

# Waggin' Tales

"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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- Grounds** - open position. **Description** - This consists of a team of 2 or 3 to check the exercise areas for cleanliness periodically during the day. (May need to come back on Monday morning to do a final check since it will probably be dark when the trial is over and all dogs cleared out.)
- Tear Down** - open position. **Description** - Organizing a committee to breakdown and cleanup after the trial.

If anyone is interested in donating their time (or money if appropriate) to any of the committees, please contact the appropriate person. If you have a particular skill that we are unaware of (i.e. cooking large quantities of food), please let us know. If you are not sure what you could help with, or just want to let us know that you are willing to help in any area needed, please contact Will or Taffy.

## Kip

- I said when you could not walk  
I would help you to heaven  
You could not walk
- I said when you could not keep a  
clean bed  
I would help you to the other side  
I cleaned your body and bed
- I said when you refused to eat  
I would free your soul to the  
universe  
You will not eat chicken or  
hamburger from my hand
- I cannot watch you walk in pain  
With humiliation in your eyes,  
I cannot watch you lick yourself  
clean  
I cannot be a witness to your  
starvation
- With broken sighs I view pictures  
of you lively body swimming  
and romping on the beach  
chasing sticks and herding waves
- I know it must be today  
You have asked me to do what  
I have never done before
- I am sorry it took me so long to  
hear you  
I am sorry I left you in pain
- I cradle your limp body  
feeling earth's energy subsiding  
I love you with the passion of  
life,  
I release you to the peace of death
- I am with you my tired and faithful  
friend
- "My Teacher"  
Kip E. Payne CDX - 1980-1997  
Joan Payne May 13, 1997

## From the Editor

Recently my dogs have been playing the "sympathy syndrome" game. You (and your dogs) all know that game. You take one dog to the vet and no sooner do you get home, than another dog decides they haven't been to see the vet in way too long - and they come down with something which requires another trip to the vet....and on and on...Our latest round started with India going to be spayed - an elective procedure (by me, not by her!) The very day I brought her home 'Snapper played the first round. He was walking funny on one of his rear legs, like he fell asleep on it. My first reaction was panic, but I saw that after a few minutes he was walking O.K. - and demanding his food - usually a sign that it's a sympathy ploy. About two weeks went by with nothing, then one day 'Snapper did the leg thing again. This time it was every time he got up from sleep, but he would still walk it off in a few minutes. It lasted all day, but he was fine the next day. I figured it was his arthritis acting up, and besides Echo had already won this sympathy round, he was going to the vet that week. At about 4 months all of a sudden Echo grew these legs, stilts actually. He was having a problem figuring these new legs out - like a newborn colt, but he was never very coordinated and I figured he'd grow into them. After a couple more months he was still walking funny - like he had someone else's legs. His front legs looked like a bulldog. Now I have nothing against bulldogs, but Labs aren't supposed to look - or walk - like bulldogs! I took him to the vet then and he said he had some uneven bone growth in his front legs, not uncommon, and he would grow into his legs.

Now, months later his sympathy routine was to walk like he might be limping, but I couldn't pin down a leg. So he won that round, he got to go into for shoulder, elbow and hip x-rays. (Read \$\$\$\$.) The vet did a physical first, checking range of motion - where we discovered just how strong and ornery Echo was. She'd push up, he'd push down. She'd push down, he'd push up. He was having fun - until she checked for deep bone pain. He yelped. She said he probably had pano and sometimes it showed up on an x-ray. Of course, all the x-rays showed nothing. Now I was happy about this, but it was an expensive way to find out he just walks funny. She said he probably does have some pano, and will outgrow it. He will go back in few months for a re-check. (\$\$\$) He will probably always look like a stork (he did outgrow the bulldog look). The week after Echo's adventure, 'Snap had another 'episode'. I figured he couldn't fake this so consistently, so it must be real. Back to the vet, more x-rays. (\$\$\$\$) It turns out 'Snap is in very good shape for an old guy (he'll be 11 on May 31). He has a little arthritis in one hip and a some spondylosis (arthritic changes) in his back (also one spot in his tail - how do you get arthritis in your tail?) I wasn't surprised to hear this. He'd been a little creaky occasionally. 'Snap is also my "leaping" dog. He leaps like he hasn't seen you in months if you doze off for 5 minutes. He also leaps *backwards* - he can leap himself right out of the room. Apparently he had this problem for a while since we could feel the difference in muscle mass from side to side.

