

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## CALENDAR CHANGES

The FVDTC Calendar has some changes:

- The first night of training in June has been changed from Tuesday June 6 to Thursday June 8
- The Tracking Test scheduled for September 17 has been changed to Sunday September 10.

The latest updates to the calendar are always available on the FVDTC web site at <http://www.fvdtc.org/>

From Suzan Scott

## CORRECTION CLINIC DATES

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic will be held on Tuesday, May 23. Notice - this is the fourth TUESDAY of May.

The dates for the remaining 2000 FVDTC correction clinics are:

June 15	August 17	September 21
October 19	November 30	

From the AKC

## WATCH OUT FOR SUMMER HEAT

Excerpted from the AKC web site at <http://www.akc.org/>

These are some of the signs to watch for in a dog that might be suffering from heat distress:

### Early Stages

Heavy Panting  
Rapid Breathing  
Excessive Drooling  
Bright Red Gums

### Late Stages

Gums may be white or blue  
Lies down, unwilling to move  
May defecate or urinate uncontrollably  
Difficult and noisy breathing  
Shock

Cool down your dog with ice to the groin area, rubbing alcohol on the paw pads, only small amounts of water to drink. Restore electrolytes with Pedialyte.

## I Am Proud of My Dog Because ...

My little blue merle Sheltie, Robin, loved to train and was very easy to teach, but did not like dog shows AT ALL. She finished her Utility title just for me. Now she is my best lap-sitter, likes to share the couch, watch movies and eat popcorn. Love ya, Robin!.

— Penny Bricch

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Folk will know how large your soul is by the way you treat a dog.

- Charles F. Doran

## BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

**"Rachel" U-CD Penny's Rachel, UD, HS, HTD1** (Penny Brcich)  
 American Shetland Sheepdog Assn. National Show (March 28, 2000)  
 Veterans - 3rd Place 196 1/2 (3 way run off for first - obviously we didn't win it!)

**"Rosie" U-CDX, U-AG1 Penny's Roseanna, UDX, OA, FDX, Delta Society Pet Partner** (Penny Brcich)  
 Veterans - 4th Place 196

And Rachel & Rosie together in their Brace debut - 2nd Place 195 1/2  
 (pretty good considering we practiced a total of about 3 times)



**Brady UDX** (Carolyn Pearson)  
 On Saturday, April 22nd, Brady and I competed in Fond Du Lac for the 26th attempt for our UDX. And much to my delight - we got it!

I kept telling him that once he qualified just one more time (actually twice on the same day) he would earn the "official" title of retired couch potato. I guess that he decided that that finally was what he wanted to do.

We qualified with a 190 and 191 (don't ask me which was which). Not bad!

Words cannot describe how great it felt to finally achieve what (at times) seemed like an impossible goal.

Thank you all for your words of encouragement and help!

**Jocko** (Sunny Inniss) on December 18, 1999, Jocko finished the requirements for the UKC U-OCH-United obedience Champion. He also earned his herding degree in '99—so he's a Canadian OTCH UDTD—AKC UDX TD—TT HCT TD!

**Jay Jay** (Sunny Inniss) earned his UKC CD in April:  
 04/08/2000—Smack Dab—190 (3 points off for eating a hot dog as he walked to start)  
 04/08/2000—196—4th place  
 04/03/2000—197—3rd place  
 04/03/2000—198—2nd place

Enter your brags online at the FVDTC web site  
 (<http://www.fvdtc.org>, then click on "News")

## E-MAIL WAGGIN' TALES

If you would like to save the club a few dollars, receive your Waggin' Tales up to a week before everybody else, and get your pictures in color:

Get your Waggin' Tales via E-Mail!

You need to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from <http://www.adobe.com>) and send an e-mail to [waggintales@fvdtc.org](mailto:waggintales@fvdtc.org).

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

DUES FOR THE 2000-2001 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2000.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET,  
BE SURE THAT YOU ARE A 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:  
KATHY HUBBARD, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
(address below)

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 2000-2001 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN'  
TAILS WILL BE THE JULY ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-8-  
00.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT  
RECEIVED BY 7-8-00.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP TYPE  
INSTRUCTORS: EARN 1/4 CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX 4) AND  
MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-8-00 NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00
- REGULAR NONTRAINING \$45.00
- LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING \$45.00
- LIFETIME OR BOARD NONTRAINING FREE

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

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

**KATHY HUBBARD  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
403 N. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS 60115  
(815)758-0243  
membership@fvdtc.org**

From Carolyn Pearson

## MINUTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Membership Meeting Highlights May 3, 2000

Meeting brought to order at 7:49 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary), the March meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson (Acting Directors of Training) reported that the classes are currently at week 8. Graduation is on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The third session for Beginner's classes begins on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The third session for Puppy classes begins on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Current instructors and potential instructors, primary and assistants, are encouraged to see Taffy Wille or Carolyn Pearson if they are interested in teaching for any of the next sessions.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that the Obedience Trial application was sent to AKC. The entry fees will be \$19.00 for the first entry and \$13.00 for the additional entry of the same dog. Taffy has received signed judges contracts from all judges. Taffy reported that the premium list would be mailed out in August. Taffy also stated that this may be her last year as Trial Secretary and is looking for a replacement who would be available to work with her during the upcoming months.

