

Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

From the Awards Banquet

What's News? Legs & Brags



1 997 Awards Winners ...

HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE

NOVICE:	Mike Kovacevich - "Jello" - 197.75
OPEN:	Michelle Cufur - "Heath" -194.83
UTILITY:	Carolyn Pearson - "Brady" -189.75

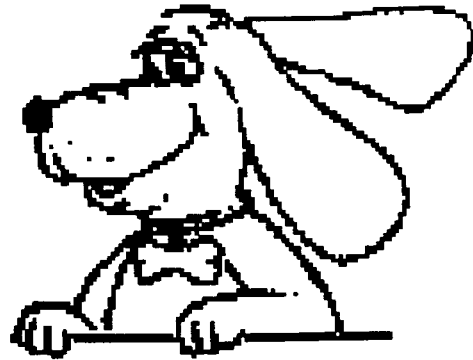
DEBBIE ORR MEMORIAL AWARD:	Marietta Huber
FOUNDERS AWARD:	Mike Kovacevich - "Jello" - 197.75
ED KNEIP MEMORIAL AWARD:	Penny Brcich - "Rosie" -194, 193.5
HEATHER MEMORIAL AWARD:	Not awarded for 1997
RUTH ANDERSON MEMORIAL TD.X. AWARD:	Sylvia Schultz - "Roddy" - T.D.X. 1997
.....	Heather King - "Rosie" - T.D.X. 1997
KANOSAK KENNEL AWARD:	Carolyn Pearson - "Brady" -192, 190, 189
SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD:	Mary Bradley
DOROTHY DIAMOND MEMORIAL TROPHY:	Mike Kovacevich - "Jello" -197.75
ALDYTHE COMSTOCK MEMORIAL TRACKING AWARD:	Ingrid Hamburger - "Heike" T.D. 1997
.....	Heather King - "Rosie" - T.D.X. 1997
.....	Sylvia Seubuz - "Roddy" -T.D.X. 1997
.....	Sylvia Schultz - "Haggle" - T.D. 1997
.....	Kay Weber - "GoFer" - T.D. 1997
.....	Cathy Fleury

FVDTC Boner Award

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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
DUES AND TRAINING FEE
RENEWAL NOTICE**

DUES FOR THE 1998-99 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 1998.
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET, BE SURE
THAT YOU ARE A CURRENT TRAINING MEMBER.

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

"FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB"
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:
JUDY ANDERSON MEMBERSHIP
6 N 213 WILLOW DRIVE
ST. CHARLES, IL. 60175 6338

NOTE: YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 1998-99 ROSTER, AND
YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN TAILS WILL BE THE JUNE ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND
COMPLETED FORM IS RECEIVED BY 7-9-98.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR
DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-9-98.

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING \$90.00

REGULAR NONTRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD NONTRAINING FREE

INSTRUCTORS:

EARN ¼ CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX.4)
MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION (NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE 1ST WEEK OF APRIL)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

DO YOU WANT A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN TAILS? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN TAILS VIA E-MAIL? YES NO

THE \$90.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE MAY BE PAID IN TWO INSTALLMENTS WITH THE LAST ONE DUE
BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR
RENEWAL TO BE VALID.**

I AM CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NEW DATABASE FOR THE CLUB AND NEED TO HAVE ALL
OF THIS INFORMATION TO MAKE IT COMPLETE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS
MATTER.

JUDY ANDERSON
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

From Drew Graham

1998 Awards Eligibility

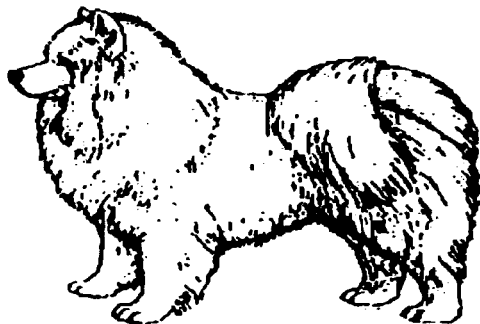
Last Wednesday night, the FVDTC board met for our regular bi-monthly meeting. (see the minutes on page 9) Among the items we discussed was the current requirements to be eligible to receive awards. Several board members, and the Awards Committee themselves, expressed concern over both the requirements themselves, and the procedure by which the requirements were instated. We thought there was so much confusion over the procedure, and evidence that this was not what the majority of club members wanted as policy, that the whole "awards eligibility" issue needed revisiting.

After a long discussion, the board decided to bring the following proposal to the membership during the May meeting:

An "awards eligible member" is defined as:

- ◆ Listed in the roster as a training member
- ◆ Actively participates in the training of dogs at FVDTC
- ◆ Attends 3 meetings annually
- ◆ Earns six work credits

This proposal does not affect the by-laws, so it does not require advance notice to the membership (although you're getting advance notice, anyway), nor does it require a two-thirds majority to pass.



We thought this definition did the best job of describing a member who actively participates in the activities of the club, and "gives something back" to the club.

Some of the comments about these requirements:

- ◆ We think that a requirement for specific number of training nights was too restrictive, and did not take into account special circumstances.
- ◆ Obtaining work credits is difficult, and takes time away from a member's training time with his own dog.
- ◆ Many times teachers spend so much time teaching that they don't have time or energy to train their own dogs on Thursday night. By requiring that a member train their own dog at FVDTC we're penalizing the people who help us the most. Thus the requirement for "Actively participates in the training of dogs at FVDTC".
- ◆ If current policy had been in effect last year, many people who are obviously very active in the club would have been brought to the board as "exceptions to the rule". We think that any requirement that requires so much intervention from the board risks being too subjective, and is probably skewed in its requirements.