When I went to pick 'Snap up at the vet's he was still a little sedated - she said he was

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"drunk". Sure enough, he had this silly look on his face. I got him in the car and he sat there looking "happy", for a few miles. Then he began to "sing". 'Snap does a coyote howl, but this was a more musical version. He did this all the way home. I'm sure everyone who saw us wondered why he was singing and why I was cracking up! Once we got home, 'Snap just stood there with this goofy look on his face. All the other dogs were looking at him like he was an alien!

'Snap is now on Rimadyl (\$\$\$) and had a big improvement in only a couple days - he was chasing the puppies. Now that his inflammation is down, he's begun swimming to try and build up the muscles again (and lower his Rimadyl dose or eliminate it). He is also going to start doing some field work (he's my old hunting dog) and get his UKC CD. I think the end result is exactly what he had in mind all along!

Baker is going in to be neutered this week. I hope this isn't round two! I wonder if the vet has direct deposit...\$\$\$\$\$.

There wasn't room for a Member Profile this month, but I have a few lined up for the next couple months. If you would like to do a member profile, let me know. I have a list of questions to get you started, if needed. I try and put in a picture of you and your family (or dogs). This way we can put a face with your name - and your dog!



## WHO'S NEWS? LEGS AND BRAGS

### From Sue Render:

Sue's Visla Ch. Vizion's Country Charm (Kate) got her C.D. in Grayslake on May 17. Kate also placed (sorry, I don't know which place). Kate placed for all three legs!

### From Tim & Anne White:

Shamrock Acres Celebration (Liza) got her C.D.X. on May 10, 1997 at Lyons Township. Liza's score was 196, and (another) second place. Liza also went home with High Lab! Congratulations to Anne & Liza!

Also, Candlewood's Ribbon Quest (Peggy) got her W.C. on May 17, 1997 at Winnebago Labrador Retriever Club. Congratulations to Tim and Peggy!

### From Barb Erskine:

Starr's Rhapsody N Blue (Nissan) got his fifth CD leg at the National Sheltie Specialty. His score was 186. Nissan will now begin Open training!

### From Cathy Fleury:

Gino's Fleeting Chance, TD (Chance) got his CD and a Dog World! His first leg was 196.5 & High in Trial at the K.C. Rottweiler Club. His second leg was a 196.5 and third leg was 195, both at Lyons. Congratulations to Cathy & Chance!

### Heard second hand:

Georgia Fiorito & Mocha got a CDX leg their first time out in Grayslake!

Kent Hildebrand & Pearl also got a CDX leg their first time out at Grayslake!

**NEW ARRIVAL** Have you seen Ed Herdes new little puppy, Opie? He is absolutely adorable!

## **A good breeders fairy tale: why temperament is still important**

Once upon a time, four St. Bernard exhibitors were coming home from a big show. They were driving over a mountain pass in the middle of a violent snowstorm when suddenly their car went into a skid, hit a guard rail, and went careening down a slope about a mile into a ravine. The trailer which they had been pulling, containing their four dogs, landed relatively undamaged next to their car. No one had seen the accident in the blinding storm. As luck would have it the breeders were trapped inside their car. The door to the trailer, however, had popped open.

The first dog out was a very "typey" Saint, as this was what his breeder cared about the most. He made it about a quarter of a mile up the slope before he was gasping for air, and his nasal passages began to freeze because of his foreshortened muzzle. After another 200 yards he was blind and hopelessly lost because the driving snow was piling up in his paws.

The second Saint out of the trailer was bred for the "important things" like prettiness, size, color and perfect markings. He was a beautiful sight to behold, but unfortunately, he too collapsed after only a few hundred yards from the ravages of hip dysplasia.