Peggy Sue Seehafer also reported that a poster board has been created with the trophies that were offered at last year's trial (and who sponsored it). If you would like to sponsor that trophy again, just sign the sheet.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, May 7th. The website address has been included on the club's brochures that go to the vet's office. Taffy reported that the Front & Finish centerfold ad will also include the website address.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, Carolyn reported that Sandy needs judges for a 7:00 p.m., an 8:00 p.m. and a 9:00 p.

m. Beginner's class.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) read a list of six new members for voting. After a bit of discussion about one of the applicants, Ed Herdes made a motion to accept the list as read. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, with three opposed and without abstentions. Kathy reminded everyone that dues are due.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) was not in attendance. However, Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that the Fox Valley Wildlife Club is going to have a booth at the Elburn Days (mid to end of August, the exact dates are not known). She thought that maybe Fox Valley

might consider getting a booth also. Taffy reported that she just saw an article in the Daily Herald about a new fall festival called BAT (avia) Fest, no specific dates for this event known at this time.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that stewards are always needed. Please sign-up early. The next match is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jan Schomer stated that anyone who is working the match AND

working their dogs should be there between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. for a run-through. Sits and downs are done at 6:45 p.m.

Shirley Moline (Match Chairperson) was not in attendance. Linda Benson reported that Shirley needs one Novice judge for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> match.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) was not in attendance. However, Carolyn Pearson reported that anyone having any club owned literature (video tapes or books, etc.) should please contact Ginger. Ginger is in the process of re-organizing and updating the library.

Suzan Scott (Statistician Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report with Peggy Sue Seehafer: The dates for the rest of the year's matches are: May 23<sup>rd</sup> (TUESDAY), June 15, August 17, September 21, October 19 and November 30.

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## HELP WANTED

The following positions are open, anyone interested should contact Carolyn Pearson at (630) 231-5658 or via e-mail at secretary@fvdtc.org.

Second Vice-President  
Director of Training  
Demonstrations  
Member-at-Large

From Carolyn Pearson

## MINUTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported (after a little prodding) that the dinner was fantastic and a lot of fun. In spite of having surgery, Nina did a great job with door prizes, centerpieces and all of the miscellaneous other things. A round of applause was extended to Cindee for the wonderful time that was had by all.

Carolyn Pearson (Tracking Secretary) stated that the Tracking Tests have been AKC approved for Wichman Forest Preserve on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This a date change AND a location change necessitated by various conflicts. A Special Activity Application (and money) must be sent to the Cook County Forest Preserve to contractually reserve our dates. Judges have been confirmed and will include Bonnie Kircher, Ted Hoesel and Jack Hlustik as a Provisional Judge. Thanks to Ingrid Hamburger for her diligent efforts to obtaining and confirming the judges. Please let Francene Andresen (630) 365-0905 if you would be able to lay tracks on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> AND on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Ingrid Hamburger as drawn by Marie Conner, club member Nadine Conner's granddaughter.

### Old Business

From David Lewis, Editor

## PUT YOUR NEWS IN WAGGIN' TALES

If you have news or announcements you would like to share with the club, put it in the Waggin' Tales.

There are a few guidelines to follow to ensure that your message is presented in the way **you** would like:

Submit your articles to:

David Lewis  
Waggin' Tales  
232 Mistwood Lane  
North Aurora, IL 60542  
(630) 897-4267  
waggintales@fvdtc.org

Plain text E-Mail is the best way to get your article included. Attachments in Rich Text Format will work also. Typed letters and faxes are OK, too, but hand-

Helen Castellano reported that AKC has approved the Agility trial. It will be at Mike Bond's place, Creekwood Meadows, on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Haidle is judging Standard and Pamela Juliano is judging Jumpers and Weaves. Entries will be first come, first serve with an opening date. There will be a limit of 175 for each class.