I would like to thank the members of FVDTC for their thoughts and good wishes in regard to my father's passing. It is helpful to have friends to share the bad times as well as the good times. The beautiful basket planter is a daily reminder of the friendships formed at Fox Valley, as well as a remembrance of my father.

Nancy Pederson

Thanks from Nancy

This definition is broad enough to encompass everyone who contributes to the well-being and prosperity of the club, but restrictive enough to prevent abuse of the system. There will be time for discussion at the May membership meeting, so we hope to see you there.

From Joan Payne

1998 Awards Committee

O BEDIENCE TITLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN REVIEW

No sooner had the ink dried in Waggin' Tales, than number 7 (other) became the favorite choice. I was wrong on our current obedience award policy. CKC titles are of lesser value than AKC awards (CKC CDX = AKC CD).

Most of those responding favored dropping CKC or adding UKC awards on the same level as CKC. Unless I hear protests to the contrary, based on the information I have received, I am recommending the following obedience award titles for 1998.

The obedience awards will remain the same except we will offer UKC awards at the same level as the CKC awards.

This is not a final decision. You have until May first to submit your opinion. I am interested in your ideas.

TRADITION AND CHANGE!

Sometimes the "good old days" were great, then again, not so good. But tradition is the bridge for continuity, community and camaraderie. Constantly evolving, we are always a part of what we have been and what we are becoming. Our heritage is our future.

Change for change sake breeds discontent. Tradition for the sake of tradition encourages obsolescence. Keeping in mind not to throw the baby out with the bath water, our next focus will be tracking.

TRACKING

I have been investigating the history of tracking awards from FVDTC, including special awards, and the ranking of tracking titles (old and new) as they compare with obedience titles.

The first question is, does FVDTC want to continue giving tracking title awards? Tracking has been a part of our club for a long time. It used to be an obedience requirement for an AKC title. We have offered tracking classes, we sponsor tracking trials, and the tracking chairperson is on our board. We currently do not offer tracking classes, it is not a viable activity, and it doesn't generate money for the club, are some of the reasons offered as to why we should eliminate FVDTC tracking awards.

I advocate staying with tradition, honor our past and continue to offer tracking awards. Unless I hear a loud protest against tracking titles, I will recommend that we continue tracking title awards.

To fairly evaluate what the award should be, I interviewed tracking people from the club and several tracker/judges that also participate in obedience who are not members. I learned a lot. Our main problem is that we are comparing apples and oranges. I was surprised at the variation of opinions. The TD was ranked the same as the CD, slightly harder than a CD, below a CDX and comparable to a CDX. I found that some rankings were based, not on the dog's skill, but on the difficulty to get to tracking areas and aging the tracks. Comparisons of the TDX ranged from CDX to UD. The VST was ranked from UD to UDX. I was surprisingly told that the VST is easier and harder than the TDX. It is my impression that the TD is not too hard to earn but the TDX and VST are very difficult to achieve. Another point to consider, it takes three shows to earn an obedience title and one trial for a tracking

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title (passing the requirements at the shows). However, there are many more obedience trials than tracking opportunities. Remember, we are comparing apples and oranges! Now that you are totally confused, I'll continue to explain what I have learned.

Currently our policy for awards is the following: CKC TD = AKC CD; AKC TD, CKC TDX = AKC CDX; AKC TDX = AKC UD; AKC VST = AKC UDX. With a few modifications, which will be discussed later concerning special awards and the CT, I recommend leaving the tracking title awards the same as last year.

The Champion Tracker (CT), a new title, presents some controversy. The CT is awarded with the completion of all three title (TD, TDX, VST). There is no other requirement for the CT. The Canadian OTCH is awarded upon completion of the other three titles (CD, CDX, UD) since we give an award for the three titles we do not give a special award for the Canadian OTCH. The UKC OTCH requires more than the AKC UDX, but less than the AKC OTCH. We do not offer an award for this title. The award for the AKC OTCH has received some discussion. It is a difficult title to achieve. The requirements after the dog has earned a CD, CDX and UD are: the dog must earn points from a first or second place in open (CDX) and Utility classes based on the number of dogs entered in that class at a given trial. One hundred points are needed for the title. The dog must also place first in Utility and Open with another first place in either class so that the points cannot all come from second placements. The competition is keen and it usually takes many many

shows to earn the title. I bring up the obedience titles to put into perspective what would be the appropriate recognition of the CT. It should not be recognized on the same level as the AKC OTCH. The question is, since we have awarded the other three titles should the CT be compared to the Canadian OTCH for which we do not offer an award? Should we give a commemorative plaque in recognition of the title? I need to hear what you think is fair for this title.

Our next discussion concerns the Aldythe Comstock and Ruth Anderson special tracking awards.

Currently a TD title is awarded a selection from the CDX list, plus the Aldythe Comstock award which is, an 8x10 matted and framed color picture. A TDX receives a selection from the UD list, the Aldythe Comstock award, which is, a 11x14 matted and framed color picture, and the Ruth Anderson award. The Ruth Anderson award is a large plaque that yearly adds TDX title holders names and a small remembrance plaque.

There has been considerable discussion concerning the Aldythe Comstock award. I will try to clarify what I have learned from the information provided. I will paraphrase from board meeting minutes concerning the decision making process about the award. January 11, 1989 a discussion was held regarding the Aldythe Comstock award. A motion was made that the memorial award be given to FVDTC

Thank you Fox Valley Members for choosing me as the 1997 recipient of the Sally Compton award.