The third dog to try to summon help had been bred for "soundness". His breeder wouldn't have dreamed of using a dog that wasn't X-rayed free of hip dysplasia. He made it halfway up the slope before he collapsed from exhaustion. He could not cope with the high drifts. His breeder hadn't realized

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that there was more to "soundness" than hip dysplasia and had neglected to include the head, back, shoulders, forelimbs, feet, chest, lungs, heart and hindquarters in his "breeding for soundness".

The fourth breeder was conscious by now and knew that at last all those years of breeding would pay off. He had bred for type, being careful not to shorten the muzzle so far as to obstruct the breathing or ruin the bite. He was proud of his dog's "tight eyes". His dog had "storybook markings", a "richly" colored coat, and was a very "powerful, proportionately tall, strong and muscular figure". He had an OFA number, of course, but was also big-boned, a "very strong and powerful neck" that was properly muscled; his shoulders were "well laid back". He had a "good rib spring"; he had "strong pasterns" and "strong, tight feet". He had perfect rear angulation and his hocks couldn't have been any stronger. When moving, he was absolutely flawless...With great pride and tears in his eyes, the breeder saw his big, beautiful Saint Bernard drive off into the blinding storm just like the hospice dogs of old.

That last Saint made it up the slope to the road almost effortlessly. A passing state trooper saw the dog and stopped to investigate. As he got out of the car, the dog attacked and ate him.....

From the internet, author unknown

*Submitted by Jim Benson*

**Bait Bag**

(bat bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

**Chiropractic Schedule**

Dr. Hansen will be at training on the following days. If you need an appointment you should call Dr. Hansen directly at (847) 551-1279.

6/5, 7/3, 7/31, 8/28

**FOR SALE**

A DOGLOO type outdoor dog house, with straw bedding. Never used. Bought for an outdoor cat, who didn't like it. \$25. Dorothy Kelley 630-898-5863

**FREE**

Does anybody out there have any use for three ring binders? We recently did a computer upgrade and threw out thousands of these. I did save about a dozen or so. If you know of anyone who could use them (teachers?) or would like one, please let me know. They are various thicknesses and have some writing on them. Let me know if you want one now or know of a use in the future. Call me at 630-406-8348.

**Horoscope**

The Gemini Dog-May 22-June 21

The Gemini Dog is a lively dog that gets along anywhere and in any situation. Gemini dogs love to communicate with their owners excited to share a recent discovery or observation. No matter how old they are, Gemini dogs are always youthful and exuberant. Inquisitive and sometimes a little devilish, the Gemini dog is versatile and adaptive and absolutely loves double fire hydrants.

**Tracking News**

The tracking statistics for 1996 are out! There were less entries at every level. TD's were down by 140 entries, TDX down by 29 entries, and VST down by 6. There were also less test at every level except VST. 1996 was only the second year VST tests were offered. Entries for a tracking test are filled by drawing from all entries submitted.

As one might expect, the number of dogs acquiring tracking titles also went down, except for VST. In 1995 there was 1 VST title awarded in 1996 there were 2. The sporting breeds earned the most titles (Of course!), the Hounds were second followed by Working, Terriers, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. No titles were earned by dogs in the Miscellaneous Group.

Success rate for the TD is now 54.5%, TDX is 17.5% and VST is 9.5%. Anyone who has stood those 20 ft. behind their dog as the dog stares blankly into space knows that at times those percentages seem like zero! Trying to "make" your dog track is like literally trying to push a rope. Good luck to everyone getting into the entry pool this year!

**Surveys**

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their surveys. They were due on May 30, so hopefully you have sent yours in by now. There were a couple areas where there seemed to be some confusion. First, if a dog passes the VST (variable surface tracking) - that does NOT automatically make the dog a Champion Tracker. The dog must pass ALL THREE tracking tests. It just so happens that the dogs who have passed the VST had already passed the TD and TDX, but a lot of the dogs entered in the VST have not passed the first two tests (they

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also did not pass the VST). Also, another area of confusion: **TRACKING IS OBEDIENCE**. This is by AKC's definition. The piece of paper you get from AKC says "Obedience Title" (versus an agility title which says "Agility Title".) If you don't agree with this you should take it up with AKC! (If you want quick confirmation look in the annual stats issue of "Events", pg.214, under "Obedience Titles Completed". Tracking titles are listed there.) We will publish the survey results in the next Waggin' Tales.

