

Waggin' Tales

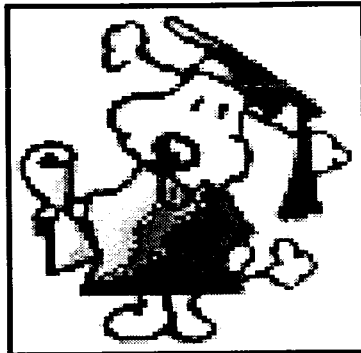
"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

From Anne White

From Marietta Huber

What's News? Legs & Brags

S hamrock Acres Celebration CD JH (Liza) was ranked 6th in the country, according to the Winter issue of *The Labrador Quarterly* in System II obedience (Open). ("System II" ranks dogs "as determined by placements earned at trials." One point is awarded for each dog in the competition who scored lower than the dog who earned a first through fourth placement in the class. Liza scored 85 points, with 1 first place, 2 seconds and a 4th.



A KC AGILITY

01/09/98 - Land O' Lakes Kennel Club
 01/10/98 - St. Paul Civic Center
 01/11/98 - St. Paul, MN

SQUIGGLES	Excellent	100 - 2nd place 100 - 1st place 98 - 3rd place
RAINBOW	Excellent	100 - 2nd place 100 - 4th place 100 - 4th place
POPCORN	Excellent	100 - 4th MX leg 100 - 5th MX leg 100 - 6th MX leg

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From Linda Benson

1998 FVDTC Match Information

Linda Benson (Match Night Committee Chair)

1998 FVDTC Match Information

Our first match of 1998 went well despite a number of problems.

As stated by Match Head Steward, Ingrid Hamburger at the more than well attended January meeting we were very short of stewarding help. The response to her plea for help was underwhelming to say the least, so underwhelming that we started the match gravely short of the two stewards per ring required for the four rings we had set up that night. A BIG THANK YOU to Marian and Loretta Lazzara, Sylvia Schultz, Deb Kovacevich and two non-members who acted as stewards (one in novice and one in Open). Also a BIG THANK YOU to Taffy Wille and new member Carol Swenson who saw the need and volunteered to act as stewards. THANKS also has to go to our signed-in stewards who showed up to steward, Marietta Huber,

Shirley Short, Jan Schomer (table) and Don Kloss (table) and to our volunteer "floaters" Ingrid Hamburger, Jim Benson, Suzan Scott and Cathy Fleury (who volunteered to help out once her 7:00 p.m. beginner class had ended). Thank you for caring enough about FVDTC to help out a very frazzled Match Committee. We had a most successful match and only had to turn away two entries due to the limitations we had placed on the January match. We made a profit of \$275.00. And, last but not least a big THANK YOU to our judges, Joan Payne, Mike Kovacevich, Sandy Stephenson and Will Short for handling a full load assignment.

Perhaps some clarification as to what helping at a match entails may spur some of you to volunteer your time and talents. Actually, as to the "talent" part...all that is required is a warm body with

attached smile (and, in some cases patience) willing to learn "on the job". Each steward (and judge) get two (maximum) free entries. We ask, where possible, that stewards and judges who wish to be put through would come at 6:30. Mary Bradley and Suzan Scott are available to put people through Utility and Open. And, I am sure we can find someone to put people through Novice.

Oftentimes we encourage those entered in Novice to steward in Novice, those entered in Open to steward in Open and those entered in Utility to steward in Utility so that they can easily be assimilated into the class and into sits and downs (where required). We also try to obtain floater stewards who can step into a ring and allow the full-time steward to go work their dog in another class. All judges and stewards should be at their rings and ready to work by 6:55 p.m. so that we can start regular "judging" "run-throughs" at 7:00 p.m. Please also remember that your commitment to judge or steward runs from 7:00 p.m. til 10:00 p.m. (rarely longer) the only exceptions would be table stewards who commit to a time frame of 6:30 (earlier is better) til 8:00 p.m. (when entries close). Table stewards will be put through their class choice(s) after entries close.

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. OK, the dog can come into the house but only with certain rules.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture.
5. Fine. The dog is allowed on all furniture but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. OK, the dog is allowed to sleep on the bed but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever it wants but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

Dog Rules

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1998 FVDTC Match Information

If you would like to give "judging" a try please call Helen Castellano (761-0411). A stewards sign-up sheet is always out at training...if you can find a writing implement just print your name...if you're a new member also carefully write in your phone number so we have a number to contact for a reminder or in case of cancellation. You can also call and volunteer with Ingrid Hamburger (232-6034). If you have volunteered to steward and cannot come to FVDTC on match night, please call Ingrid as soon as possible with this information. Current instructors get two free entries as well, you can E-Mail or phone in your entries to Suzan Scott (896-5998) (retrievers@worldnet.att.net). Members, please know that at any time you see Suzan (she has labs, Phoenix, Jet and golden Vincent) you can hand your

entry to her...you do not have to wait till the Thursday (or Tuesday) before a match to enter a match. You may pre-enter any match at any time. If you require early entry (because of

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distance to drive home or a teaching committment) please let

Suzan know when you enter. If you have multiple entries please do not expect to be "first" in each class..this is impractical as well as impossible. All entries requiring a fee must be submitted with a fee.

Entry fees for members are: \$4.00 per first entry of each dog \$2.00 for second (or third) entry of the same dog. For non-members the fee is \$6.00 and \$4.00. If you need to know when you will be working your dog

at the match you can call or E-Mail Suzan on the Wednesday before the match (she works at home most Wednesdays). If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding actual match nights

please call me (557-2512 we have an answering machine) or E-Mail at tygrtrnr@elnet.com.

