



Fox Valley's WAGGIN'

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1994

'A Well Trained Dog Is A Happy Dog'

FVDTC - Waggin Tales

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Please take the time to read the following page for some very important information that will be discussed at the November 2nd Membership Meeting. The meeting will start at 7:30 and is held at the Kane County Extension Building (the usual place).



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Once upon a time (a little levity to start a very serious topic), several concerned club members suggested that the board members develop an operating budget for 1994. So the board began our journey into the dreaded kingdom of "Fiscal Responsibility" (maybe the Federal Government should take note of that concept). (can you tell that this is being done very late at night and with very little sleep??)

Many long hours were spent developing this budget; individually as well as in a group. (So many ideas of how to get the club's finances back on a positive note were discussed that my pen was positively smoking by the end of these meetings.) Finally, at the September Membership meeting, a balanced budget was presented for final approval. However, there was ONE teeny, tiny glitch - a special one-time assessment fee to be paid by all club members was presented as a way of getting our bottom line back to black (not red). It was determined that at the rate that we are cashing in our CD's, they will be spent in approximately 2-1/2 years. Rather than risk losing our entire 'nest-egg', we thought of asking all of our current members to share a small bit of the burden. Which is why you are now reading this on the front page of the October Waggin' Tails. Believe us - asking for more money is not our idea of a good time (especially if you have heard the discussions regarding this topic at the September and October Membership meetings).

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Part of the discussion at that meeting was the concern that not enough notification time was given to all of our members regarding this topic. The following evening, at training, the minutes of the September meeting were available for pick-up by members - a notice was even posted on the door to remind everyone to pickup this important information.

When this item was brought up at the October Membership meeting, the following occurred. This is exactly how it is worded in the minutes published elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Two Show quality male Pugs,
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Armstrong at (708)513-7218.

From Nancy Hammarlund:

NEW BOOK FOR 1994...
The Intelligence of Dogs by
Stanley Coren. (Canine conscious-
ness and Capabilities)
Nancy's comments is that it is
just wonderful. Stanley Coren is
a professor of Psychology at the
Univ. of British Columbia, in
addition a dog trainer and
authority on dog intelligence.



"It's Bob, all right ... but look at those
vacuous eyes. that stupid grin on his face

From your "Editor"...

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful fall we are having! It is one of my most favorite times of the year. My one son is now practicing on a plastic flute (recorder) for music class. After just a minute of his playing while sitting in our camper in Wisconsin, I politely kicked him out and found him a wonderful spot to sit, under a huge Maple tree turned yellow next to a clearing in our woods. The flute music that echoed out from that spot was much more pleasing to the ear. (Especially when he hit the right notes) I thought of this sunny, beautiful spot and his playing when stuck in traffic coming home from the MRC show last Friday. I hope you all take time this fall to stop at a "special spot" and look around when out walking the dog(s). Enjoy the colors, smells and "warm" feeling of the fall!

This issue of WT is full of things! IMPORTANT info on member meetings, trial preparations, and banquet plans. PLEASE READ IT ALL!!! A personal thank-you to Sally Compton and Taffy Wille (Denise Schielle, too) for helping me out with WT. Taffy and Denise for getting labels made, and Sally for picking issues up at the printers and bringing them to training to be handed out. Although Sally has "retired" from the front table, she has generously offered to do this being that I live to far away to make the printers before they close at night. please remember to write your name down when you get your WT, any postage saved will help the club out!!

Cindy



AWARDS BANQUET IS PLANNED FOR MARCH 11, 1995

We need to pick - Buffet or Family style dinner; the price is \$16.50 for either, including tax and gratuity. This is for the dinner only. Prices are subject to change. If we want to include a selection of Hors d'oeuvres with the cash bar prior to the banquet, that will be about \$3.95 extra. I need your thoughts on what you prefer!!! Please let me know... Bev Nicholson, 365-6938.

