that pass the STAR Puppy evaluation. The 5.00 charge will still be charged for any dog passing the CGC test. Penny 1st, Michelle 2nd, no opposed, Motion passed.

**Hospitality:**

Randy & Stephanie fed everyone really well at the TDX test.

**Trophy Report:**

Looking for trophies for the Sept shows. Have idea, just need to find them.



**Committees:**

Advertising – Big Budha from Channel 13 will be at the Beehive Cluster shows on Friday

Agility – Agility is being held outside at 7pm

Obedience – All is ready for the shows next week

Rally –Ditto on above.

Tracking – TDX test had 3 entries, no one passed. :( TD test will be Sunday May 10th.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** May 18, 2015 @ Stephanie Evan's – 7:30pm

**Next General Meeting:** April 27, 2015 @ Columbus Center (in the Gym) – 7:00pm

Motion made to adjourn Michelle 1st – Donna 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting ended at 8:43 pm



## Proposed General Meeting Minutes of April 2015

### Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club General Meeting April 27, 2015

Member Attendance:, Michelle Larsen, Tom & Linda McLelland, Donna & Jack Smith, George & Dorathy Hart, Rich & Irene Lokcik, Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Sean & Kathleen Jones, Penny Morrison, Judy Campbell, Lind Benton, Jennifer Fischer, Yoshi & Byron Petersen, Ryan & Sally Pappas, Heather Snyder

Board Members Excused: Bob Elder, Jeanne Rankin, Stephanie Evans, Christine Wright, Darlana Quinn

Guests: Chris & Haley White, Teresa Dahl, David Day

Meeting to order 7:03 pm

General Meeting minutes for March 2015 accepted as submitted. Irene 1st, Donna 2nd, All in favor.

**President's Report:**

Welcomed all visitors, informed of a new CGC test the AKC has come up with called Urban CGC. It is more tuned to the city life, where dogs must show they are able to enter/exit and ride on buses, taxis and trains, enter and walk through buildings, elevators and down very busy streets with horns, sirens, etc.

**Executive Secretary's Report:**

Nothing at this time

**Home Secretary's Report:**

There is **NO** General Meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday. See you in June!

A note to all New & current members: You can find a copy of the clubs Constitution and By Laws, along with all meeting minutes on the clubs website @ <http://gsldtc.com/> under "Members Page".

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**Treasurer's Report**

Everything is paid to date,

**Vice President's Report:**

Wendy is guest speaker at tonight's meeting. Working on getting speakers for the June.

If ANYONE has any suggestions on a topic or a person they would like see speak at any of our General Meetings, please let Penny know @ pennlcm@yahoo.com

**Show Report:**

Everything ready to go

**Training Report:**

Next sign up May 6, 2015 with classes to start May 13th. CGC test will be April 29 @7:45 pm. At Board meeting a motion was made to NOT charge the 5.00 for any puppy in the Puppy or Beginning Classes that pass the STAR Puppy evaluation. The 5.00 fee will still be charged for any dog passing the CGC test.

**Hospitality:**

Randy & Stephanie fed everyone good at the TDX test.  
Donna will bring Cookies for the June Meeting

**Trophy Report:**

Looking for the trophies for the Sept shows.

**Committees:**

Advertising – Channel 13's Big Budha will be at the Beehive Cluster on Friday doing a spotlight.

Agility – Agility is outside at 7pm

Obedience –Everything set for this weekend.

Rally – Ditto on above

Tracking – TDX test had 3 entries and no passes. :( TD test May 10, 12 dog test, Judy Stronghurst & Kristi Rasmussen will judge, VST Oct 4, 2015.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

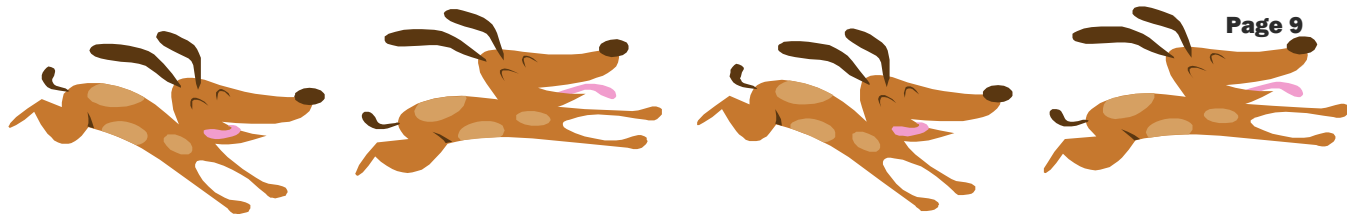
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**Next General Meeting:** June 22, 2015 – Columbus Center 7pm. In the Gym.

Linda motioned and Irene 2nd for meeting to adjourn. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.







## Member's Page

Our class sign ups were May 6th with classes starting May 13th. If you missed sign up, contact Wendy McCleery at [info@gsltdtc.com](mailto:info@gsltdtc.com) to see if there is an opening for you.

Open letter to all Rally Exhibitors at the Beehive Cluster shows from Rally Instructor Deb Nendell:

The GSLDTC Rally Class ROCKED the Rally ring this weekend! Six of our students showed at the Beehive Cluster this weekend, and five of them completed titles! April Bruce, Byron and Yoshi Petersen completed their Novice B titles, Dawn Buhlman finished her FIRST ever Novice A title, Brenda Farmer finished her RAE title, and Betsy Coleman started her journey to RAE with three High Combined awards and four legs in a row!



Jessica and I are extremely proud of our students! As is our tradition, new titlists bring treats to the class, so come and share in our joy and congratulate our new title holders!

If you haven't tried Rally, it's challenging, but FUN! Come and try it!

Deb Nendell

From Dorraine Clark: What a great day tracking ! We (Great Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club) had a 100% pass today! Congrats to Wendy McCleery , Kathy Murray and Julia Kirchenbauer !! These dogs earned their TD today!! YAY !! Thanks again to Kristie Rasmussen and Judy Stromquist for judging and providing wonderful tracks. May 10, 2015



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