**RECIPES**

I give my dogs yogurt every day, and with as many dogs as I have, I was buying a lot of yogurt. I found a recipe to make yogurt and have adapted it so it's easy to make large quantities and with the equipment most people have in their house. I don't eat yogurt myself, so I don't know if this recipes makes good tasting yogurt, but my dogs like it!

**Homemade Yogurt**

Pour milk into glass jars. Place jars (without lids) in microwave. Use temperature probe to boil milk. (although boiling is 212 degrees, my microwave only cooks to 199 degrees and that works fine) Once milk reaches boiling, turn off microwave and monitor temperature until it reaches 85-100 degrees. In the meantime using a slow cooker bring a water bath to 100 degrees. (low on my cooker) Stir one or two tablespoons of yogurt (from the store or previous batch) into each jar, depending on size of jar. Stir well. Cover jars and place in water bath. Let yogurt cook several hours until "set". You will probably notice that some whey separates out to the top. Dogs love that too! Yogurt will firm up more in refrigerator.

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### *Board Meeting Highlights April 2, 1997*

Dave Lewis gave a demonstration for a sample web site for possible ideas to be reviewed by the board. He will put together a small proposal regarding the investigation that he has done on the costs associated to be reviewed by the board members. A poll will be taken at the next membership meeting to determine how many club members have internet access.

Meeting brought to order at 8:00 p.m. The February Meeting Minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) reported that no one from the Anderson Animal shelter has contacted the club regarding the equipment for the dog expo.

Although a lot of good ideas came out of the discussion at the March meeting, most of them would require too much time to present at a regular membership meeting. The May membership meeting program will be an "Introduction to Freestyle". The first level of the competition is called Musical Heeling. This type of activity can also be used to improve dog flexibility for other events. Freestyle moves can be used as a warm up exercise prior to entering the obedience ring.

The Annual Picnic has been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th at Ronnie Bizer's training facility. Cindy reported that she can do the preliminary work, but will be out of town on vacation, and will be unable to organize the events at the picnic. She will ask for a volunteer to assist her for that day. The club will provide the soda, with participants being asked to bring a dish to pass, including a

cold cut tray. Prizes will be a dog biscuits.

Based on the comments from the March membership meeting, the possibility of the club organizing a seminar was discussed. She will approach the membership at the next meeting for volunteers to form a committee to investigate hosting some type of seminar.

Cindy introduced Jack Hlustik as the Tracking Secretary. Heather King will remain as the Tracking Chairperson. Jack has been in tracking for at least 4 years and has the only two rottweiler tracking champions in the country. He is a member of the Midwest Tracking Association and the Medallion Rottweiler Club. He has organized a Variable Surface Tracking (VST) demonstration.

He asked whether the club wished to hold a VST test during the fall. After some discussion, the board agreed that if there would be enough interest by the tracking community in this area, we should pursue the idea. Discussed many different dates and locations. Jack will determine a location and date and submit the application to the AKC. The fee would be \$70.00.

Penny Legner (Treasurer) sent her report through Carolyn. Penny reported that she has reviewed the insurance policy and had just received the requested information on riders from the insurance company. The information will be brought to the board for approval at the next board meeting. The changes mainly involve correcting a few errors on the policy:

- a) the club was being insured as a "for" profit organization rather than as a not-for-profit.
- b) the club does not have a Directors' and Officers' Rider on the liability policy, at the moment.

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She will be unable to accommodate the people who have requested back information or summary information until after April 15th. Until then, the bill's are being paid and deposits are being done.

Reported that the \$200 bill from Car-Dun-Al discussed at the February board meeting was for half the lodging expenses for some of the judges. After completing some research, it was a valid expense and was paid.

One last request from everyone - please, please PLEASE provide Penny the names and addresses on requests for payment!!! Some of the information in the new roster is already out of date and is delaying the payment of bills because things have been returned to her because the address was out of date.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test has been scheduled for April 24th for members only because the information was just received the information from AKC yesterday. Alice Seymour has volunteered to be the judge. Several people have already signed up for the test. The registration fee will be \$5.00. Kay Weber stated that she believed that Linda Benson is collecting a \$4.00 registration fee. This discrepancy will be investigated. Cheryl reported that a minimum of four people will be needed to be a "crowd" for one of the tests. The entrants will know immediately whether they have passed the test. There have been some changes to the test since the last time the club hosted one. A copy of the new requirements will be published in the next Waggin' Tales. This CGC test will be used to provide a "run-through" to determine any possible problems prior to offering it to the general public. Assistants will receive the

same work credits as a regular correction clinic.