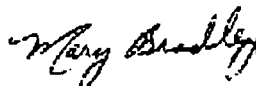
I began training with F.V. when we were still at the Aurora armory. It has been a real privilege to have had the opportunity to meet Aldythe Comstock and all the other great "old timers" who helped and inspired me to enjoy this hobby.

Having learned from "the best," I now feel a responsibility to share this information in hopes it will help others as much as it did me.

It is extremely rewarding to know these efforts are both noticed and appreciated.

An extra special "Thank You" to Linda Benson for your nice comments at the dinner. It was really appreciated.

Happy Training!



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members who have earned a TD or TDX that year. The tracking group was asked to formulate a proposal. On Feb. 1, 1989, a photograph of the handler and dog was suggested. It would be awarded for each TD and TDX and would be taken outside on the tracking field. The award for the TD was to be an 8x10 photograph with an inscribed plaque. The award for the TDX would be a framed color photograph with an inscribed plaque. At the Oct. 18, 1989 board meeting it was stated that "Ed Herdes will arrange for a volunteer from the tracking group to take the responsibility for award photographs. TD Award: 8 by 10 color photograph, matted and framed. The plaque will read: Aldythe Comstock Memorial Tracking Award, Dog's call name, TD 1989. TDX Award: 11 by 14 color photo, matted and framed. The plaque will read: Aldythe Comstock Memorial Tracking Award, Dog's call name, TDX, 1989".

What I was not able to discover is the amount of money donated to FVDTC for the awards or if the board decided the club was to pay for the awards. What I have unofficially discovered (nothing in writing) was that there was money left by Aldythe Comstock that was put into an account that is now depleted. Whatever the past, we are faced with the dilemma of what to do about all of the tracking awards. On one hand, there is an imbalance in the number and quality of the tracking awards. On the other hand, there are strong feelings to preserve memorial recognition for Aldythe Comstock and Ruth Anderson. Who is to pay for the additional awards? With inflation, the Aldythe Comstock awards are becoming costly and some view these awards as duplication of title recognition. The awards were discontinued for several years and were reinstated this year.

I am going to suggest a compromise. I have changed my position on the tracking issue several times. I know many are not going to like what I am suggesting because they have a more conservative view (no tracking awards), others are going to want to continue what has been awarded plus adding awards for new titles (times are changing with new titles). I hope knowing some facts may help liberate bias views (it has helped me) and I plead with those of opposite opinions to work together towards

compromise and moderation.

Keep the following award structure: CKC TD = AKC CD; AKC TD and CKC TDX = AKC CDX; AKC TDX = AKC UD; AKC VST = AKC UDX. For the CT title, no recognition or a small commemorative engraving or small plaque to perpetuate her name and memory to all club members and especially to those who track. The Ruth Anderson award to remain the same (adding names to the large plaque and a small commemorative plaque) or in place of the separate small plaque, add to the TDX selected award, a commemorative engraving designating it the Ruth Anderson award. We want the club to continue to honor Ruth Anderson.

Remember, I have no authority to make decision. I am going to offer recommendations to the board based on your opinion and my perception of fairness. With your input, I can learn and change my views. I need to know what you believe and WHY you believe it to be in the best interest of FVDTC. Please contact me before May first by mail, phone or in person. As always, I am not the club I am only a member, talk to me!

From Suzan Scott

Match Reminder

The next correction match held by the Fox Valley Dog Training Club will be on Thursday, April 23. Notice that this is the fourth Thursday in April instead of the third. The first set of sits and downs for all novice and open classes will be after the first group of dogs. The second set will immediately follow the first prior to the second group of dogs.

Remaining match dates for 1998 are:

May 28	June 18
August 20	September 17
October 22	

From Judy Anderson

New Members

MEMBERS TO BE PROPOSED AT THE MAY MEETING

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| <p>1. Tammy Armstrong
1132 Sunbury Rd.
South Elgin, IL. 60177
847-742-5945
Labrador Retriever</p> | <p>2. Jackie & Rick Coleman
39 W 036 Seavey Rd
Batavia, IL. 60510
630-879-3202
Rottweiler</p> |
| <p>3. Diane Shorr-Dunbar
671 Blackhawk Dr.
Batavia, IL. 60510
630-879-7371
German Shorthair Pointer</p> | <p>4. Chuck Harvey
4 N 118 Trotter Ln.
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-584-4135
Welch Corgi</p> |
| <p>5. Caroline & Mark Janczak
6 N 135 Brierwood Dr.
St. Charles, IL. 60174
630-443-9736
German Shepherd</p> | <p>6. Jackleen Koon
36 W 395 Barton Dr.
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-443-9451
Golden Retriever</p> |
| <p>7. Linda Ladner
10 Aintree Rd.
St, Charles, IL. 60174
630-377-5524
Labrador Retriever</p> | <p>8. Kenneth & Christine Lancaste
47 W 625 Shirewood Farm Rd.
Hampshire, IL. 60140
847-683-2965
Rottweiler</p> |
| <p>9. Jan Lancaster
810 Charles St.
Aurora, IL. 60506
630-892-9823
Boxer</p> | <p>10. Denise McCarthy
629 Eichler Dr.
West Dundee, IL. 60118
847-426-1182
Labrador Retriever</p> |
| <p>11. Adrian & Diego Mendoza
1226 Ronzheimer Ave.
St. Charles, IL. 60174
630-443-8848
German Shepherd</p> | <p>12. Karla & Phyllis Pollard
433 Franklin St.
Batavia, IL. 60510
630-879-0148
Rottweiler & English Bulldog</p> |
| <p>13. Denise Snyder
544 Dempsey Place
Geneva, IL. 60134
630-208-1745
Labrador Retriever</p> | <p>14. Scott & Kelly Yoder
509 Elizabeth St.
Batavia, IL. 60510
630-879-7532
Labrador Retriever</p> |

Judy Anderson Membership Chairperson

No More Sign-In Sheets!