Long Island Sound Banquets



Your Hosts
Sam Poulos
Tom Schober

1920 E. New York St.
Aurora, Illinois 60505
Phone: 708-898-4671
Fax: 708-898-4992

FAMILY STYLE MENU

PLAN #1

Choice of 3 Entrees (all three served)
Tender Sliced Sirloin of Beef
Sugar Cured Ham
Baked Chicken w/Dressing
Fried Chicken
Roast Pork and Dressing
Baked Lasagna or Vegetable Lasagna
Mozzarella and Meat Sauce
Fried Ocean Perch

Served with
Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressing
Vegetable
Choice of Mashed or Au Gratin Potatoes,
Ribs and Butter

Beverage:
Coffee: Regular and Decaffeinated
Tea: Hot or Iced Tea

Dessert:
Sherbet or Ice Cream

The delicious sit-down dinner served Family Style
makes a filling and enjoyable evening for everyone.
Price at \$12.95*

*Per six and 1/2 hours

To be eligible for awards, the following requirements must be met:

1. The dog must receive a portion of its training at FVDTTC.
2. The member must attend three membership meetings during the year.
3. The member must work three times during the year at three separate events — monthly matches or clinic, graduation, annual Obedience Trial or Tracking Tests.

Note: Obedience trial or tracking test each will count as one event though they may cover a two-day span; i.e., one day setting up or plotting track — one day the actual trial or test.

Membership as used in these eligibilities is a person in good standing in FVDTTC and is the person showing the dog.

The policy of Fox Valley DTC is:

To give awards and patches to AKC titles earned where all AKC recognized breeds are able to participate; i.e., breed obedience, tracking — specifically CH, CD, CDX, UD, OTCH, TD, TDX or — international equivalent. All other titles or degrees conferred by the AKC or an AKC-sanctioned breed club will receive a certificate of recognition.

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Choice of 3 Entrees plus Mashed & B. Burgundy

Hand Carved Beef
B.B.Q. Ribs
Baked Chicken w/Dressing
Fried Chicken
Baked Sugar Cured Ham
Beef Stroganoff

Baked Lasagna
Tenderloin Beef Tips and Noodles
Baked Swiss Steak
Roast Pork w/Dressing
Thuringer w/Sauerkraut
Fried Filet of Perch (ocean)

Served with Assorted Salads: Cheese &

Tossed Lettuce Salad
Macaroni Salad
Potato Salad
Coleslaw

Spaghetti Salad
Green Pea and Bacon Salad
Cottage Cheese
Jelly Mold

Beets w/Olive

Choice of Mashed or au Gratin Potatoes

Fresh Vegetable

Cheese Tray

Relish Tray w/Dip

For Dessert you have a choice:

Cake Square or Apple Crisp

and of course:

Ribs and Butter

Coffee: Regular or Decaffeinated

Tea: Hot and Iced Tea

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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

First, I'd like to take a few seconds to acknowledge the fine job that Rick Cox did (on especially short notice, approximately 5 minutes) for presiding over the September meeting. He tried really hard, but to no avail, to get out of it.

Nancy Einwich distributed the first six months of 1994 Financial Report, as well as a report from the same time last year - which showed a greater deficit than last years deficit. Quite an eye-opener. More follows at this end of this report.

Wally O'Brien thanked Cindy Pakenas, Ann and Mark Wheeland for the fantastic job of putting on the picnic. And also thanked Cindy Pakenas and Howard Bernier for all their help during the recent CGC test. Also asked for volunteers to become involved in future CGC tests. Asked for anyone who might be interested in instructing at a 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class and a 7:00 p.m. Puppy class. These classes start on September 8th.

Linda Benson, as the Trophy Collection Chairperson, reported that to date, eight booths have been reserved for the whole trial weekend. This is in large part to the efforts of the Car-Dun-Al Booth Committee. They have secured duel reservations. Premium lists are at the printers. Gail O'Brien reported that the sign-up board is available at training to volunteer to steward at the Trial. Just a reminder, and you will be reminded by Linda ("shy and reserved" that she is), to please make good on any promise you might have made regarding the sponsorship of a trial trophy. And if you haven't sponsored a specific trophy, but have a few dollars burning a hole in your pocket, please feel free to donate **ANY** amount to the General Trophy fund. The more pennies that each of us donate, means less is coming out of our sadly "red" treasury.

Cindy Rodeback reiterated that the format of the newsletter has changed from a set deadline to a more flexible deadline. This is for a multitude of reasons: fits into her busy schedule better, more cost effective (less issues printed/mailed annually), and allows for more information to be compiled. PLEASE give her stuff to print - otherwise we're in for more Mastiff stories! Will have one more issue before the Trial and one more issue prior to Christmas.