Cheryl will be seeking a volunteer to act as a backup for Mary Bradley for the Utility run-throughs. The run-throughs are done between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m..

A follow-up to the situation described at the February board meeting: Cheryl spoke to the mother of the child that was injured in the puppy class. The mother was not overly concerned about the injury. She did not believe that she still had a copy of the hospital's report of the emergency call. However, if she should locate it in the future, she'll pass it along to Cheryl.

Cheryl reported that a successful Teacher's meeting was held on Saturday, March 22nd. The next Teacher's meeting will be on Saturday, June 28th at Carolyn Pearson's house at 7:00 p.m. Beverages will be provided. The topic will be announced.

We had a brief discussion regarding the belief that the quality of the dogs exiting from the beginner's classes was decreasing. A number of different reasons could be causing this perception. One thought was the reduction in duration of the class. In the past few years, the length of classes has changed from 12 weeks to 15 weeks to 8 weeks to the current 10 weeks. Part of the reason that the class duration was reduced was to get more students through and earn more money for the club. If we were to increase the length of the class back to 12 weeks without an increase in the fee, money would be lost. Other suggestions made during the discussion include:

- Offering a "buffer" class for the students who are not quite ready for the advance beginners class following their graduation.

- Do not graduate students who should not be advanced to the advanced beginner's classes.
- Staggering the classes to increase the duration (this has turned into a nightmare when attempted in the recent past).

This brought up the discussion regarding the difficulty of not having consistency between the different beginner's classes. It was believed that the plans to develop a syllabus and set of goals would alleviate some of these problems.

Cheryl is having a difficult time getting instructors for the next session of classes which begin Tuesday, May 20th.

Rick Cox (Assistant Director of Training) has the goals for the advanced beginner's classes, he also needs ideas from the instructors and students. He is looking for feedback for all levels of classes.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that he has received the AKC approval for the judges panel and the date and has received an event number.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) announced that the trial superintendent is Judy Roth. Taffy is working on creating a database that can be used to act as our own superintendent in the future.

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that due to the last Waggin' Tales cost of \$0.78 to mail, Kay would like to change the deadlines for publishing the newsletter. The dates will be in the Calendar of Events published in the Waggin' Tales. Kay has received a couple of undeliverable newsletters for members.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) thanked the

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Graduation judges for the Graduation held on March 4th. She will be needing volunteers for the next graduation on Thursday, May 15th. She also would like more specific information to provide to the graduates as to the next level of instruction. She would like to offer graduation judges the expectations prior to the graduation. After the work that is completed on the class syllabus' and goals, there should be less of a problem with the lack of consistency. The judges are not informed until the night of the graduation what they were expected to be testing.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) distributed a rough draft of a new membership application. She would set up a program to offer to the new members a mentoring type of program. This would be determined by asking the applicants to "tell us something yourself..." on the membership application. When the new applicants are using guest training to meet their requirements, receipts will be required to be attached to the application. This will necessitate that the individuals be reminded that they must retain their receipts for proof.

It was recommended that the club information be handed out to the beginner's classes the week prior to the graduation. This information would include a membership application and information on other classes that are offered.

Would like to require that the membership application be mailed to her, not handed to anyone. Discussed other ideas regarding other changes to the application.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that she still needs a lot of help for the Dog Expo to man the booth on April

19th and 20th. Toni Sikorcin has received a few volunteers for the demo to be held on Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 p.m.. It was decided that the club will not donate raffle prize to the dog expo.

Tracey will check with Ed Herdes regarding the condition of the VCR and TV to be used at the expo.