Hopefully we will continue to have successful matches at Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Our matches fulfill a much needed service to the obedience community at large, and more importantly for our own membership.

With money being a prime concern to some members it is important to remember that our matches do provide a source of income to our club.

One last reminder. On match nights the only classes being held are beginner level classes. On rare occasions a puppy class may be held, but this is not the norm and the instructor would be responsible for notifying all members of the class. All other classes, from Advanced Beginner on up to Utility and Breed are not held on Match nights which for the most part are held on the third Thursday of each January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September and October. Any changes to this schedule will be announced as soon as it is practical.

FEBRUARY MATCH....Thursday, February 19th.

If you are interested in participating in a CGC test please contact our D.O.T. Cheryl Lewis (897-4267) as to time and fees and availability of space.



AN OUTSTANDING LABRADOR BREEDING !

RAINBOW

RAMAPO'S INDIAN LOVE CALL
MX, MAD, EAC, EJC, EGC, CDX, U-CD, U-ATCH, JH, WC
 (OFA Good)

RAINBOW has earned Master-level titles in 4 styles of agility ...

- *** Agility Trial Champion (U-ATCH / UKC)
- *** Master Agility (MX / AKC) - 1st Labrador & 4th dog in the country to earn it!
- *** Master Agility Dog (MAD / USDAA)
- *** Excellent Agility Certificate (EAC / NADAC)

... along with special agility awards ...

- *** Finalist winner at the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility in Ventura, CA
- *** Fourth place winner at the AKC National Agility Championship in Guthrie, OK
- *** Fifth place winner at the AKC National Agility Championship in Chicago, IL
- *** Fifth place winner at the PUP-PERONI Classic in Villa Park, IL

With these outstanding achievements, added to her existing obedience and hunting titles, she'll pass on drive, enthusiasm, and high working ability to her puppies!

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RAMAPO RETRIEVERS / Marietta Huber
 P.O. Box 1103 / Wayne, IL 60184 / 630-497-9766

From Suzan Scott

1998 Correction Match Info

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eminder: The next correction match at Fox Valley Dog Training will be held on Thursday, February 19, 1998. All six rings begin at 7:00 PM. Group exercises will be held at the discretion of the judge in the individual ring.

The following are the remaining 1998 correction match dates for Fox Valley Dog Training Club as we currently know them:

March 19
 April 23 (Date Change to Fourth Thursday)
 May 28 (Date Change to Fourth Thursday)
 June 18 (NOT at Sanctioned Match)
 August 20
 September 17
 October 22 (Date Change to Fourth Thursday)

We will not be holding an AKC Sanctioned Match at FVDTC this year. There will be no matches in July, November or December.

Call or send e-mail if you have any questions.

Suzan
 630-898-5998
 retrievers@worldnet.att.net



From Drew Graham

An Address to the Membership

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o the Members of Fox Valley Dog Training Club:
 As president and a member of FVDTC, I would like to take a moment to talk to you about the new twelve times training rule for receiving awards. I don't think that most of the members that are in favor of the rule realize how it affects some of our working members who contribute a lot of time to the club. I know that this is a very hot topic but I felt I should give you my opinion on this subject. I feel that this rule does not benefit the membership as was originally intended. You can argue that twelve times a year is not a lot to ask, it's only once a month and that leaves three times a month to satisfy your work requirements. Someone who doesn't work a nine to five job will have problems fulfilling this requirement. We have members that after a full day at work, come to training teach and assist classes, and are to tired to train their own dogs. Under the twelve time rule these people won't qualify for attending that night of training. We have enough trouble motivating people to teach classes as is, WHAT ABOUT THESE PEOPLE? To state this

as simply as possible this rule is discriminatory! We also have people in this club who donate a lot of their time in ways other than training night. There are people such as myself who travel a long distance to get to training and have a hard time getting there at a decent hour. You can say that the board considers

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
 Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
 When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
 When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
 Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
 Take naps and stretch before rising.
 Run, romp, and play daily.
 Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
 Be loyal.
 Never pretend to be something you're not.
 If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
 When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
 Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
 Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
 On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
 When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
 No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout run right back and make friends.
 Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

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An Address to the Membership

special cases but you can't rely on that because the board changes from year to year. In my opinion if you have include that in a motion or rule there is something wrong with that rule! There has got to be a better way to solve this problem than what is in force now. We as members owe this to ourselves. In the future let's think of how our actions affect the whole group instead of how we can prevent a few from getting what we don't think they deserve. PS Take a look at the treasurers report in the board meeting minutes that should ease all of your minds about the financial stability of the club GOOD JOB PEOPLE!!!!!!
Drew Graham

Display the Colors!

FVDTC Clothing Sale

FOR SALE

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Clothing

In Stock Sweatshirts - \$18.00

Quantity	Color	Size
1	Black	Large
1	Red	X-Large
1	Black	X-Large

In Stock T-Shirts - \$10.00

Quantity	Color	Size
1	Red	Medium
3	Red	Large
2	Red	X-Large

INTERESTED??? ASK SANDY AT THE INFORMATION TABLE.

(Order on training night - in stock items will be delivered next training night.)

ORDER FORM

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Clothing

Quantity	Items Desired	Red	Black	Size
_____	Sweatshirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	T-Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Name
Address
City
Phone

Use this order form to place a special order
- once the minimum quantity has been achieved, an order will be placed

From the American Kennel Club

New AKC Tracking Regulations

(The following is excerpted from the AKC web site. The full text is at <http://www.akc.org/>)

The Board of Directors approved the following changes to the Tracking Regulations effective February 1, 1998.

Chapter 5 Tracking Test/VST Section 4. Variable Surface Tracking Test Requirements.