Denise Schiele read a list of 15 new members. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new members as read. Five of the 15 were present at the meeting. Welcome!!! Announced that effective October 1st, Taffy Wille has volunteered to take over the responsibilities of this position. *Thanks Denise for all your hard work and effort.* And thanks to Taffy - I think her computer is going to be "smokin" with all of the Fox Valley stuff, between the Awards and Membership.

Sandy Walsh had nothing to report. Just thought I'd throw that in there.

With the upcoming retirement of Sally, we will be in need of someone to fill her shoes - as if that is even remotely possible. Currently, she sits at the Information table each week and answers all sorts of questions, points people in the right direction on the classes first night, etc., etc., etc. In addition, she also keeps on eye on the sign-up board as the Match Ring Steward Chairperson - and reports on any impending vacancies that could threaten to ability of the club to hold a match.

Thanks for all your miscellaneous services, Sally!!

Helen Wasilewski's information was reported by Carolyn Pearson - envelopes will available at the table the week prior to the correction clinic to accept club member's entries. The judges will be responsible for reporting who was actually stewarding at the matches. They will fill out an index card with names and return them to Helen. *If you are a steward, make sure your name is recorded on that card so that you receive credit.*

Nancy Pederson reported that the Front & Finish centerfold was published in July. The Front & Finish ad for the November 13th Obedience Trial was published in the September issue and will appear in the November issue (complete with minor errors).



Taffy Wille again announced that scores/work credits can be given to her on an ongoing basis. These records will be kept to help alleviate the year-end crunch prior to the Awards Banquet. Also, reminded members that if they are unsure of their attendance at the three required meetings, she has that information available. The Long Island Sound Banquet room, in Aurora, has been reserved for March 11th. The price has not yet been determined.

Wally O'Brien reported that Tracklayers are needed for tests on September 17th and 18th. The time commitment is approximately two to four hours starting at about 8:00 a.m. both days. Also asked for anyone who might be interested in being the Tracking Secretary and Chairperson for the Spring 1995 tests. He swears that this is a great intro to tracking if you have any type of curiosity.

Cindy Pakenas won \$10.00 from the Monthly Dollar Bucket. The remaining \$10.00 was given to Gail O'Brien for the refreshments for the September Membership meeting. *Mega-thanks also are extended to Gail* for all the hard work that goes into preparing refreshments for our meeting. (p.s. Those who missed the oatmeal cookies really lost out on a great treat).

***** NOTEWORTHY ITEMS *****

New Business - The Budget

Wally O'Brien represented the Board and presented the final results of the 1994 Operating budget after many hours of discussion (sometimes heated, sometimes slap-happy). Each item was presented and discussed if necessary. The most discussion ensued with the board's recommendation to collect a one-time fee of \$20.00 (see the motion below). This fee would alleviate part of the deficit that the club is currently running.

In addition to the one-time fee, it was also suggested that we might raise more income by increasing the fees charged for the correction clinics and sanctioned matches. Sandi Stevenson made the following motion, it was seconded by Diane Propst and approved by all members present:

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A money-making venture was suggested as a raffle to be held at the Second Annual Christmas party. All prizes would be donated by club members. Start thinking of ideas of things that you would like to donate. They can be "doggy" or not. More details will follow as time gets closer to Christmas.



**Greetings from your new Membership
Roster Chairperson --**

Taffy Wille
1308 Big Oak Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
(708) 897-7673

My name is Taffy Wille and I've been a member of the club since February, 1992. My address and phone number are below for those who need to make any changes to the current records, or for anyone who might otherwise need to reach me. You may also track me down during training as I'm there almost every week. For those who may not know me, I work a liver and white English Springer Spaniel named "Maverick".



October Membership Meeting Highlights

Ann Wheeland's report was given by Carolyn. Everything is on target. So far Open B and Utility B have the most entries. Some of the ideas that were discussed in prior meetings by the membership on how to solve the never-ending battle of "poop patrol", were again discussed. The results were the following:

- There will be two areas fenced off and clearly marked - "Poop Pasture/Manure Meadow" by the main building and one area by the trade building. Plastic bags will also be supplied there.
- Will request a \$1.00 donation for parking and hand out plastic bags to each vehicle. Volunteers to collect the money and hand out plastic bags will be needed at one hour prior the trial's starting time until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Taffy Wille read a list of 9 new members. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new members as read. None were present at the meeting.