To all Fox Valley Dog Training Club Members,

You may have noticed that there is no longer a sign in sheet at training. I am dispensing with this practice. Instead, when you turn in your information for your award, you will be asked to sign a statement that you have trained the dog earning a title the required number of times.

The sign in sheets are being eliminated for two reasons. First, we are all adults and we deserve to be treated as adults, not as preschool children. Secondly, in examining the sign in sheets that were turned over to me, I found that only a small percentage of the people training actually signed these sheets.

Jim Benson



From Cindy Pakenas

From Tracey Mohr

Canine Crafts and Critters Show

DEMO PLEASE JOIN US

INTERESTED IN PROOFING YOUR DOG AND ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON OF CANINE ACTIVITIES? PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DEMO AT CANINE CRAFTS AND CRITTERS, FORMERLY DOG EXPO, WHICH BENEFITS ANDERSON ANIMAL SHELTER. THE DEMO WILL BE AT 2:00 PM, SAT., APRIL 18, IN THE TRADES BUILDING AT KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. ALL LEVELS OF OBEDIENCE ARE WELCOME. PLEASE CONTACT CINDY PAKENAS 377-6250 AND LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEMO.

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 delewis@inil.com

(please, no copyrighted material)

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

Articles may be edited for length and format.

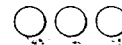
WE NEED YOU!!! APRIL 18 & 19

The Canines, Crafts & Critters Show, formerly known as the Dog Expo, will be held April 18 & 19 at the fairgrounds. This year's show will feature some big changes over previous shows, including exotic animals and more crafts than ever before. As always, FVDTC will have a booth at the show. This is a great opportunity for us to increase publicity about the club and attract new members, as well as promote responsible dog ownership.

Please, please, please sign up to man the booth! Work credits will be offered for those who sign up for a two hour period, and you don't have to do anything hard---just chat with visitors. You don't have to have "all the answers" either! Most people just want to talk about dogs and ask a few questions about the club. The time goes really fast and you'll meet some great people. You can sign up with a friend, and even bring your dog! We also need folks to do a quick set-up and/or take-down, which should take just a few minutes and involves nothing harder than arranging pamphlets on the table and putting them away.

The hours of the show are 11AM -5PM on Saturday, and 11AM-4PM on Sunday. PLEASE call Tracey Mohr at (630)377-7316 to volunteer.

THANK YOU!!!



From Carolyn Pearson

Minutes for the April 1 Board Meeting

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Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The February Board Meeting minutes were approved as distributed. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) reported that volunteers are still needed for the demonstration at the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) on April 18th from 2:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.. Cindy asked the Board members present their opinion whether the annual picnic should be a daytime picnic with dogs or a dinner picnic without dogs. It was decided to solicit the opinion of the members at the May membership meeting.

There will not be a program at May membership meeting.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that she has spoken to the insurance company regarding the club's insurance policy. The information that Cathy had assumed was a summary of the policy, actually was the policy. The policy coverage does not specify times or days of coverage. It also appears to covers non-members.

Cathy discussed the investigation that she did regarding the liability coverage for board members. That

coverage would add approximately \$1200 annually to the almost \$800 the club currently pays for insurance.

Cathy also mentioned a situation where a club member had selected to receive a photo done by Jean Airey for their award. After reviewing the proofs, the club member was not satisfied and rather than scheduling another sitting with Jean, scheduled a sitting with John Felix. However, there was no prior approval to change vendors. After some discussion as to how this situation should be handled, it was decided that it was the responsibility of club to sort through the collecting the payment to the vendors - not the vendors. It was agreed that the Awards committee would need to speak to that club member regarding the payment to the appropriate vendor. Michelle Richter-Farrell (former Awards committee member) volunteered to former committee chairperson, Kay Weber regarding obtaining reimbursement of the extra sitting from this club member.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that Session #2, classes started on March 19th. There are two Puppy classes, one at 7:00 p.m. and one at 8:00 p.m.. There are three Beginners' classes, one each at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m..

In addition to the regular advanced classes, we are providing two advanced beginner classes at 7:00 p.m.. We will continue to offer the beginning utility class at 7:00 p.m..

The 4H classes will be starting sometime in April. Traditionally, 4H runs from 6:00 to 7:00 and utilizes three rings. The classes offered are beginners and advanced beginners. We are in need of primary and assistant instructors for these classes. Full instructor's credit will be given both for dues and for awards. The classes run every week from mid-April until the middle of July, the week of the fair (approximately 12 weeks). If anyone is interested in working with the 4H students, please contact Cheryl immediately. Cheryl reported that is some confusion between the Norma, the 4H coordinator, expectations of the club's responsibility and her responsibility regarding obtaining instructors for

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the 4H students. The club has not been responsible for finding any of the instructors in the past.

Cindy Rodeback, 4H advanced beginners' instructor in 1997, informed Norma last September that she would not be available to teach the 4H students this year. However, the first contact from Norma to the club was the week of March 23rd. At that time, Norma stated that she had expected the 4H program to start in the beginning of March. Cheryl stated that she felt that this lack of planning by the coordinator should be reported to the 4H supervisors in Springfield.

Don Kloss has volunteered to be the primary instructor for the advanced beginners' class. A primary beginners' instructor and assistants for both classes are still needed. Cheryl has been contacted by several club members who have volunteered to be substitute instructors. Judy Anderson volunteered to do a grooming class one night.