F. Line 7: At least one 90 degree turn shall be in an area devoid of vegetation and plotted to allow at least thirty (30) yards before a change in surface. Acute angle turns are to be avoided.

F. Line 7: At least one (1) 90 degree turn shall be in an area devoid of vegetation and plotted to allow at least thirty (30) yards before crossing or returning to a vegetated surface.

G. No part of the track shall be within fifty (50) yards of any other track.

G. No part of the track shall be within fifty (50) yards of any other track. No part of the track may be within thirty (30) yards of any other

part of the same track.

H. Delete entire letter paragraph.

H. All tracks shall be laid utilizing buildings and the diverse scenting conditions created by being in close proximity to such buildings. Tracks shall also utilize any and/all other structures such as fences, breezeways, ramps, stairs, bridges, shelters, roofed parking garages, through courtyards and buildings with two or more openings and/or open buildings. The intent of Variable Surface Tracking stresses that dogs shall be able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks shall be as equal in complexity as possible in this regard. Tracks may not enter a building with closed doors and sides.

Chapter 5 Tracking Test/VST Section 7. General Requirements

F. Delete entire letter F requirement. Add new letter F requirement so that it now reads:
F. A Variable Surface Tracking site totally or partially covered in snow would not meet the criteria of three (3) different surfaces including vegetated and non-vegetated surfaces and snow covered portions of a Variable Surface Tracking site may seriously affect the proper utilization of the site as a whole.

G. (NEW) All other general Tracking Regulations apply to the Variable Surface Tracking Test.

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club approved a voluntary "DNA Certification Program" at its January 1998 meeting. The program available to all members of the purebred dog fancy will offer Certificates of DNA Analysis and DNA profile numbers on future registrations and pedigrees. The voluntary [program] represents the latest addition to AKC's comprehensive advancement of using DNA for both identification and parentage purposes.

For information about this Program email us at dna@akc.org

*Or contact:
Tom Sharp - Manager
Compliance Operations & DNA
Educational Services
American Kennel Club
5580 Centerview Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606*

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GUIDELINES FOR TRACKING TESTS

Add the following new paragraph to the beginning of the Guidelines:

These guidelines reflect the policies and practices set forth by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club. Judges are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines subjects a Judge to disciplinary action.

Delete paragraphs 1 and 2 and add the following so that the new paragraphs in their entirety now read:

Tracking is a team sport in the truest sense. In true team effort, a handler working as a team with his or her dog, exhibits a real understanding of the dog's motivation and commitment to the task at hand. The handler is able to read his or her dog and communicate with it to accomplish their goal. It is the responsibility of the Judges to differentiate between team cooperation and guiding by the handler and to determine when the handler is no longer a supporting member of that team and is attempting to guide the dog. In Variable Surface Tracking, team effort becomes even more critical due to the nature of the test. The objective of a Variable Surface Tracking Test is proving credibility in following a scent in an urban locale. The dog works for the sheer love of scenting.

The AKC also made changes to Obedience Regulations, effective February 1, 1998. These changes were excerpted in the January *Waggin' Tales*, or you can see the full text at the AKC web site (<http://www.akc.org/>).

New Obedience Regs

friendliness, hospitality, and encouragement of all participants. Tracking Judges are members of a very select group. Each Judge represents the American Kennel Club at Tracking Tests. Judges are expected to maintain the high standards that have been set for holders of the titles "TD", "TDX", and "VST". At the same time, a Judge should endeavor to make the Tracking Test itself a pleasurable event for dogs, handlers, spectators and the club sponsoring the event. Adherence to the principles provided in the Tracking Regulations and the Guidelines will enable Judges to achieve these goals.

Section 1. Assignments.

Line 5. A Tracking assignment entails a two (2) day commitment by the Judges. Acceptance of an assignment means that if the test is on a Saturday, the Judges will be available to plot tracks the day before. Similarly, a Sunday test will involve the Judge for both days of the weekend. No Judge shall accept an assignment that requires more in one day than he or she is physically and mentally able to accomplish. No Judge shall exhibit in any

event or competition until completion of their two day assignment.

Section 3. Physical Fitness.

Paragraph 1 Line 2 after the words "physically fit" add: "Variable Surface Tracking may not require

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as much physical effort as TD or TDX tracking, but may require more consideration of complex scenting conditions in an area containing buildings and/or other large physical structures, as well as a variety of tracking surfaces other than vegetation"

Section 6. Visible Tracks.

Paragraph 1 Snow, frost, dew on the fields, plowed ground, or on any other vegetated or non-vegetated surface such as in a VST test, creates the possibility that the path of the tracklayer may be evident to the dog and handler. Judges must consider whether awarding a title to a dog under these circumstances would render a disservice to all previous title holders who have truly earned their titles. If the Judges decide to proceed on any field or variable surface tracking area where the track is visible, they must be alert to any attempt by a handler to lead his dog. Any indication of guidance by the handler shall cause the dog to fail. It is especially critical in VST that there are three (3) different surfaces available and that these surfaces are not obscured by a covering such as snow, otherwise the intent of VST will not be met.

Section 7. Use of Tracking Area.

Paragraph 1 Line 6 after the words "this one field " add the words " or variable surface tracking area".

Paragraph 2 add new paragraph " In Variable Surface Tracking, Judges,

exhibitors, spectators and test giving clubs should be aware that these areas may be heavily used by the general public and accordingly, must make every effort to cooperate with these public areas and the people who use them in order to ensure that these variable surface tracking sites will continue to be available for future tests. Clubs and exhibitors alike must try to confine "exercise areas" for dogs to a small designated area and be sure that those areas are cleaned up before the test is over and the area is left in the same condition as it was at the start of the test, not only to promote responsible dog ownership but to promote good relations with the general public."