Sally Compton reported that there are currently enough stewards signed up for the October 20th Correction Clinic. Several stewards are still needed for November.

Helen Wasilewski reported that three judges were still needed for the October Correction Clinic, received two and/or possibly three volunteers.

Nancy Pederson reported that posters will be available for distribution by club members in November. Several announcements have been distributed to the local media.

Taffy Wille reiterated that award information may be turned in to her at any time. So avoid the "holiday" rush and submit the information now. New forms will be available in a future issue of Waggin' Tails, but until then the old forms may still be submitted to her. She also reported, as the Awards Dinner Co-chairperson that the format and some of the costs (i.e. appetizers/no appetizers, etc.) will be determined by a survey from the members who plan to attend the Award's Dinner. This survey will be distributed in the future.

Wally O'Brien reported that Gail O'Brien will be the Tracking Secretary for the 1995 Spring Tracking Test.

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A discussion was initiated regarding the fees that were included in the motion from the September Membership Meeting. It was decided that the new fee structure was actually decreasing the fees charged for Non-members for the correction clinics and sanctioned matches. Sandi Stevenson made a friendly amendment to her previous motion, it was seconded by Wally O'Brien (Diane Propst did the original motion) and approved by all members present:

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NOTES ON THE TRIAL.....

ALL OF YOU WHO VOTED ON HAVING A "UNLIMITED" TRIAL THIS YEAR.....ARE YOU WORKING IT FOR THE CLUB THAT DAY???????

STEWARDS NEEDED - Talk to Gail O'Brian
HOSPITALITY - Find Cindy Pakenas
Clean-up(grounds) & Money takers at gate - See below! (Carolyn)

WE NEED donations of deserts also. Cookies, Brownies, etc., but no cakes, please, they get abit messy.

Trophy Donations are still being accepted. Contact Linda Bensen if you wish to contribute. Any \$ amount will be greatly appreciated.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EVER POPULAR
'GROUNDS COMMITTEE'**

Please contact Carolyn Pearson at (708) 231-5658 if you need to fulfill a "work requirement" and have a small amount of spare time on November 13th. I have several positions that need filling and really do not require extensive time commitments. This year, we will be asking for a \$1.00 donation at the gate for parking (includes a free disposable "pooper picker-upper"). I am in need of some people who would be willing to sit at the gate for approximately one hour time slots - Great idea for someone who is not showing first thing but likes to arrive early to get a prime crate location. I am looking for people who are available anywhere from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

In addition, I also need someone who can spare approximately 10 minutes every 1-1/2 hours to go outside to the "Poop Pastures/Manure Meadows" to make sure that our free disposable "pooper picker-uppers" are actually being used. If I can coerce (I mean obtain) enough volunteers, I don't think that this will be an all-day affair either.

REMEMBER - We ALL voted for an unlimited entry trial - let's make it successful - VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING!!!!





Upper Mid-West News

by
Sandy Mowery
14087 Centerville Road
Highland, Wisconsin

NAME THIS SPOT

Who would have thought it would be so hard to start out? Everybody, take pen in hand and help!

First, send me suggestions for a title for this new column. Something clever or classy or just real doggy... Then send me opinions of all kinds. Let me know what you'd like to see appear here on this page. We in the Southern Wisconsin-Northern Illinois area are second to none in our training skill, dedication and enthusiasm: here's our chance to share information, address concerns, give credit where it's due, brag a little, and perhaps even bitch a bit.

If the photo I sent can be used, you may remember me better in the ring with Siberian Huskies. Although I'm not very competitive by nature, I have the deepest love and respect for the sport of obedience, on the "something for everyone" principle. I've seen children gain self-confidence, and seniors find a new leash on life. I can admire the hard work and dedication it takes to be a top trainer, while respecting equally the folks who just don't have time to achieve perfection or whose dogs must serve many masters as family pet, playmate, or canine therapist.

The one thing we share—and it's a big one—is our love of dogs. Behind all the fun social activities of trials and clubs, the hub of the wheel, is one person alone with one dog as they attempt to communicate. I think there's something really special about that, and I hope this column will reflect it. We live in a world too often hostile to our canine friends, and hopefully we can support one another while helping to educate and encouraging new people to join us.