The guest training rules and regulations still have not been posted as of this time, because Cheryl has not had an opportunity to review the Fox Valley Dog Training Club insurance policy. Cheryl stated that she was not comfortable posting the "rules", and then finding it necessary to change them after a complete review of the policy.

We are currently out of the white instructor's T-shirts. In addition to providing new instructors with T-shirts, some of the more experienced instructors received their T-shirts several years ago and might be in need of replacement. Cheryl recommended that the color be changed to

something that is not such a "maintenance" headache. She suggested red, blue or black, although the red would be more visible. It was recommended that we not use the same colors that are available for sale to

the club members. Most of the Board members felt that a heather gray color would work well. Another suggestion made to Cheryl is the possibility of obtaining collared polo shirt with just something small on the left front stating "Fox Valley DTC Instructor". Several ideas regarding the type of design was discussed. It was recommended that design be done in embroidery. That type of shirt would probably be more expensive, but perhaps we could purchase the shirts without any design and add the decoration ourselves. Cheryl will investigate the cost. After the cost is determined, the discussion will be initiated.

Plans are being considered for offering a CGC test at the June correction clinic. Anyone taking the CGC will be asked NOT to sign-up to work at the

correction clinic. It has proven to be difficult to provide coverage for the correction clinic stewards while they are participating in the CGC test. If there is enough interest, we will hold a

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judges Education Department is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has voted to continue the Junior Showmanship Scholarship Program for the academic year 1998-1999. Total funds available are \$5,000, with the maximum for any award set at \$1,000.

The scholarship is open to any Junior Handler who will be attending an accredited institution in the Fall of 1998. Criteria for awarding of these scholarships include any or all of the following: 1) applicant's need; 2) applicant's academic achievement and potential; and 3) applicant's involvement in the fancy.

Applications and further information is available by contacting the Judges Education Department, see address below. The deadline for applications is April 15th.

Judges Education Department
5580 Centerview Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27606
919-854-0195

*(Article excerpted from the AKC web page:
<http://www.akc.org/>)*

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practice/review session either the end of April or beginning of May to help the participants understand the rules and requirements of CGC. The hope is to better prepare these participants to allow them to be successful.

Sandy Walsh (Assistant Director of Training) sent her report via e-mail. She is a volunteer in the Big Brother/Big Sister's program. Participants in the program are always looking for activities that would be of interest to a large group of participants, as well as something that is not extremely expensive. Monthly activities are planned for the participants. Sandy thought that perhaps the club members might be interested in providing some type of demonstration to the Big Brother/Big Sister participants at some time during the summer. A demonstration of some type would probably provide both organizations with positive publicity. It was discussed that perhaps we could do a brief demonstration at one of the summer activities (i.e. a picnic).

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that we have received approval from AKC for the November 8th Obedience Trial.

Will also presented for Board approval a letter from Helen Castellano, Trial Trophy Chairperson, regarding the trial trophies to be sponsored by the club. Cheryl made a motion that the trophies which are not sponsored by club members or paid for out of the general trophy fund, be sponsored by the club. The motion was seconded by Cathy Fleury, approved by all members present. This was the way that the trophy sponsorship was handled last year.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that there are currently 14 people signed up to receive the Waggin' Tales via e-mail. During the February board meeting, it was decided that a minimum of 12 interested club members would justify the cost of the Acrobat software. No one has signed up since the March Waggin' Tales was

distributed. At this time, it can be assumed that this is all the participants that we will get.

Dave made a motion to purchase the Acrobat software for \$180 at this time, seconded by Will Short and approved by all. Dave suggested that during the first months' distribution, an electronic copy as well as a paper copy will be sent to the club members who signed-up. Instructions will also be provided at that time. Once it has been determined that the process went smoothly, the paper copies will be eliminated to the electronic copy recipients. It is anticipated that all problems will be resolved within the first distribution.

Dave reported that there was some confusion at the printer for the March issue. Initially, not enough copies were printed and necessitated a second trip to obtain the rest of the copies. Additionally, Dave reported that in the translation from his computer to their computer, some of the formatting got changed. A couple lines at the end of articles got deleted. He will contact the printer to resolve this problem. He anticipates that a change in format that the newsletter is transmitted to the printer will be the resolution.

Dave stated that he has not received any reaction regarding his article regarding the pros and cons of the web site. No good, no bad, no ugly, nothing - how should this be interpreted? It was decided that due to the apparent lack of interest at this time, we would not continue this pursuit. It will be re-addressed in six months.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she still needs judges for the Tuesday, May 19th graduation. She currently has most of the judges for the Tuesday, August 11th graduation. Cathy Fleury volunteered to judge the 8:00 p.m. class on May 19th. She still needs two more judges, one at 7:00 p.m. and one at 9:00 p.m..

Michelle Richter-Farrell has redesigned the scoring sheet.

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Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) recommended that the policy be reinstated regarding the publication of the names of the membership applicants in the Waggin' Tales prior to the vote at a membership meeting. She stated that the applicants could be considered "provisional" until the process is completed at the next meeting. This would still allow the applicant to have most membership privileges for training (i.e. utility ring usage) but would not allow them voting privileges.

By reinstating this policy we would allow our current club members sufficient opportunity to present any concerns regarding an applicant to the board as well as an opportunity for the board members to completely investigate any concerns. Should no concerns be raised, the application will be voted on at the next general membership meeting. If the concerns are valid, the applicant will be notified that their application has not been accepted prior to the next membership meeting, thus avoiding any embarrassment at the meeting. The membership will be asked to vote on this recommendation at the May membership meeting.