Paragraph 4 line 1 prior to the words "A complete report" add the words "In the case of Variable Surface Tracking, for the safety of the dog and handler, Judges must be cognizant of surface temperatures in hot weather, especially on asphalt and concrete. Tracks shall not be run on surfaces where the judges and/or tracking committee have knowledge of recent treatment with chemicals that might cause an injury to the dog or handler. If conditions are such as to be unsafe for the dog or handler, the test shall be delayed, postponed or canceled." so the paragraph in its entirety now reads:

In the case of Variable Surface Tracking, for the safety of the dog and handler, Judges must be cognizant of surface temperatures in hot weather, especially on asphalt and concrete. Tracks shall not be run on surfaces where the Judges and/or tracking committee have knowledge of recent treatment with chemicals

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that might cause an injury to the dog and handler. If conditions are such as to be unsafe for the dog and handler, the test shall be delayed, postponed or canceled. A complete report of unsuitable grounds or lack of sufficient areas in which to plot the tracks shall be made to the American Kennel Club by the Judges in the Judges books.

Section 8. Club Responsibilities.

Number 2 Line 8 after the words "into the ground." add the following sentence "This provision shall not be applicable to variable surface tracking since only a starting flag is to be used

Number 4 Line 4 after the word "terrain." change the period to a comma and add the following "keeping in mind the requirement for non-vegetated surfaces in Variable Surface Tracking." so that the entire Number 4 now reads:

Section 9. Length of Stride.

Line 6 after the word "tracks" add the following sentence "Judges should be aware that there can be a difference in depth perception in Variable Surface Tracking Vs TD/TDX plotting because of developed areas rather than natural areas." so that Section 9 in its entirety now reads:

Section 10. Handler's Responsibility.

1st paragraph Line 7 after the word "difficulty." add the following new paragraph " In Variable Surface Tracking, although there are no physical obstacles as found in TDX, handlers must train for all types of conditions and surfaces that might commonly be found in a variable surface tracking

area, such as soft and hard dirt, blacktop, concrete, paving materials, sand, gravel, wood chips or metal stairs and to train for the diverse scenting conditions that exist in variable surface tracking."

Section 10a. Judges Responsibility and Plotting.

To further establish credibility, articles used in Variable Surface Tracking represent items made of substances used in everyday life that an average child or adult might carry and drop.

After the starting article of leather or fabric. Judges should make every effort to place the remaining articles in varying random order on all tracks. Judges should not use standardized articles so handlers are not looking for only certain articles or a definite sequence of articles. Article drop 2 or 3 should be on a non-vegetated surface. This does not preclude the track from ending on a non-vegetated surface and the final article also being on a non-vegetated surface.

The last article should be temporarily marked with the number 4, such as with a small post it note cut down in size, but NOT WITH any permanent markers or grease type pencils. Articles should not have any rough edges or any protruding parts that might cause injury to the dog.

When determining the placement of articles on the track, Judges should keep in mind the possibility that under certain wind conditions and circumstances, if an article is placed on a

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minimum length leg (30 yards) connecting two parallel legs, the dog might easily bypass that minimum leg and article, thereby failing. Judges are discouraged from placing articles in such fashion as to fail dogs. Judges should also use caution in

placing articles in or near buildings and structures when there is a strong possibility that the dog might cut off that portion of the leg that the article is on.

Judges should keep in mind that Variable Surface Tracking does not contain obstacles and no non-vegetated surface in itself, should constitute an obstacle for a dog. Anything on the track that prohibits all AKC breeds of dogs and handlers of all ages to participate might be construed as an obstacle.

Tracks shall be laid utilizing any and all structures located on site and the diverse scenting conditions provided by such structures, such as buildings, fences, breezeways, ramps, stairs, bridges, shelters, roofed parking garages, through courtyards and buildings with two or more openings and/or open sided buildings. The intent of Variable Surface Tracking stresses that dogs shall be able to handle the diffusion of scent created by these structures. Tracks shall be as equal in complexity as possible in this regard. Judges shall not avoid plotting tracks in close proximity to buildings when they are available, it is feasible to do so and it will ensure a track that meets the intent of Variable Surface Tracking. Judges shall not plot tracks utilizing only one small shed type building or single fence line when the above options are available to plot fair but challenging tracks.

Judges shall not use the 90 degree non-vegetated turn in such a way as to be influenced by vegetation, but in fact said turn shall be a true moment of truth non-vegetated turn.

Judges are to avoid plotting tracks in just open areas thereby preventing VST tracks from becoming elongated TD tracks. For safety purposes, Judges are prohibited from crossing heavily traveled roads.

Variable Surface tracks should be as realistic as possible, keeping in mind that most people will follow the path of least resistance. Lost adults are drawn to buildings to seek help, while lost children may be drawn to playgrounds.

Only contamination of a track by a hazardous material, or a large portion of a track being rendered unusable, will warrant another track being laid. People, animals, or vehicles crossing a track shall not invalidate that track.

Judges should be aware of the fact that in a variable surface tracking area there may be an over abundance of similar landmarks such as grassy islands that look the same, yellow line dividers in parking lots, and other repetitive landmarks that can easily cause confusion since no flags are used in Variable Surface Tracking.

It is not necessary that the Judges charts be drawn to scale, however, every effort should be made to indicate the location of buildings, structures, etc., in relation to the general area so as to provide a complete picture of the track in question. Judges are not expected to be artists

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when indicating buildings and/or structures in the preparation of their charts.

Section 11. Position of the Judges during the test.