So, let me know what you think, what you like, what you want to read and what you think others want to see here. Tell me about your clubs and your activities. For example, I have an idea that we need a kind of central intelligence in our area so people can find out where and when the run-thrus are, and where we can go to train.

Write to me about other activities you're into with dogs: agility, flyball, therapy work, whatever. My own area has become very involved in the problem of unwanted dogs, fostering and placing them. You quickly get into the dark side of the human/animal bond here, and the longer you look the more you see, unfortunately.

Let me know about anything you think is special: any special handler, special dog, or special achievement. Brag about yourself or a friend. I can't promise I'll use all of it but I can promise I'll enjoy hearing from you. I'm hoping I'll make new friends through this column, and that we'll all get to know each other better.

Thanks
for the thank-you

Bally



But right now, I'd just like a title for this thing! C'mon, I know you can think of a good one-like naming a dog. I'm really serious, I need help!

And so, until I hear from you, I'll close with something I wrote a few years ago, which my friends have liked:

What Is An Obedience Title, Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

Contributed by
Sandy Stephenson

Wayne beagle takes 3rd in national competition

A beagle named Squiggles with a "super attitude toward working" has confirmed her owner's faith in her — and won third place in the seventh annual Grand Prix of Dog Agility National Championships.

Squiggles' owner, Maryette Huber of Wayne, calls dog agility competitions "the spectator sport of the dog world."

She explains the course this way: "The dog is asked to run obstacle course and is scored on time plus performance. The obstacles — approximately 20 of them — include hurdles, an A-frame, saw and a variety of tunnels. The obstacles are scattered according to a pattern that the judges determine. They are not straight-on, but have a lot of turns and curves that make them challenging. The dog has no collar or leash and must listen to the handler who tells the dog what obstacles to take. The handler can give hand signals and voice commands, but cannot touch the dog or obstacles."

Huber says the sport came to the United States about 10 years ago from England. It's based on equestrian horse-jumping events with other obstacles added for the canines.

The dogs, Huber says, enjoy being the center of attention at the competitions. "The dogs do well when the public cheers them on," she said.

Last month, the national championships at the Astro Arena in Houston, Texas, attracted more than 1,000 dogs from across the nation. The dogs had qualified by winning regional contests. The contests are sponsored by the United States Dog Agility Association. The Grand Prix in Houston was sponsored by Pedigree dog food.

Huber took Squiggles and her black Labrador retriever Licorice, to Houston for the championships. They, and another of Huber's Labs, Rainbow, earned first place awards in three Midwest regionals: Licorice in St. Louis, Mo., Rainbow in St. Paul, Minn., and Squiggles in Detroit.

While it was Squiggles' first contest, it was not the first for Huber.

She raises Labrador retrievers and said she started her dogs in agility competition seven years ago.

"I've been involved with dogs for 15 years," Huber says, explaining that she also is a professional trainer. "After training dogs for field work and obedience, the agility sport really excited me. But I wanted a smaller, more competitive dog for the agility competition. Labs do a nice job, but they are large and the sport goes to the quickest and smallest dog."

About a year ago, Huber became Squiggles' owner. "I played around with her as she took to it (agility) quickly," Huber explains. "She was proving herself every time, out there winning."

Huber has competed for a couple of years with the Labrador retrievers and compliments Licorice, saying her 10-year-old dog is holding his own in the same class with 2-year-olds.

Huber trains her dogs daily, but says the training is short — 15 to 20 minutes per dog. Nearly all winners in the agility competition are trainers, she says and have lots of experience handling dogs.

Huber moved to Wayne 2 1/2 years ago from New Jersey and said she loves the area. "It's very conducive to dog training," she says.

And for people who want to see a dog agility competition, Huber says there will be one Oct. 22 and 23 at Four Seasons Park in Plainfield. The Windy City Dog Agility Club, based in Chicago, will host a regional competition next spring, she added.



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WALLY O'BRIAN - Rottweiler - KATIE
Sept. 11 TDX!!!

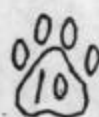
CINDY PAKENAS - Golden - KELSEY ANN
July 16 & 17 Sydenham Valley DTC, Wallaceburg, Ontario
OPEN B - 191,196½, & 197 (3rd place) CDX!!