Judy is seeking ideas on what should be included in the new membership database that she is creating. She is hoping to create a more inclusive database that can be utilized for other purposes.

Judy reported that she currently has a list of 13 new applicants for the May membership meeting.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported via e-mail that she still needs volunteers to sign-up to work at the club's booth for the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) on April 18th and 19th. She asked that Cheryl remind that instructors to announce it at their classes. She will have available at the club's table the

pamphlets that Jean Airey created and anything else that might be appropriate. Tracey also reported that she will be replacing the board used to display club pictures.

Heather King (Tracking Secretary). Carolyn reported for Heather that the September tracking test has been approved, pending the receipt of the current membership roster. Carolyn stated that the membership roster had been mailed to AKC on March 10th.

Old Business

- **12-Time Policy**

Given the amount of concerns expressed to the board and the current Awards committee, Joan Payne (Awards

Committee Chairperson) asked the Board to review the "12-time" policy. A discussion regarding the reasons why club members have expressed their concerns started. Many members felt that a specific number of times were not necessary and discriminated against club members could not be at training due to their work schedules. Although according to the definition, "Special exceptions would continue

Pebblewoods Tomboy Terry
UD, Can CDX
Sept. 17th 1983 - Feb 6th 1998

Terry, a sweet and gentle little friend. He gave us 14 1/2 years of his love, and many wonderful memories. Always ready to work and please, a good heeler with straight sits. A tracker, too.

We miss you very much Terry. He will always be remembered, always loved.

Heidy Terlizzi.

Heidy & Lewis Terlizzi

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to be reviewed by the board." did allow for exceptions, it was the opinion of the board members that rules should not be instituted that automatically includes the way to make an exception. This indicates that it is not a rule that encompasses the majority of the club members. Cheryl has stated that she has a significant number of current instructors would have to be considered "special exceptions". They could obtain their work credits by instructing but could not be eligible for awards because they were not training their dogs at the club.

Cheryl and Michelle both stated that we need to have a dialogue with the membership to explain why the policy would not work for most if not all of club members. Cheryl reminded the board members that it is not an easy task to obtain work credits. A club member needs to work a minimum 4 nights and a full day at the trial to obtain your six work credits. Just getting the required six work credits require a large amount of personal time.

Taffy asked Cheryl what the most commonly used reason that she hears as to WHY most people are not willing to instruct a class: "they do not have time - because they are training their own dogs".

According to our by-laws (sections 3.9 and 3.10), our purposes are to:

To encourage members, on a strictly volunteer basis, to hold offices, join in and work at Club activities and to train community members to train their dogs.

To provide training to other community organizations, such as 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or others who desire to have such training services provided to them on an organizational basis.

Training our own dogs does NOT support these purposes - it only takes up space. Club members who are instructing are the "money makers" of the

club. At the conclusion of a great deal of discussion, Cindy Pakenas made the following motion:

To define an "awards eligible member" as a club member who:

- is listed in the roster as a training member
- actively participates in the training of dogs at Fox Valley Dog Training Club
- attends 3 meetings annually
- earns six work credits

Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, opposed or abstained by none.

- Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that she was present at the last hearing regarding the women accused of dragging a Keeshond behind the car she was driving. She has pleaded not guilty. The next court date is April 23rd.

New Business

Cheryl Lewis made a motion to go to Executive Session for new business. The motion was seconded by Will Short and approved by all.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to

From the Editor

Save a Tree!

... and save FVDTC some \$\$.

Starting in May, you can get your "Waggin' Tales" through e-mail. Sign up by contacting Dave Lewis (630/897-4267 or dclewis@inll.com)

From Kay Weber

Notes from the McConnell Seminar

The Patricia McConnell seminar on Advanced Canine Behavior was held on Feb. 14 & 15, 1998. We had 80 attendees on Saturday and 102 attendees on Sunday. I had many people tell me how much they enjoyed the seminar and how much they learned. I also was asked when we would be doing this again. There were 2 dogs on Saturday and 5 dogs on Sunday used to demonstrate some of the concepts that were learned both days. Several of those dogs are now getting additional help. Many owners were discussing how they used some of the techniques on their dogs immediately - with good results. If you hear discussions about 'body blocks' and clickers that's where it's coming from! Cindy Pakenas is planning on using some of the tape from the seminar at a future membership meeting.

A big thanks is in order to the volunteers who helped with the seminar. They are: **Michelle Cufu, Joan Payne, Brenda Rivera, Terri Sidell, Peggy Steinberg and Susan Yee as well as Cindy Pakenas for supporting and promoting the idea.**

The seminar was also videotaped, with Trisha's permission. The board has approved having the multiple tapes edited and combined into one master. Two copies will be made for the library. We are also offering an opportunity to purchase a copy of the seminar tapes for the cost of copying the tapes. The tapes will be \$10 per tape (VHS) and there will be about 6 or 7 tapes. If you wish to order a copy of the seminar please send your name, address and phone number to Kay Weber and you will be notified of the final price. Once this order is complete, copies will only be made when we have a request for 5 or more sets.



From Kay Weber

Braggs & Legs

MOTHER/DAUGHTER AGILITY TITLES!

GoFer - Novice Agility 3/7/98
(100 & 2nd place)

India - Open Agility 3/22/98
(100 & 2nd place)

High Lab in open 3/21/98 & 3/22/98
India's picture was also on page 3 in
the Beacon News on 3/22/98

India also got a 200 and 3rd place on
4/5/98 in Agility I and 10 ATCH points.
Holli made her agility debut after only a
few months of Agility Classes and earned
her first leg in Agility I on 4/5/98.