#### Old Business

- Emergency Procedures (Canceling classes or training) - The discussion on the creation of this policy was tabled until the April board meeting. Cheryl Lewis has not yet investigated the possibility of having an announcement made on the local radio stations. This will be done at some time in the future.
- Mary Scarlett has volunteered to be the coordinator for our participation in the Swedish Days parade in Geneva on June 22nd.

#### New Business

- A brief discussion occurred regarding the length of time of the last Correction Clinic. Several classes were still being judged after 10:00 p.m.. It was stated that several of the judges did not start on time. It was suggested that class limits should include stewards - the stewards should sign-up if they wish to be judged at the correction clinic. A suggestion will be made to the match committee to review this situation.
- A brief discussion occurred regarding, if there was any policy regarding the club's position, when a member has loss their dog. Cheryl reminded the board that there

are sympathy cards in the gray box. Also will remind club members at the next meeting to keep an eye out for sympathy cards that are appropriate for the loss of a pet.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m..

#### *Membership Meeting Highlights May 7, 1997*

Cindy Pakenas began the program on Freestyle events by explaining why she became interested in Freestyle. She felt that it was a fun way to spend time with her dog, but not necessarily as physically demanding as other types of training (i.e. agility). She showed a video tape of some exhibitors showing in the Freestyle events. The moves used in the Freestyle events can be used in the pre-obedience warm-up - it helps the dog physically and assists in getting the dog focused on you.

Meeting brought to order at 8:20 p.m.

The March Meeting Minutes were approved after correcting the name of the member who drew the winning name of the Dollar Bucket. Olivia Kovacevich drew the winning name, not Kelsey as stated in the March meeting minutes. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) brought up the idea of the club hosting a seminar at some time in the future. She asked Kay Weber to briefly describe the seminar by Dr. Patricia McConnell that Kay had recently attended. The seminar was completely sold-out and approximately 40 to 50 people

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were turned away due to space restrictions. To attend that seminar, participants paid \$45 per day or \$80 for the weekend. Dr. McConnell is a certified animal behaviorist. She charges \$850 per day or \$1600 for the weekend to conduct a seminar and is booked until the end of the year.

In order to host any type of seminar, a location would need to be found that could hold between 100 to 150 people as well as dogs. The lunch for the seminar would need to be discussed, either on the premises or at a local restaurant.

Penny Legner (Treasurer) reported that the club accounts are getting low on cash, which is normal for this time of year. This usually happens until dues are collected. There are no known large expenses until the second quarter fairground rent is due. She also distributed the final financial statement for end of 1996. Taffy asked whether Cindy Wegner (1996 trial superintendent) provided a breakdown of the trial expenses was provided. Penny reported that none was presented to the club by Cindy.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that the new class session begins on Tuesday, May 20th. She is in need of instructors and assistants for the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginners classes. She is also in need of an assistant for Rick Cox's Advanced Beginner's class at 8:00 p.m. during the summer. She will also need an assistant for Will Short's Advanced Beginner's class at 7:00 p.m.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that he and Taffy have been discussing the needs with the various committee chairpeople. The volunteers

needed are discussed in the Trial Secretary report.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) handed out the list of trial committee chairpeople to the members present at the meeting.

- Helen Castellano (Trophy Chairperson) - trophy sponsorship form published in the latest Waggin' Tales. She will not be contacting individuals who have sponsored trophies in the past years - please use the form in Waggin' Tales.
- Mike Kovacevich (Chief Ring Steward Chairperson) - will have a sign-up sheet for ring stewards available at training.
- Susan Yee (Kitchen Chairperson) - Taffy reported that Susan will need volunteers for 1 hour shifts during the day. Kitchen volunteers will collect money, sell food and cook. Club members will be asked to provide desserts for sale.
- Bill Clarke (Booth Chairperson) - working with the Car-Dun-Al's Booth Chairperson. Taffy asked that if any club member sees an interesting booths at any show, to ask if the vendor would be interested in participating in our trial and Car-Dun-Al's.
- Taffy Wille (Catalog Ads Chairperson) - more specific information will be used to describe the size of the ads. Taffy stated that she would assist any one interested in placing an ad who needs help setting it up.