ERICA PARENTI - Sheltie - SHADOW
August 6 Douglas County Fair, Castle Rock, CO
Jr. Showmanship 4th place
Obedience 12th place
Sept. 5 Colorado KC, Denver, CO
Jr. Showmanship (Novice Jr.) 2nd place
Sept. 10 & 11 Scottish/Irish Festival, Estes Park, CO
Herding Instinct Test - PASSED! NEW HIC!
Sept. 18 Centennial Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Denver
Sanctioned B Match
Jr. Showmanship (Novice Jr.) 1st place & BEST JR. HANDLER!



LINDA CAMPBELL - Lab - CHELSEA
Oct. 1 Hamilton Dog Obedience Club, Canada
1st trial - 189½ 2nd trial - 190½
Oct. 2 3rd trial - 194½, 3rd place, Can. CD! 4th trial - NQ!
Special thanks to Ronnie Bizer/Kanosak for arranging this trip.
We had great fun! Also thanks to Cheryl and Dave Lewis for sharing their comfortable van with us and to Jericho for putting up with Chelsea(CUJO!)

MARIETTA HUBER - Lab - LICORICE and Beagle - SQUIGGLES
August 3 & 4 Gem City Dog Obedience Club, Inc., Dayton, Ohio
LICORICE - Masters Standard - 1st place
Masters Standard - 2nd place
Masters Gamblers - 1st place
Stategic Pairs - 2nd place
Masters Jumpers - 3rd place
SQUIGGLES- Advanced Standard - 1st place, 2nd leg
Advanced Standard - 1st place, 3rd leg & new title
Advanced Snooker - 1st place, 1st leg
Advanced Gamblers - 1st place
Advanced Pairs - 3rd place
August 5 Columbus Agility, Dayton, Ohio
LICORICE - Masters Gamblers - 1st place
Masters Standards - 2nd place
SQUIGGLES- Advanced Standard - 1st place & 4th leg
Advanced Paris Relay - 1st place & 1st leg
Advanced Gamblers - 1st place
SEE STORIES ABOUT MARIETTA IN OTHER PARTS OF WAGGIN TALES!!!!!!



WHERE I STAND IN THIS WORLD...

By Cindy Rodeback

I now know where I stand in this world. Everyone has a place, or calling, and it seems that I have "found" mine, or it has conveniently found me. After my oldest son started school I soon found that I was now known as "Carsen's Mom". (Many of you with children of your own are grinning right now) You're at school, games, in town and you hear, Hi Carsen's mom! Then it became "Porrest's mom" after that! Once in awhile I do get "Mrs. R"; but that's a rarity. But then of course there's the dogs. WE ALL have been called things like "Bridger's mom" or "Bonni's mom" and I have found that when you even have one NON-DOG person mingling with a group of DOG people the looks you receive on this statement are of utter disbelief. (How can you be a dog's mom?)

This year our oldest had his first year in 4-H. We trucked everything from rockets, dead bugs, artwork, turkeys and a Mastiff to the county fair. We were very pleased with what he accomplished and what the whole family learned in his exploring and working on these projects, but of course, when the Mastiff and he won the DOG CARE I class, that made our day!

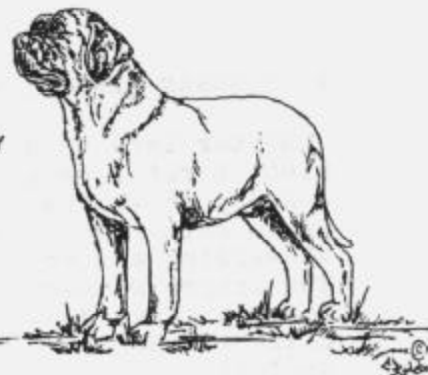
Early in August we have our annual "Coon Creek Days" for our small town celebration, which includes the usual parade. Carsen chose to ride on the 4-H float, and, of course, take along the prize winning Bridger! Now, alot of the kids riding were farm kids, and some of their parents still think it's a little extreme having a dog as big as a calf or a pig living in our house with us. So there were the usual comments as Dean and I lifted the front end up, then boosted the other end up on the hayrack. The kids all love Bridger though, so the thought of a giant dog riding on their float was a great idea to them. I decided to walk next to them with a couple of the other adult leaders, as the kids were throwing candy and we wanted to watch over them. Plus I wanted to let Bridger know that his "mom" was close by. I have to say at this point that this dog has been through alot in his 5 years with us. Everything I have ever asked him to do he has come through for me. For those of you who are not familiar with him, Bridger has spent a day under lights shooting a commercial, has his Am. & Can. CD's, has gone to countless nursing homes to work as a therapy dog, has given demonstrations at schools, banquets and libraries, traveled all over and slept in strange hotels while earning his Championship, has backpacked in state parks with us and overall has taken everything in stride that this strange human family has asked him to do. With only giving me that "Aw mom, NOW what are we doing?" look. But always getting up from that comfortable spot and coming along. So, I honestly think the idea of him riding and me walking made his day!