After the last paragraph of the section add the following new paragraphs:

In Variable Surface Tracking, the scent cone widely varies from those in TD or TDX due to buildings, structures, etc., therefore, it is imperative that when judging, the Judges follow the dog at a distance so as to be able to observe the dog tracking, but not too close as to interfere with the dog while working and to allow the dog adequate time and distance to work out scenting problems and only fail the dog when it can no longer recover.

It is imperative that the Judges not allow the

tracklayer to follow too closely so as to interfere with the dog and handler and create scenting problems such as causing the dog to turn and go directly to the tracklayer; however, the tracklayer should be in an area easily accessible to the Judges, if and when needed.

Section 12. Evaluation of the Tracking Performance.

Line 12 after the words: "before failing the performance." add the following sentence: "However, if the dog has stopped working, the dog must be failed."

Section 13. Judges Qualifications.

After the last line of the section add the following paragraph:

A VST Judge should be familiar with scenting conditions in an area consisting of more than just vegetation. Buildings, miscellaneous other structures and a variety of surfaces can affect the scent.

Things to Remember

Your Friendly Reminder

Deadline to sign up for the Awards Banquet is March 1 (see Michelle Cufu)

Deadline for the *Front and Finish* ad is April 1 (see Jean Airey)

An Electronic Waggin' Tales?

Still Curious ...



It has been suggested that we explore the possibility of distributing *Waggin' Tales* electronically. So, before we start looking for the correct technology, and before we even think about spending any money, we'd like to get your thoughts. Please fill out this questionnaire and return it to:

Waggin' Tales
David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
630/897-4267

or, send e-mail to

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Thanks for your input,

Dave Lewis

Waggin' Tales Survey

Name:

Are you interested in receiving *Waggin' Tales* via e-mail?

What operating system does your computer use?? (eg. Windows '95, Windows 3.11, Unix, etc)

What kind of e-mail do you use?? (Juno, Internet Mail, AOL, Compuserve, etc [If you're not sure, send me e-mail and I'll figure it out]) Does your e-mail support attached files??

Do you have access to the internet??

Other Comments??

from Carolyn Pearson

Minutes from the February Board Meeting

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February 4, 1998

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m..

Drew Graham (President) welcomed the new board members.

Board Members in attendance:

Drew Graham	Cheryl Lewis
Peggy Sue Seehafer	Sandy Walsh
Michelle Richter-Farrell	Judy Anderson
Cindy Pakenas	Will Short
Heather King	Carolyn Pearson
Taffy Wille	Cathy Fleury
Dave Lewis	

Non-Board Members in attendance:

Penny Legner	Kay Weber
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Kay Weber announced that there were nominees for the Sally Compton Service Award. Following a very difficult decision by all of the board members, the winner was chosen. (you'll have to come to the Award's dinner to find out first hand who got it.)

Kay Weber also stated that the vendor supplying the round F.V.D.T.C. patches requires a minimum order of 50 patches per type. Kay asked for board approval to increase the maximum allowed amount to purchase the new patches. The order will consist of 50 patches each of: AKC-UDX and AKC-VST and 25 patches each of AKC-UD and CKC-UD. The anticipated cost for the entire order is expected to be approximately \$465.00, which would be a difference of about \$150.00 from the original order. A motion was made by Will Short, seconded by Judy Anderson and approved by all members present to allow the additional patches to be ordered.

The December meeting minutes were approved as published without any corrections. Several items of correspondence were read.

Michelle Richter-Farrell (First Vice-President) stated that Trudi Kimm (conformation instructor) has requested that a new grooming table be purchased for the class. The current table is old and has been fixed multiple times in the past. After researching the prices in a selection of catalogs, it was determined that the least inexpensive 30" table is \$64.00 and the 36" table is \$73.00. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new table for a maximum of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Will Short and approved by all members present. Michelle will also ask if any club members might be able to donate a table that they are no longer utilizing. The possibility of asking a club member to build a table was also discussed, but it was decided not to pursue that idea due to possible liability problems should the table ever fail while being used.

Michelle also asked for feedback from the board members regarding the possibility of ordering leashes with the intent of having them available for purchase by students. The leashes will be available on a pre-ordered basis. Michelle will put an order form in the Waggin' Tales, any interested students should submit the order form to Sandy Walsh at the information table with the payment. The leash(es) will be ordered and available for pick-up at training the following week.

Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we should consider having other types of club merchandise available for sale at training.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) requested feedback to determine whether a program would be needed for the March membership meeting, or would the business portion of the meeting preclude the time

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for a program. One of her thoughts would be a panel of experienced exhibitors and trainers for a Q & A session.

Cindy also stated that several club members had mentioned to her that they would like to know how the board members voted on motions. All of the board members present agreed to that suggestion (it'll be done starting with this meeting).

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) and Penny Legner (as former Treasurer) reported that 1997 was a better year than past years. The club showed a profit of slightly more than \$5,000.00.

Penny distributed the 1997 financial statement which includes a three year comparison for the individual categories. She reviewed the "big ticket items" of the trial:

- Visitors totaled 104 (just due to the marquee on Randall Road)
- Kitchen showed a profit - Many thanks to Susan Yee (Trial Kitchen Chairperson) for a great year!!

Penny mentioned the phenomenal work done by Jean Airey (Publicity), Cheryl Lewis (DOT) and the many instructors who increased the revenue of our puppy and beginner classes.

Due to the excess in revenue this year, Penny recommended that the board begin to consider ways of "returning to the community" some of our excess. According to our non-profit status, we need to be careful with retaining a large sum of cash on hand. In Penny's opinion, with the recent history of ending past years "in the red", our non-profit status should not be challenged at this time. However, should this financial history continue (and we hope that it does), we should consider ways to benefit the community in a monetary fashion. Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we could consider offering a class

scholarship to a member of the community. Although many other ideas were mentioned during the meeting, it was decided not make any final decisions at this time due to the fact, that any monetary gift would be reflected in year 1998 - not 1997. We will need to keep careful watch of the situation in future years.

