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GREAT SALT LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB

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**Watch for 2026 Events in the
January Newsletter**



January Classes

December

NO CLASSES

January

Tuesday Classes which begin in January Sign up for these classes on Jan 6 @ 7:00 PM		Wednesday classes which begin in January Sign up for these classes on Jan 7 @ 7:00 PM	
Advanced Rally	7:00 PM	Beginning Obedience	7:00 PM
Beginning Scent	7:00 PM	Intermediate Obedience	7:00 PM
Beginning Rally	8:00 PM	Beginning Puppy	7:00 PM
Advanced Scent	8:00 PM		

Classes run **8 weeks**, giving you plenty of time to learn, grow, and have fun with your four-legged family member along the way.

Click on this link to see class descriptions:
<http://gsldtc.com/training/>

Class Sign Up Information:

- **Where:** West Jordan Utah National Guard Armory,
7602 So. Airport Road, West Jordan, UT [*Click for Directions*](#).
- **How to Enter the building:** Entry for signups and all classes is on the South side of the building
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October 27th General Meeting Minutes

General Meeting –Oct 27, 2025 – Columbus Center

Meeting brought to order by Betsy Coleman, Interim President

Betsy – President, voted in 4 new members. WELCOME!

Kelley & Chris Marusich (couple)
Amy Young (couple)
Sharon Ogden
Danielle Wiley
Ian Rappleye & Xiaofan Gu (couple)

Kristie – Show Chair. The Obedience and Rally Trial are coming up on Nov 8th – 8th, It is being held indoors at the Bastain Agricultural Center. It should be a great show. We have a lot of entries and many people participating. We still need volunteers to help with set-up on Thursday starting at noon and take-down on Sunday after the show ends, which should be early afternoon.

If you have any donations for the Auction/Raffle, please let Kristie know or bring it with you to the show. The drawing for the Raffle will be held on Saturday afternoon. We will be setting up the items for both the Raffle and Auction on Thursday during set-up of the rings.

Michelle Larsen – Hospitality Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday Jan 24th, 2026, in Sandy. Starts at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. Suggestion for dinner R & R BBQ. More information to come

Volunteer for treats at the next General Meeting – Austin K

Maria Sheehan – Trophy Chair. I am still asking for sponsorship for the November Show. I will be sending around a list for sign-up.

Penny and Austin – Training CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE TRAINING CLASSES BEING HELD IN JANUARY 2026. SIGN-UPS WILL BE THE FIRST TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY. THERE ARE SCENT, RALLY, & OBEDENCE CLASSES. *No classes will be held in December.*

Ali Hart – Advertising Thank you to all who volunteered for the farmers markets. They are done for the year.

Toni S – Scent November Trial will be fantastic. We have filled all spots and have a waiting list. If you want to learn more about Scent Work, come and volunteer. February will be a 2-day trial at Nightmare on 13th. More to come on this trial

Jennifer – Tracking **GSLDTC's 2nd TDU Event Recap – Sugar House Park**

October 27th General Meeting Minutes-cont'd

This past Sunday, GSLDTC hosted its second Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) event at Sugar House Park. While the park's popularity brought high foot traffic and numerous off-leash dogs, our dedicated team of spotters and volunteers worked tirelessly to keep the fields clear. Most park-goers responded positively and cooperated, but due to the ongoing challenges, I recommend considering a different venue for future events.

Despite the hurdles, we had **six incredible teams** participate. Although there were no passes this time, the spirit and determination of each team were truly inspiring.

We were overwhelmed by the **phenomenal volunteer support** across both Saturday and Sunday. A heartfelt thank you to our **Head Track Layer Dorraine Clark**, and our **Track Layers**: Lacey Goforth, Sheryl Gregg Hohle, Kelley Lytle Marusich, Kathy Murray, Dan Wheeler, and Bob Elder. You made the tracks come to life!

Special shoutouts to:

- **Penny**, who was a rockstar as our judges' chauffeur
- **Michelle**, for her outstanding hospitality keeping everyone warm with a delicious hot lunch
- **Misty**, our amazing trial secretary who kept everything running smoothly
- Our **Judges Kristie Rasmussen and Judy Campbell**, whose expertise and support were invaluable. A personal thank you to Judy—your guidance kept me grounded!