We briefly discussed the fact that Eagle Dog Food is sponsoring Car-Dun-Al's trial. We will attempt to find a sponsor for our trial also. Although it may be too late to obtain a sponsor for the 1997 trial, we will attempt to

obtain a sponsor for the 1998 trial. Carolyn volunteered to send a letter to any potential sponsors. Some possible contacts are Bil-Jac, Eagle, Purina, Natures Recipe, Diamond food and any local distributors. Any club members that might know of any potential sponsors should contact Carolyn with a name, company and address.

Taffy showed an example of the report that she has created to assist the individuals that are calculating the scores and awards. It is her hope that by using a database that she created, we will be able to act as our own superintendent next year. This would save us a substantial amount of money.

We will include an opportunity in the premium list to pre-order trial catalogs. A limited number of catalogs will be available at the trial - and be slightly higher priced than the pre-ordered catalog. This will eliminate wasting money on catalogs that do not get sold and wind up getting thrown away.

Drew Graham asked that members actively seek the sale of ads for the trial catalog - don't just leave it for one person to solicit the ads.

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tales Editor) announced that the May Waggin' Tales had just been distributed on May 1st. The next deadline is May 26th, for distribution on May 29th.

Peggy Sue Sechafer (Graduation Chairperson) reported that the next graduation will be held on May 15th. She has Judges for the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginners classes. She is in need of a volunteer for the 9:00 p.m. Beginners class.

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Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) announced that "dues are due". She will not accept any fees at training, she prefers that the fees are mailed to her. This will prevent the inevitable - "my dog ate it excuse" when it accidentally falls to the bottom of her training bag or whatever else can happen between training and home. A form was printed in the May Waggin' Tales - do not forget to indicate whether you wish to receive the membership roster and/or the Waggin' Tales.

She read a list of 6 new applicants. Three were present at the meeting:

- Melanie Jokerst - She is an artist by day and the training partner to her black lab Acacia by night. Her primary goals do not include competition but wants to have a great pet.
- Sandy Woolbright - Her goals include getting her rottweiler, Bear, to listen better.
- Kathy Klammer - She is interested in competition with her rottweiler, in addition to raising horses. She does Freestyle with her horses and found the "doggy" version very interesting.

A motion was made to accept the list as read. Without any discussion, the motion was seconded and approved by all members present. Welcome to our newest members. ☺

Cheryl Lewis is creating a verification form to be turned in by any instructors to obtain credit towards their dues.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) sent her report to Carolyn. She stated: "A HUGE thanks to all the volunteers who manned the booth at the Dog Expo, especially Rick Cox,



Cindy Pakenas and Taffy Wille for their extra assistance with the booth, and Carolyn Pearson and Jean Airey for their help with the pamphlets. While I was away, Carolyn made arrangements with Jean to update the club brochures. Jean made new copies and volunteered to deliver them personally to Cindy at the Expo on Saturday and stayed the whole day. Thanks again.

Observation: A number of show-goers asked if we offered agility training, and of course I had to say no. I was really surprised at the amount of interest, even before the agility demo on Sunday. I know this discussion has taken place at other meetings, but I thought I'd share this because the issue was brought up so frequently at the Expo.

Also, I have tons and tons of AKC literature left from the Expo, I'll keep it at my house for future public use, but I would welcome suggestions as to how I might share it with others (perhaps put some stuff out on the table during training, or at June 19th Sanctioned match, or whatever. I'll try to get a list of available materials to Kay so she can publish it in case folks are interested."

Several club members at the meeting suggested that they might be included in the Puppy class handouts and in the new membership packets.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she is in desperate needs of 8 stewards for the May 15th Correction Clinic. HELP

Helen Castellano (Match Chairperson) asked for volunteers for the two open judges positions. Trudi Kimm volunteered to be the Novice A Judge at the May 15th Correction

Clinic. Drew Graham also volunteered to be the Open A judge. Helen has received all the necessary approvals from the AKC for the June 19th Sanctioned Match.

Kay Weber (Statistician Chairperson) announced that she has volunteered to do this position.

Kay Weber/Heather King (Awards Dinner Chairpersons) Kay reported that a survey was included in the May Waggin' Tales. This survey is looking for feed-back from the club members regarding the current awards structure. In order to prevent "ballot stuffing", all respondents are asked to fill in their name. The names will not be published or announced when the results are tabulated.