Penny stated that the tax return due to be filed by May 15th will be completed by the end of February. Penny announced that she will continue to complete the tax returns while Cathy Fleury is handling other functions of the office.

With the financial statements for past three years, it is obvious that our club has begun the swing back to the positive. All of the volunteers who have worked and continued to work extremely hard should take a minute to "pat yourselves on the back".

The Board members extended a huge thank-you to Penny for her spectacular job as Treasurer (and Board member) in the past and for her continued assistance in the future.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that we currently have four beginner's classes: one at 7:00 p.m., two at 8:00 p.m. and one at 9:00 p.m. and one puppy class 7:00 p.m.. Assistance instructors are still needed both of the 8:00 p.m. beginner's classes.

A Canine Good Citizen's (CGC) test has been scheduled for February 19th, Alice Seymore will be the judge. This test will only be offered on a pre-entry basis, no drop-ins will be allow to enter. Entries and payment should be made to Cheryl Lewis. The fees are \$4.00 for a member and \$6.00 for a non-member. It was also announced that the Anderson Animal Shelter Dog Expo will conduct a CGC test, either on April 18th or April 19th. A question was posed as to why we do not host a more "regularly" scheduled CGC

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test. Cheryl explained that we simply do not have enough space to hold the CGC test. For this CGC test, one of the novice rings will not be available for the February correction clinic. At this time of the year, it is "easier" to remove a ring without dramatically impacting the time and space requirements of the correction clinic.

Cheryl reiterated that the non-member guest training fee is \$5.00 PER dog, not per person. This is stated in the "Fee" section of the red binder at the information table. Taffy asked for a clarification of what constitutes fulfilling the membership application requirement. She used an example of a potential member paying to train two dogs on one night (i.e. the trainer would be in possession of two receipts with the same date). According to that part of the definition in the red binder, the statement reads "Come as a Guest Trainer a minimum of five (5) times". The consensus of the board members was that it could also be stated as 'five (5) NIGHTS'. Cheryl reminded the Board that the purpose of that policy was to enable the current club members to get to know an individual (and allow the individual an opportunity to get to know the club) prior to accepting them as a member during the membership vote.

Another item of discussion was whether to continue placing advertisements in the local newspapers. Gerry Erskine (Class Coordinator) was asked to keep a record of how our students learn of our classes, via a question on our class applications. It has been determined that for the last two sessions of classes, most of the students have heard about us through local veterinarians or other club members. According to the 1997 financial report, a total of \$637.17 was spent per session for the three or four days of local newspaper advertising for classes in 1997. Additionally, approximately 600 flyers and mailings were distributed in 1997.

Judy Anderson made a motion that we do not place the newspaper ads for the next two sessions of classes. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion, all members present approved it (with the exception of Cindy Pakenas, who left the meeting prior to the vote). It was felt that after two sessions of classes, a fair determination could be made whether this action had a positive or negative impact to the club's class enrollments.

We discussed alternative methods of advertising. Jean Airey has submitted press releases to local newspapers for our class graduations. However to date, none of them have been printed. We have had one "human interest story" printed at the time of our trial.

Additionally, we also discussed different ideas of how we can show our appreciation to the local veterinarian offices that are currently recommending our club to their clients. One idea discussed was the possibility of offering them a full page ad in our trial catalog for the price of a half page ad. Taffy Wille suggested that we offer a vet who refers five students that type of discount. No final decision was made at this time to allow for exploration of other possibilities.

Cheryl Lewis made a motion that the next item in her report be moved to an Executive Session of the board. Dave Lewis seconded the motion, the motion was approved by all members present.

Sandy Walsh has been appointed as the Assistant Director of Training by Cheryl Lewis.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that in order to complete the AKC paperwork, she needed to determine the entry fee for the trial. She was told by Car-Dun-AI, that their entry fee would be \$18.00 for the first dog and \$12.00 for the same dog entering a

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different class. Taffy Wille recommended that we also charge \$18.00 and \$12.00. We would then be consistent with Car-Dun-AI fees and would be the same as last year's trial.

Taffy asked for Board feedback regarding the possibility of having a "special attraction" at the trial. An example of special attraction would be hosting an eye or tattoo clinic after the trial and before the awards are handed out. Although, by AKC definition it is not considered a special attraction, Will Short suggested that we do a heel-down as we have done in the past. It was determined that we would not include a special attraction in our AKC application, however the possibility of conducting the heel-down would be discussed in the future with respect to the timing of the trial completion time and time necessary to determine the awards' winners.

Taffy also mentioned that she would like to determine the price of our catalog ads. Our ads are more expensive than what Car-Dun-AI charges. They charge \$35.00 for a full page ad, while we charge \$50.00. In spite of the price difference, our 1997 catalog contained more ads than the Car-Dun-AI catalog. With that background information, it was decided that our prices would remain the same for the 1998 trial catalog. Taffy also explained that she handles the inside covers of the catalog on a first-come/first-serve basis - they are not sold at a higher price (like other clubs charge).

Taffy reported that she is asking for volunteers to be trial committee chairpeople, she wants to begin updating the premium list with that information. Any club members wishing to serve as a trial committee chairperson should contact Taffy Wille or Will Short.

Prior to continuing with the regular committee reports, it was announced that due to the time of the night, and that we voted to discuss the issue from Cheryl Lewis in an Executive Session, we went directly to Old Business to allow Kay Weber to provide an update to the Dr. P. McConnell seminar prior to adjourning the regular session.