From Kay Weber

Thanks ...

The 1997 Awards banquet was held on March 14, 1998 at Shannon Hall in Batavia. First of all I would like to thank all those who helped with the awards and the banquet. Gerry and Barb Erskine who made the invitations, Michelle Cufu who collected the reservations and Michelle Richter who put together the program. Also, Cindee Malnar, Heather King, and Georgia Fiorito who handled getting the awards, and all the committee members who went in search of door prizes. Georgia Fiorito handled just about everything related to the banquet itself and a big thanks to her husband, Mark who helped set everything up. Also a big thanks to Cindee and Bill Malnar, Georgia and Mark Fiorito and Heather King who helped clean up. Thanks to all the committee members who helped make all the decisions along the way. Your help was greatly appreciated. Finally, thank you to Rick Cox who did a great job as our Master of Ceremonies and also Kristin Cox who was our special helper. Thank you all!

From Ingrid Hamburger

When Dogs and Kids Collide

One of the first toys we give children are stuffed animals. We encourage them to hug the fake animals and kiss them: on their faces. We let children pick at their plastic eyes and noses.

Is it any wonder that when children see a real animal they want to do the same to them? And, according to a statistic from the U.S. humane Society, 2.8 million children were bitten by dogs in 1995, the latest year for which complete figures have been compiled. Many of those dogs are the family pet or a friend or neighbor's dog.

Some children aren't taught the proper way to associate with a dog. It's an important lesson, even if you don't own a pet. It's inevitable that children will encounter dogs, whether they are strays, on a leash, in a fenced back yard or at someone's home.

There aren't a lot of resources available to assist parents in this lesson. Some books offer brief chapters on the subject. And many local chapters of the Animal Protection Association have a humane education coordinator who makes free presentations for schools or any group that wants to teach children about safety around dogs.

Rita Bartlett, a retired fourth grade teacher and volunteer for the Memphis chapter of the APA uses illustrations, a brief film and Patches, a stuffed demonstration dog, to simulate situations a child may encounter.

There's also a new video, produced by Don Manelli, the former head writer for Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom." The 30 minute video, 'Dogs, Cats & Kids', features veterinarian Dr. Wayne Hunthausen and shows demonstrations using real dogs to help children learn how to behave.

Here, gathered from a number of sources, are

several important rules parents should teach their children:

- First, never run from a dog. Sometimes parents are afraid of dogs and they instill that fear in their children without teaching them a proper response. A scared child sees a dog and sometimes the first thing he does is run or scream or flail his arms -- all actions that will scare a dog or cause it to run after him.
- If a dog approaches and the owner isn't around, stand still. The Manelli video tells children to pretend they are a tree. Stand straight with your arms by your side and your feet together. Bartlett tells them to fold their arms to their chest and bow their heads like a mummy. Never look at the dog.
- Many dogs consider it a threat or challenge when someone stares at them, That's especially true of children since they are closer to a dog's height. Tell your children to be very quiet, no matter how frightened they are. Usually, if a dog doesn't feel threatened, it will approach, sniff and then walk away. Wait until the dog is a good distance away before you move.
- If a dog jumps up or if your child is already sitting down when a dog approaches, tell your child to pretend he is rock or a roly-poly bug. Tell the child to curl up on his side with his knees tucked close to his chest. Make his hands into fists and put them over his ears. And tuck his head and arms close and be still.
- If a dog approaches children while they are biking; tell them to immediately stop and put the bike between them and the dog. Tell them to use their bike as a shield, and again, not make eye contact with the dog. Stay still until the dog goes away.



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If you have a dog in your home, or your children will visit other homes that have a dog, there are several pointers you should stress to your children, according to the video and Bartlett.

- First, don't rush up to a dog. Many times that frightens them and they may bite out of fear.
- Always ask the dog's owner, an adult, if the dog is friendly and if it's all right to pet the dog. If the owner says it's OK, then rub the dog gently along its back or aide.
- Also, emphasize that your children not bother a dog that is sleeping, eating, playing with a toy. Don't bother a mother dog or her puppies without the dog's adult owner there to supervise. Children, should also learn and watch for signals that a dog gives to tell what it is feeling.
- A happy dog is wagging its tail and its ears are relaxed.
- A scared dog will have its tail tucked, ears lying flat and may be shaking and whining.
- An angry dog will bark ferociously bare its teeth, growl. It will even wag its tail, but it's not a happy wag, It's usually a sharp back and forth kind of motion. The video also warns children to stay away from unhappy dogs. If the dog is on a leash, tied up or in a back yard and the child is on the other side of the fence, don't go near the animal.

The video costs \$19.95, plus \$3.95 for shipping and handling. To order the video, call (800) 784-0979.

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More from the Banquet

1997 Awards



Anderson, Judy	Corky	CD
Bensen, Linda	Tygr	CD, CDX, UKC-CD, UKC-AGI, Dog World
Bizer, Ronnie	Ginger	Can CDX
	Packer	UDX
Brcich, Penny	Rosie	UDX
Castellano, Helen	Jena	NA
Clarke, William	Carmel	UD
Cox, Rick	Amber	Can CD
Cufr, Michelle	Heath	CDX
Fiorito, Georgia	Mocha	CDX, Can CDX
Fleury, Catherine	Chance	CD, Dog World
Hamburger, Ingrid	Heike	TD
Huber, Marietta	Squiggles	CDX, American Master Agility, USDAA GM, USDAA RM, USDAA ADCH, NADAC EAC
	Popcorn	CD, American Open Agility, American Agility Excellent, American Junior Hunter, UKC Companion Dog, USDAA AD, NADAC OAC, NADAC OJC, NADAC EAC, NADAC EJC
	Rainbow	USDAA JM, USDAA RM, NADAC EGC