### New Business

- **Information Table Help Wanted** - Carolyn Pearson reported that we are in need of a person to sit at the Information Table beginning in June. Please see her or Paul Grosso (current "table-sitter") to learn more about the duties.
- **July Picnic and Meeting** - A date for Picnic/ Meeting was also discussed. Part of the discussion entailed whether we would like to keep the Sunday afternoon or return to a weeknight dinner. A final decision was not made, however Peggy Sue Seehafer has offered her home as the location. She is next to the forest preserve property in Wasco. Cindy Pakanes has agreed to coordinate the "puppy games" if we decide to have them, however, an overall coordinator will still be needed.
- **Dateline Show** - Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that the Dateline show recently had a segment

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written notes are the most likely to result in errors.

Always include your name and a phone number with your article.

### What Gets Included

Waggin' Tales is the primary means of communication for the Board to the membership, so announcements from the Board and meeting minutes get highest priority. Next are news, brags and stories from the membership. If space permits, dog-related classified ads and for-sale items from members will be included.

I am always interested in your comments (both good and bad) and suggestions for improving Waggin' Tales.

From Carolyn Pearson

## MINUTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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on Puppy Mills. Dateline allows their viewers to vote (via the Internet) to have a show repeated. The website to vote is: <http://www.msnbc.com/top10.asp>. Dave Lewis said that he would also put the address as a link from the club's website.

- **By-Law Changes Ratification** - The changes made to the by-laws were briefly described. Kay Weber expressed concern that the position of Tracking Secretary was being eliminated. That position is not eliminated, however the Tracking representative to the Board will be the Tracking Chairperson. It was thought that as the event's overall coordinator, that the person would be the best representative.

Another concern that Kay Weber had was with regards to the lack of a full board (due to the lack of an elected Director of Training). She felt that we should solicit club members to sit on the board as members-at-large. However, this still does not eliminate the current lack of a Director of Training. Both positions will be "advertised" in the Waggin' Tales.

Additionally, Kay Weber also felt that the quorum should be increased from five to seven, due to the increase in the number of total board members. However, it was decided that although we typically think of a quorum as the "majority", that is not a necessity. The number defined as a quorum, must be agreed upon (as in our by-laws) and allow for business to be conducted effectively. Trudi Kimm stated that even with the nine voting board members, the current quorum of five is a majority. Trudi Kimm made a motion to accept the bylaws as published. Linda Benson seconded the motion. Without any further discussion, the motion was approved by all, with one opposed and no abstentions.

- **Election for Tracking Chairperson** - Linda Benson made a motion that we accept the nomination of Francene Andresen to fill the board position of Tracking Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Taffy Wille and approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.
- Kathy Hubbard announced that Kishwaukee College has recently purchased a dog to demonstrate Canine CPR. She will stay abreast of the program and will keep the club informed of any developments.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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From Nadine Conner

## IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Don't take this the wrong way, but for the longest time now, I have been trying to imitate my dog.

Not his look, which is furry and chestnut brown. Not his walk, which, as with most golden retrievers, is more of a waddle. And not his tail. I don't need a tail. I have enough trouble buckling my pants as it is. Also, I can live without his bathroom habits, which can be summed up this way: "Tree or bush? Tree or bush? Aw, how about right here on the grass..."

No, what I admire about my dog is his fascination with the simple routine of life. Every day for him is like boarding the space shuttle. For example: In the morning, I tumble out of bed, grumble, yawn, open the door, and ta-da! There he

is, the canine answer to Richard Simmons. He is so worked up, he doesn't know which way to go, toward me or away from me. So he does both.

"Oh boy oh boy oh boy!" he seems to pant. "It's morning and I'm gonna eat!" Never mind that he has eaten every morning since he was born. Or that he's had the same food every morning since he was born - and that was 11 years ago. Never mind. He pulls me downstairs and waits breathlessly as I scoop yet another helping of boring brown nuggets into his bowl.

"Oh boy oh boy oh boy! Food, food, food!"

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From Nadine Conner

## IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

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I yawn.

Three minutes later, he is off the food thing and into a new obsession: going out. Again, he runs forward and backward. "I'm going out! I'm going out! Is this great or what?"

Never mind that going out has not changed one bit since we've lived here. He is so thrilled by the notion of "exit" that he almost bites the doorknob off. He bolts into the backyard as if heading for Tomorrowland with a sack full of "E" tickets.

I slouch and yawn again.

The great indoors.

Then comes with the "bathroom" routine, which I already have described. Humans deal with these functions begrudgingly. Not my dog. It's a real thrill for him. He scouts for the perfect spot as if looking for beach front real estate. "Tree or bush? Tree or bush?" And I don't have that many trees.

Then, once his business is taken care of – and I make a mental note where we're going to have to shovel come summer – he is off the going out obsession and onto a new one: going back in.