Old Business

Kay Weber stated that all the "spots" had been filled. She had received all the necessary volunteers to work for the weekend.

At this time of the meeting, Will Short made motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting and go to an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis. During the discussion, it was determined that the regular Board meeting would be continued on February 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Peggy Sue Seehafer's studio. The motion to go to an Executive Session was approved by all members present.

The outcome of the Executive Session of the Board is as follows:

Cheryl Lewis reported that Wally O'Brien (who had resigned his and Gail's membership, prior to the end of the membership year) has asked her how they would re-apply to F.V.D.T.C. for membership. Given that there are currently no specific procedures in place, the board set about to determine an overall solution for this type of situation for now and in the future.

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After much discussion among the Board members present, Dave Lewis made a motion that an individual who has resigned within the fiscal year of membership follow the normal new member application procedure, with the exception that the following requirement would be waived by the club:

Prospective member(s) must:

- Come as a Guest Trainer a minimum of five (5) times
or
- Attend a Beginner class

The motion was seconded by Judy Anderson, and approved by all members present with the exception of Will Short.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the Executive Session meeting at 10:40 p.m..

Got Something for *Waggin' Tales*?

Rent This Space !!!

If you have something you'd like to see in *Waggin' Tales*, send the complete text and or pictures to:

David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267

or

e-mail dclewis@inil.com

I prefer plain-text e-mail, but attachments, faxes, or (typewritten) paper are OK, too. Call if you have questions or suggestions

From Kay Weber

Letter to the Membership

We have rules, called by-laws. Our by-laws say that where not specifically covered by the by-laws we are bound by Roberts Rules of Order. These procedures have not always been followed, but the members are more aware of the rules now and want them to be followed. Perhaps members want to make sure that no policies are added, changed, deleted without following these rules. In the past, some policies have been changed without membership approval.

Regarding the September meeting: There was no motion and vote to suspend Roberts Rules of Order for this meeting. Therefore any motions made and votes taken were perfectly in order.

In October, a member tried to make a motion to disregard (or throw out) the vote taken in September. Another member stated that this cannot be done and the motion died. There is a section in Roberts Rules that states that a motion cannot be made to 'throw out' a motion that has already passed. Neither can a motion be made which directly opposes a policy put in place by a vote.

Presumably this is to prevent opposing factions from throwing out each other's votes at every other meeting. A motion which has passed must be rescinded by a motion and vote to rescind the original motion. In October, a vote was taken to continue discussion. Discussion can take place at any time for any length of time (unless a motion is passed to end discussion) but no amount of discussion can change a previously voted on motion. In order to rescind a previous motion that was passed, prior notice must be given, or else the motion to rescind must pass by a 2/3 majority. Prior notice means, it must be stated that a vote to rescind a specific motion will be taken as part of the business agenda at a meeting. Notice of this meeting and the specific motion to be considered for rescinding must be given to all members prior to the meeting. Since no notice was given to members regarding a vote to rescind the September motion prior to the January meeting, the motion to rescind had to have a 2/3 majority to pass. This did not happen and policy passed in September remains in place. It doesn't matter how many members voted or how they voted at any given meeting - the rules still apply.

The question was asked why everyone is so upset about this issue. One reason might be that the training policy was changed without a membership vote. Alice Larson said at the January meeting that this is all about awards. She was right. The topic of discussion in September was to define a training member with respect to eligibility for awards. The current policy (passed in Sept.) does not require any member to attend training - unless they apply for an award. The alternate proposal up for consideration in September was that the member only had to be listed as a training member in the roster. If the 'listed only' policy were to be adopted members might be afraid of what abuse of the policy we would be leaving ourselves open for.

Let me propose the following scenario: I am a training member. There is another member of my family who is also a training member. We have one membership. The other member of my family teaches classes and may be on the board. Anyway, because of the other person's work, we pay no dues - I do not pay any dues - I get the benefit of the work done by the other family member. I still need my 6 credits to get an award. I decide to work at 6 or more of the 10 matches held during the year. If I steward I get one credit per match. I also get to run 2 dogs through for free for every match I work at. I am saving as much as \$48. to \$80. on match fees, depending on how many times I work. If I judge at matches instead of stewarding, in addition to all the above mentioned benefits, I also am paid \$15 in cash for every match. I may be paid up to \$150, depending again on how many times I judge. So, for a best case scenario, I could earn my credits, save myself \$80. in match fees, and earn \$150 cash. Then all I have to do is attend the picnic and two meetings and show up to collect my award(s)! This may not ever happen, but everything outlined above is perfectly 'legal' under the 'listed only' proposal. I would not even be subject to review at awards time (the board only reviews cases where requirements are not met). In this case all requirements would be met under the 'listed only' proposed policy. It seems a lot of members do have a problem with this.

JOIN US FOR OUR 50TH



Fox Valley Dog Training Club
Celebrating 50 Years

When: March 14, 1998
Where: Shannon Hall Batavia (Old Holy Cross Church)
(North East Corner of Wilson and Van Buren)
Time: 7:00 Cocktails & Social Time - (Cash Bar)
7:30 Dinner - Buffet (Beef, Chicken, Pork, Veggy, Pasta)
Cost: \$12.00 per person (Buffet, Beverages, Dessert)
RSVP: By March 1, 1998