As I wrap up my time as **Tracking Chair**, I want to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve this past year. It's been an honor. I'm excited to support **Kelley** as she steps into the role and leads us forward.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Your dedication and teamwork are what make GSLDTC so special.

Nomination Committee, Michelle, Ali & Betsy

The nominating committee announced the Board approved nominations. There was 1 nomination from Jodie/Kristie for Tavia D for Trophy. Tavia did submit her written approval for her nomination. This position was open, so the nomination was accepted. The nominating committee asked if there were any other nominations and/or questions. They asked if anybody disagreed with the nominations. Nominations were put in place.

The following individuals were voted in by voice vote.

President:	Tom McLelland
Vice President:	Michelle Larsen
Secretary:	Amanda VanAusdal "Acting"
Treasurer:	Judy Campbell
Show:	Betsy Coleman
Equipment:	Mike VanAusdal "Acting"
Hospitality:	Kelley Pippins "Acting" Michelle Larsen "Interim"
Training:	Austin Kalfaolu and Cindy Whitehair
Trophy Chair:	Tiva DiFrancesco "Acting"

A Scent Work Demonstration was put on by Toni, Lisa and Austin.



Please welcome our 2026 Officers & Committee Chairs

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Helpful Tips from AKC



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The [American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](#) recommends consistent training using rewards, establishing a routine for puppies, and prioritizing basic healthcare like regular grooming and vet visits. Other tips include managing your dog's diet and environment, using treats strategically for training, and ensuring both physical and mental stimulation for your dog's overall well-being.

Training and socialization

- Use rewards consistently: Link good behavior with rewards to teach your dog what you want. This could be asking for a "sit" before clipping on a leash or giving food.

- Vary rewards: Use different tiers of rewards for different challenges. Easier tasks can earn less-exciting treats, while more difficult or distracting situations should be rewarded with high-value treats or playtime.
- Establish routines: Maintain a consistent daily schedule for your puppy, including feeding, potty breaks, and bedtime. This helps them anticipate events and aids in house training.
- Encourage socialization: Gradually acclimate your dog to being handled and to new people and situations. For example, practice the "accepting a friendly stranger" exercise from the Canine Good Citizen test by having someone approach and shake the owner's hand while the dog remains calm.
- Provide mental stimulation: Offer toys and games to keep your dog mentally stimulated, which can include chew toys and training classes.

Health and wellness

- Prioritize healthcare: Find a veterinarian you trust and establish a routine for check-ups.
- Brush teeth regularly: Brush your dog's teeth at least once or twice a week, as biscuits and bones are not enough to prevent plaque and tartar buildup.
- Groom regularly: Brush your dog at least once a week to prevent tangles and check for parasites. Bathe only when necessary to avoid drying out their skin and coat.
- Ensure proper nutrition: Provide a nutritious, well-balanced diet suitable for your dog's age and activity level, and always ensure they have fresh water.

Safety and environment

- Feed at the same times each day and don't leave food down longer than 10-20 minutes.
- Keep it clean: Always clean up after your dog in public spaces.
- Protect from toxins: Keep your dog away from chemically treated lawns and toxic plants.
- Watch out for litter: Never use clumping cat litter where dogs have access to it, as it is toxic if ingested and can cause intestinal blockages.

A few photos from our November Rally & Obedience Trial



Hannah Miller and Stella



Hannah Miller and Jovi



Cindy Whitehair and Pearl in Rally Advanced



Betsy Coleman and Goose in Obedience



Rebekah Hecox and Sage earned their rally Novice



Emily Tan and Nori with their new Rally Advanced title

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Betsy Coleman and Dutton, High in trial in Obedience



Let's hear from you!



Over the 4th of July, club member **Cindy Whitehair** and her Miniature American Shepherd Pearl (Moonbaby's Pirates Pride) participated in the American Kennel Club Rally National Championship which was held at the Purina Farms in Grey Summit, Missouri. They received three qualifying scores for a two day total of 283.

Share your brags—send us a pic of you and your dog at one of our classes, trainings or while you are volunteering for our club.

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