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King, Heather	Licorice	American Master Agility, USDAA VAD
Kovacevich, Debbie	Rosie	TDX
	Cache	Can CD
	Ruby	CDX, Can CDX
Kovacevich, Michael	Jello	CD, Dog World
Lazzara, Loretta	Trekkie	CDX, SKC-CDX, UCI-CH.
	Shiver	UD
	Elvis	UDX
Lewis, Cheryl	Jericho	Can CDX
Pearson, Carolyn	Brady	UD, Can UD
Richter, Michelle	April	CDX
Russell, Mary	Shadow	CD, CDX
Schultz, Sylvia	Reggie	TDX
	Roddy	TD
Scott, Suzan	Vincent	AX, U-CDX
	Jett	American Master Agility
	Phoenix	American Master Agility, UKC-ATCHX, NADAC OJC
Short, Shirley	Drifter	Can CDX
Sidell, Terri	Topas	UD
	Tiara	Can CDX
Stephenson, Sandi	Jenna	SKS-UD, U-CD, U-CDX, B.H. - German Traffic Degree
Weber, Kay	India	American Novice Agility, UKC-AGII
	GoFer	TD, UKC-AGI
	Baker	CGC
	Echo	CGC
White, Anne	Liza	CDX
	Peggy	CGC, Working Certificate



From Helen C. Castellano

1998 Trophy Fund

I am again the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. I would like to offer each member the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of their choice. I have several suggestions in this area. The first is that you may call me at home and leave a message indicating which trophy you would like to sponsor and the amount. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. I have a list from the previous year with amounts. You may also complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail.

The following are my suggestions for sponsorship of trophies. First, you may decide to provide your own award. I have enjoyed doing this myself in past years and have had numerous compliments on my prizes. Second, you may decide to provide a cash donation and request that something be purchased with the money. Third, you may decide to provide a cash donation with the qualification that the winner of the trophy receives the

cash. Fourth, you may choose to make a cash donation directly to the Trophy Fund. Your name will of course be listed as a sponsor of an award.

If you are providing your own trophy, I will need a description to include in the premium no later than **JULY 1ST**. I would ask that I received the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please provide that to me no later than **JUNE 1ST**, so that I may have time to order the trophy and to include that information in the premium. Thank you.

Helen C. Castellano
 35;W072 Chillem Drive
 Batavia, IL 60210
 630-761-0411

1998 TROPHY DONATIONS

Please print: Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Trophy you wish to sponsor: _____

Please one - You will provide:

- a. Trophy
- b. Cash to Purchase Trophy (\$ _____)
- c. Cash as Trophy (\$ _____)
- d. Donation to the Trophy Fund (\$ _____)

From Peggy Sue Seehafer

We Need Your Help

We need your help on Graduation Nights!

Please consider judging the beginner's class on these dates:

Tuesday May 19 (7pm and 9pm)

Tuesday, October 13 (7pm, 8pm, and 9pm)

Tuesday, December 22 (7pm, 8pm and 9pm)

Thanks for your help.

From Drew Graham

If You Can ...

If you can start the day without caffeine,
 If you can get going without pep pills,
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
 If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
 If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
 If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without liquor,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
 If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,

Help Wanted

What

Crafts & Critters Demo

Crafts & Critters Booth Workers

Match Judges

Match Stewards

Graduation Night Judges

4H Instructors

When

April 18, 2pm, Kane County Fairgrounds

April 18, 11am-5pm & April 19 11am-4pm

Match Nights

Match Nights

May 19, October 13, December 22

Thursday Nights, 6-7pm

Contact

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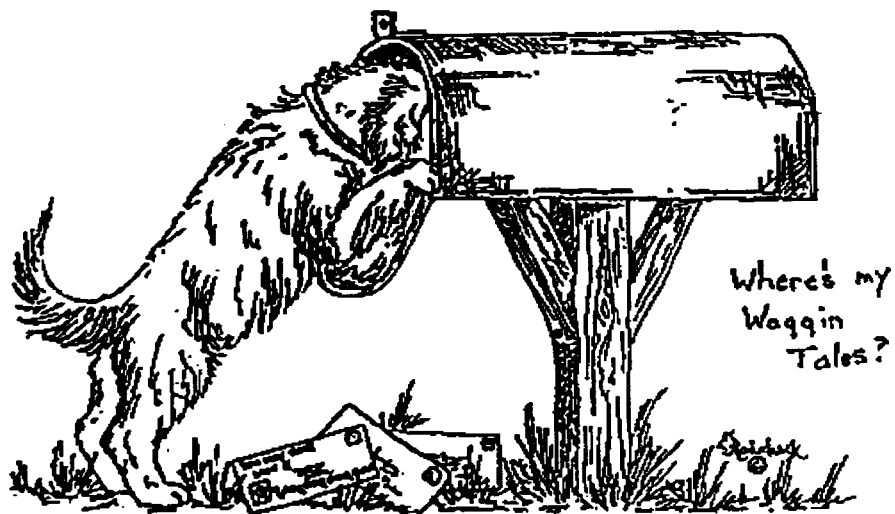
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April / May Calendar

Dates to Remember

April	1	Wednesday	Board Meeting	May	6	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
	6	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		7	Thursday	Regular Training
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		11	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training		14	Thursday	Regular Training
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic		19	Tuesday	Regular Training
	30	Thursday	Reg. Training (Dr. Hansen Visits)		28	Thursday	Correction Clinic