I Will Be Attending

Name: _____

No. Of Persons: _____

Return To : Michelle Cafr
1192 Boxwood Dr
Crystal Lake IL 60134

Effective January 1, 1998

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Calendar of Events

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
January	8	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #1 - P & B	
	7	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	19	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	22	Thursday	Regular Training		
February	29	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	4	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	14	Saturday			Dr. McConnell Seminar
	15	Sunday			Dr. McConnell Seminar
March	19	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	CGC Test
	26	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	3	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	4	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	9	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation #1 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	14	Saturday			Awards Dinner
	19	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #2 - B	Beginner Class
	26	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #2 - P	Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	31	Tuesday	Regular Training		Puppy Class
April	1	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	6	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
May	6	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		
	11	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	19	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #2 - P & B	
June	28	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #3 - B	Beginner Class
	3	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #3 - P	Puppy Class
	8	Monday			Dr. S. Hansen Visits
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		Waggin' Tales Deadline
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		

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July	2	Thursday	Regular Training	Annual Picnic	Membership Meeting Waggin' Tales Deadline
	6	Monday			
	7	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	16	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	23	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
August	?				Board Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation #3 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Monday			Puppy & Beginner Class
	11	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start #4 - P & B	
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	27	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	2	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	13	Sunday			Tracking Test
	17	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	24	Thursday	Regular Training		
October	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	7	Wednesday			Membership Meeting Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Monday			
	13	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #4 - P & B	
	22	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #5 - B	Beginner Class
	29	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #5 - P	Puppy Class Membership Meeting
November	4	Wednesday			
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	8	Sunday			Obedience Trial Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	24	Tuesday	Regular Training		NO Correction Clinic Board Meeting
December	2	Wednesday			
	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Thursday	Regular Training		NO Correction Clinic
	22	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #5 - P & B	
	29	Tuesday	Christmas Party		

From Judy Anderson

Membership Report for February 1998

Member address, phone and status changes:

1. Copland, Hugh & Ronnie
415 George St.
Elgin, IL. 60120
847-429-0993
2. Kapteina, Roy & Sharon
2656 Becky Thatcher Rd.
Muscatine IA 60506
No new phone number given.
3. Kimm, Trudi 312-990-4258
4. Larson, Ray & Alice
13608 Lovers Lane Rd.
Princeton, IL. 61356
5. Weidel, Jane
515 Walnut St.
Boone, IA. 50036
515-443-0219
6. Weidel, Mike & Patti
81135 Krum Rd.
Elizabeth, IL. 61028
815-548-0113

Verbal resignation of membership was received from Wally and Gail OBrien on December 5, 1997 followed by a written notification on January 8, 1998.

REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS DUES NOTICES WILL BE COMING OUT REAL SOON SO START SAVING SO WE CAN KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIPS UP TO DATE.

Respectively submitted by:

Judy Anderson
6 n 213 Willow Drive
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-377-2632
foxxvue@inil.com
Membership Chair

A Dog's New Year's Resolutions

My Dog Solemnly Swears ...

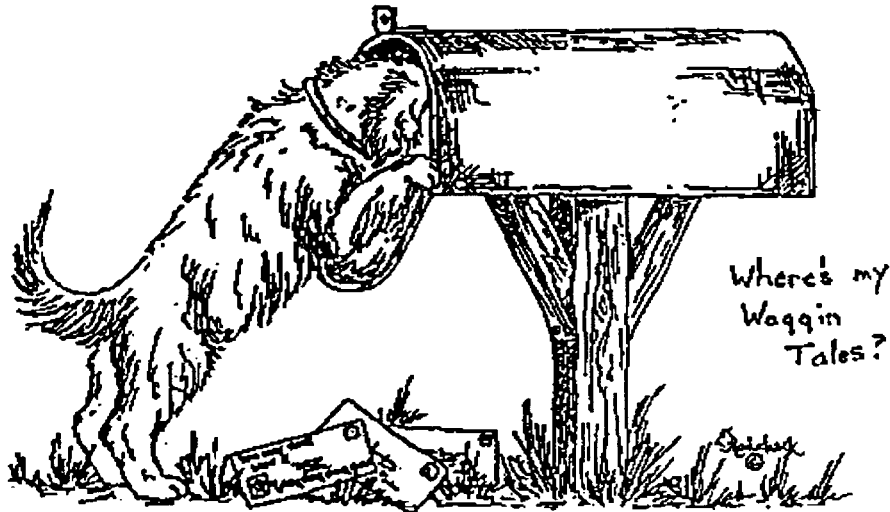
I will not lift my leg to _____

Anything growing in the vegetable garden; the house corner; the new boyfriend; the mailman; the woodstove; subordinate pack members; Grandma's plush chair; the conformation judge; the good-looking neighbour man that Mommy is trying to impress; Daddy in the lawn chair.

I will not eat _____

Spiders; bandaids; ivy and airplane plants; Xmas ornaments; the carved jack-o-lantern; plants from the aquarium; cat litter box contents; laundry detergent boxes (esp. not when full!); toothpaste (tube and all); remote controls; linoleum; eyeglasses; books; stockings; the tar shingles on my house; chicken wire; bizarre plants; disposable razors; rocks; Legos; dirty Kleenex; the baby's used diaper; Christmas stockings; soda pop cans; fiberglass insulation stuffed up the chimney; the underwear in the clothes hamper; Mommy's hair accessories; Mommy's catnip teabags; unopened honey packets; staples; Christmas stockings; credit cards, CDs, and other thin plastic things; bar soap; a brand new baseball glove; the Bible; caulking; writing utensils (especially red magic markers); marbles; tomatoes from the vegetable garden; plastic switch plate covers (screws and all).

Waggin' Tales
David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542



March alendar

Dates to Remember

Tuesday March 3 Regular Training
Wednesday, March 4 Membership Meeting
Monday March 9 Waggin' Tales Deadline
Thursday March 12 Reguar Training
Saturday, March 14 Awards Dinner
Thursday March 19 Correction Clinic
Thursday March 26 Regular Training
Tuesday March 31 Regular Training

**Congratulations
Michelle !!**