#### Monthly Dollar Bucket

The Winner of \$6.00 is Ingrid Hamburger as drawn by new member, Kathy Klammer.

#### Old Business

- Trudi Kimm reported that she is still looking for another facility for the club to rent. She is currently investigating two locations at:
  - a) Fargo and Randall Road, Geneva. The current zoning is acceptable for our usage.
  - b) Batavia. The current zoning of the building is unknown at this time.

#### New Business

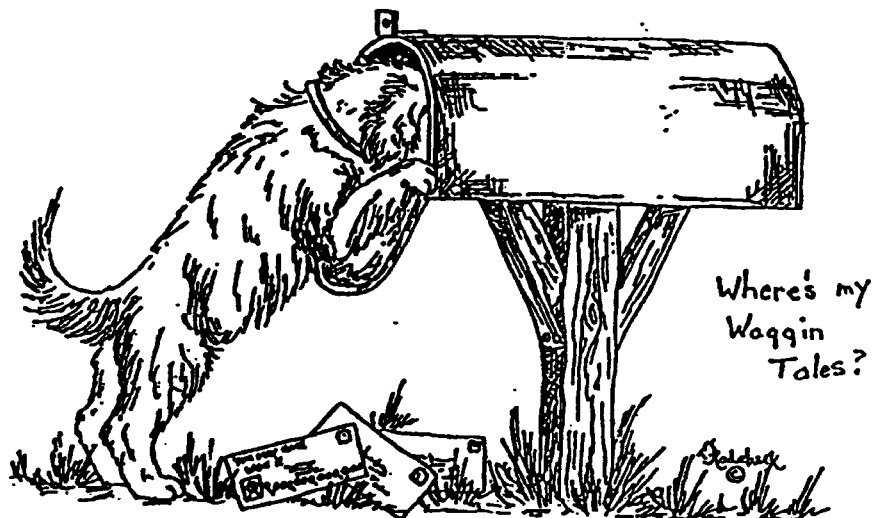
- Terry Whelan is looking for volunteers to be stewards at the 1997 Heinz Pup-Peroni Holiday Classic. It is at the Odeum in Villa Park on November 29th and 30th. Any one interested is asked to

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contact Terry at (630) 557-2902.

- The possibility of a Ring Sponsorship at the 1997 Classic was also discussed. The sponsorship is available for \$200.00 per ring. The club would provide an example of our logo, the trial committee would make arrangements to turn it into a display board. The possibility of using individual club member donations in conjunction with a \$100.00 donation from the club was discussed. It was also asked if we could possibly use the sign as a way to advertise our 1998 Trial. Terry will check on the size of the board.
  - Marietta Huber is asking interested members to sign a petition to be sent to the Illinois Legislators regarding the opposition to House Bill 1126. This bill wishes to prevent any non-veterinarian professional from working on an animal without the direct supervision of the primary veterinarian. This would modify the Veterinary Practice Act by changing the wording from receiving a referral from the primary veterinarian to both individuals must be present at the time of the treatment.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m..

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**Dog Rhymes**

The answers are a pair of rhyming words (noun and adjective) you guess the rhyme. For example, a "BLONDE BRUIN" is a FAIR BEAR. These will be all about dogs--breeds or groups--and may be one, two or three syllables.

\* There may be abbreviated forms of the breed name (i.e. "lab" short for Labrador)

\* "Group Dog" means the answer is the name of a Group (i.e. Sporting, Non-sporting)

\* A group in the definition means a specific breed within that group.

1. Altered cross-bred
2. Discovered group dog
3. Happier group dog
4. Male group dog
5. Person who cuts a sporting dog's tail
6. Damper sporting dog
7. Sloppy sporting dog
8. Licensed hound
9. Valuable hound
10. Cup for a toy
11. Seven days for a toy
12. Spanish house for a non-sporting dog
13. Principal working dog
14. Funny looking working dog
15. Southern home for a non-sporting dog

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- 6/10 Training change
- 6/19 Sanctioned Match (NO classes)
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- 6/28 Teacher's meeting

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AKC Obedience Regulation Booklets  
 \$1.00  
 At information table at training