Now, all of us with these big guys know the usual comments that we hear all the time when in public with a Mastiff. It's a ritual, we all know and accept that. Sometimes we don't get 10 feet from the last spot before we are asked the same questions again. (My kids are ~~now~~ programmed with the answers now-one plus in having kids) So as I walked along the parade route I heard the usual, "Look at that DOG!", "look at the size of his head!" "IS THAT A DOG?" and the all knowing, "Oh, that's a Bullmastiff" (just smile at these folks). But as I walked, and walked, and walked some more, I began to realize that there was another sound coming from the crowds lining the streets. More and more I heard shouts coming from the crowds that were directed AT my dog.

Person after person was calling out "Hey, there's Bridger!", "Hi, Bridger!", "That's Bridger!" (the comment, "what am I, chopped liver" came to my mind numerous times.) But then I began to realize just how many friends and fans this dog has. How many people he has touched with his gentle ways, big heart, and wet mouth. By the end of the parade, I didn't mind walking next to him while he rode. I knew where I rated in the "standings" of life. I have a best friend who has such loyalty to me that he'll do anything I ask of him. And do it with such confidence in me and unquestioning faith that all will be well in the end.

He deserved to ride and have folks call his name. I was walking pretty darn tall by the end of that parade because I knew what I have...and where I stood. I'm Bridger's Mom!

(This was originally wrote for the MMF Newsletter; Midwest Mastiff Fanciers. Thought I'd share another one of "Bridgers's Adventures" with you!)



SHARING

So it's to school
a working day...

To heel, sit, down
& stay...
To take the leash
To fetch
To come...

I'll learn them all
thy will be done...

But in return, for
freedom lost,
I must request
this tiny cost...

Be gently patient
with this heart of
mine
When I do well,
to me, be kind...

As Dog & Human,
we thus shall blend...
To well trained master
and faithful friend.



FROM SUSAN LEADER: 4-H dog project leader for Kane County



Better late than never! I wanted to pass along some 4-H news to the club. First I want to thank Trudi Kim and Linda Bensen for judging the 4-H dog show. The other judge for Dog Care was Dr. Craig Zabel from Sugar Grove Animal Hospital. Thanks also to Jim Bensen and Robin Ulrich for stewarding and to Sally Compton for just coming out to watch the kids! The Trophy Winners for this year were: Carsen Rodeback & Mastiff Bridger for Dog Care, Jennifer Fukala & Golden Duchess for Beginning Obedience, Elizabeth Henryson & Border Collie Chase for Grad. Beginn., Teresa Gouldsberry & Golden Tank for Novice I (1st year Nov.), Sarah Phelps & Aussie Mix Freckles for Novice II, Becky Larson & Sheltie Nickolas for Grad. Nov., and Amy Bemis & Sheltie Chau Si for Jr. Showmanship. Sarah Phelps also won High in Trial with a score of 192. Becky Larson and Amy Bemis both went to State Fair with their dogs. Becky did not place in the show, but got a qualifying score. Amy placed 3rd at State Fair, beaten by two handlers who have won at many AKC Jr. Showmanship shows. Thanks to Trudi Kim for helping Amy before going to State Fair, otherwise Amy did the Jr. Showmanship project on her own!!

BIG TIME WINS IN T E X A S !

The highlight of the year for club member, Marietta Huber & her dogs, has to be the agility competitions she ran in Houston, Texas in August.

All three of her dogs had previously qualified for the Grand Prix, at regional events during the spring. Both LICORICE & SQUIGGLES each took first place in their divisions to have their trip paid for by Pedigree, which sponsors the event. RAINBOW also qualified for the Grand Prix with a 2nd place and on her birthday! (Unfortunately, RAINBOW was not able to make the trip to Houston, because she was still recovering from the surgery she had in June.)