It doesn't matter than he was in just two minutes ago. "Things have changed! Things have changed!" he seems to pant. "I gotta get in there! I gotta check it out! Hurry up, hurry up!"

When I open the door, he bolts in, races back and forth – looking for space aliens, I suppose – and when he doesn't find any, he isn't disappointed. Instead, he snarls at some ratty toy he's played with for months, throws it into the air with his teeth, and watches it and. "Look at that!" he seems to say. "It goes up, it comes down!"

As I make a cup of coffee, he jumps up to watch. "Whatcha doin? Whatcha doin? Coffee, huh? That's amazing!"

He then clamps onto my leg and does a dance that, were it the early '50s, I might call the "Hootchie Coo." I am not sure what he gets out of this—"Oh boy, a leg! Oh boy, a leg!" – but he seems to be having a better time than many of the dates I've had.

When I disengage and disappear behind a door, he lies down outside and waits for me to come out again. If it is only 30 seconds later, he will still react

as if I were a released hostage.

The sunny side.

Now, my dog does not work. He does not pay taxes. He does not create anything new (unless you consider the bushes outside). But he also doesn't need clothes, doesn't covet cars or jewelry, and doesn't care about houses, as long as he can find a sunny spot on the floor and lie there for a few hours.

Meanwhile, I am bored with my same routine. Getting up is a drag. I can't get excited about breakfast. And going out then coming back only makes me wonder how many flies I've let in.

So I'm trying to imitate my dog. I'm trying to find wonder in the everyday. After all, when you think about it, it is pretty remarkable that you open your eyes each morning. And since every few hours you get to quench your hunger, well, that's a thrill, when you consider the alternative.

So while I can't match my dog's drool, I am trying to match his zeal. Don't worry. If you come to visit, I will not clamp on your leg and do the Hootchie Coo.

On the other hand, that sunny spot on the floor looks pretty tempting...

Author unknown

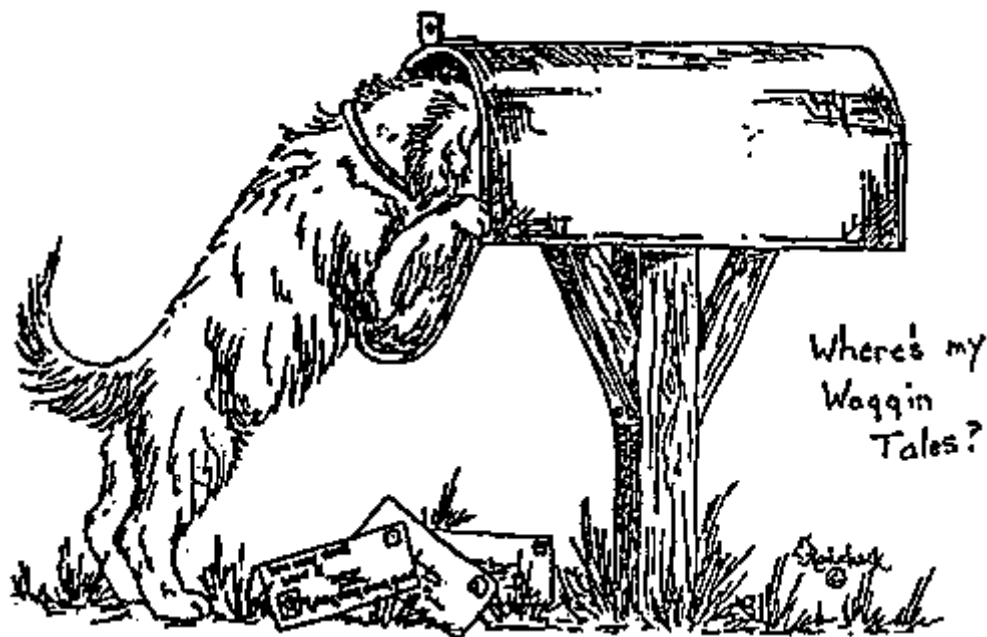
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**THE GRADUATE**

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## FVDTC CALENDAR— MAY / JUNE

<b>May</b>	3	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	<b>June</b>	1	Thursday	Regular Training
	4	Thursday	Regular Training				Start Puppy Class (3)
	7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		7	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		8	Thursday	Regular Training
	16	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training		11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
			Dr. Sig Hansen Visits		15	Thursday	Correction Clinic
			Beginner Graduation				Beginner's Class Only
	23	<b>Tuesday</b>	Correction Clinic		22	Thursday	Regular Training
			Beginner Class		29	Thursday	Regular Training