The agility competition was held inside Houston's Astroarena, which was comfortably air-conditioned and completely laid out with fresh sod! The first day's event on August 11, was the country's first AKC agility trial. Not only did LICORICE & SQUIGGLES earn their first legs in Open & Novice B classes, respectively, they each earned perfect scores of 100, with the fastest times, which won them 1st places in their classes, as well as in their divisions! What a way to start out! (AKC agility is much different from NCDA agility, and somewhat similar to USDAA agility; however it has its own rules).

The next three days were USDAA agility games and the Grand Prix rounds. Nearing his 10th birthday, LICORICE, Marietta's black labrador, held up very well throughout the entire 4 days. A bad command on Marietta's part, caused him to be knocked out of the Grand Prix finals, but he still finished in the top third and his performance had improved quite a bit from the previous two years!

It was SQUIGGLES, Marietta's beagle, who caught everyone's eye, with her accurate runs and fast times! Typically speaking, no one expects a beagle to do much of anything, other than to look cute, with big round eyes and large floppy ears! But behind that deceiving appearance, lies a true competition dog! On Friday & Saturday, SQUIGGLES ran two perfect semifinals rounds, which put her into Sunday's final Grand Prix run. With a taxi waiting to take them to the airport for the trip back to Illinois, Marietta ran SQUIGGLES in the Finals round. Again, she ran a perfect course, well within the Masters time frame, which qualified her for 3rd place in the mini division! Only a few seconds difference, determined the placements.

Having only started competing with SQUIGGLES last Spring, Marietta is more than pleased with SQUIGGLES attitude and performance. She's hoping to return to the Grand Prix next year with SQUIGGLES, and bring out RAINBOW, as well!

FROM FIELD & STREAM -

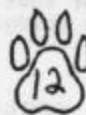


And just recently my friend Lyle H. Banks, the indestructible sage of Bend, Oregon, wrote to remind me of the old man who turned up at one of those nocturnal meetings with his bitch Henrietta. When his friends learned that Henrietta had just come in heat, they urged the old man not to run her, as most of the hounds were male.

"Don't you worry none," the old man said. "Henrietta's the fastest hound in this country, and when she gets on that fox no dog's going to catch her."

When the dogs had been cast and the jug was making its second round, the old man, who was a little bit deaf, asked his son if the hounds were running. "They sure are, Paw," the son said. "Is Henrietta running first?" the old man said.

"She sure is, Paw," the son said. "Henrietta's way out in front. Then comes Hank's dog Spunky. Then Andy's new redbone, Bugle. Then Amos's Walker, Flash. The fox is running fifth."



S.O.S. from the Secretary



With Sally's retirement from her Front Table "career", I am in the process of putting together a binder which can be used at the table to provide information for the next kind soul who wishes to volunteer for Front Table duty. I already have Sally's information, but thought I would ask ANY AND ALL other members who might have some other brilliant ideas regarding information that should be included in this binder. I am particularly appealing to all present and past board/committee members. If you can think of any question/comment that you answer on a regular basis - PLEASE call me and I'll be sure to include it.

I am still in the process of updating our General Policy (I know I started that last year already, but sometimes priorities change). When that is completed and ready for publication, it will be available for ALL club members at their request. I will also put a copy in the binder.

If this binder happens to look like a rough draft of "War and Peace", so much the better. PLEASE inundate me with your wealth of knowledge, any information will be welcome.

In addition to that project, I am also the Chairperson for the Nominating Committee for the 1995 Board. The other two members are Cheryl Lewis and Will Short, phone numbers are listed below. As of today, we currently have a lot of of positions open for next year. If you have ever considered a position in the past, NOW is the time to volunteer.

To the Current Board/Committee Members: If you do not contact one of the Nominating Committee members by November 15th, it WILL be assumed that you will continue in your current position for 1995.

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- Cheryl Lewis - (708) 897-4267
- Will Short - (708) 377-0810

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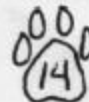
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DATES TO REMEMBER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: November 2 WEDNESDAY
7:30 at the extension building
APOLIGIES TO THE CLUB FROM THEM FOR GIVING
US THE WRONG KEY FOR LAST MONTH'S MEETING!

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB 1994 TRIAL
NOVEMBER 13, 1994 (SUNDAY)

MATCH NIGHT- NOVEMBER 17

