



# Waggin' Tales

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## From the DOT

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Once again we are looking for instructors and assistants for our next session of classes. We have openings at 7 & 8. Even if you can only assist for a few nights, your help will be welcomed! Please contact either Carolyn Pearson ([secretary@fvdtc.org](mailto:secretary@fvdtc.org) or 630/231-5658) or Trudi Kimm ([dot@fvdtc.org](mailto:dot@fvdtc.org) or 630/673-0527). Don't worry if you've never instructed before. All of us had to start somewhere and once you get out there, it can be very fun and it's wonderful to see the changes in the class dogs as you progress. Plus seeing your human students go on to bigger and better things is a thrill. I once had a student who came in because his Corgi needed structure in his life. He went on to earn his UD and was very active in a local obedience club close to his home. We met up at a show once and he thanked me for getting him into the sport. FVDTC's teaching the 4H'ers has brought several members into the club who have been very active throughout the years. All it takes is an eight-hour commitment on your part over a ten-week period

to get you started down this wonderful road.

For those of you who use Flexi's at training, please be sure that before you enter the building you have the lead retracted and locked. The hallway and entrance into the training hall is very congested at times and it can be very dangerous to have a dog on the end of a 20-foot Flexi fly down the hallway and into the hall ahead of the owner. Even a dog on the end of a 6-foot. leash can create a problem, if it comes around the corner into a strange dog's face. Once the weather warms up we will be able to open up the large overhead door and ease the congestion. Any of the side doors are also available to use as exits, as long as the class in progress is not interrupted.

Until next time, Train – Don't complain!

*Truid Kimm*  
[dot@fvdtc.org](mailto:dot@fvdtc.org)  
630/673-0527

### Special points of interest:

- Lost — But Found (see page 2)
- Membership Renewal Form (see page 5)

## Help Wanted

We have an immediate need for several positions to be filled. If you would like more information, or if you can help with any of these, please contact Carolyn Pearson or Trudi Kimm

- Membership Chair
- Public Education Liaison
- Front Table Person

- Primary Instructors
  - Beginners
  - Puppy
  - Conformation
- Assistant Instructors
  - Beginners
- Match Stewards



—Carolyn Pearson  
(630/231-5658)



## Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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

## Lost - But Found!

The following items have been accidentally left in the building at some time in the past. If anything sounds like it might belong to you - please check with Carolyn Pearson (secretary@fvdtc.org or 630/231-5658) or at the front table, and they can show you where they are.

Any items not claimed by May 30th will be disposed of.

- DuPage County Animal Control Fannie Pack
- 1 Black Golf Umbrella
- 1 Red Water Bottle – w/Forrester-Smith name
- Black Hat – brand label says Stretch (Relatively)
- Red Scarf/Shawl
- 1 pair Women's gloves, off-white knit
  
- 3 Canvas Utility Gloves
- 1 Plastic Dumbbell, Initials "NS" stamped on end, 3" ends, 2-1/2" dowel
- 1 Wooden Dumbbell, 2-1/2 ends, 2-1/2" dowel
  
- 1 Leash, Leather, Brown, 72" long, 1/2" wide
- 1 Leash, Nylon, Blue, 72" long, 3/8" wide
- 1 Leash, Leather, Black, 50" long, 1/2" wide, w/Harley Davidson logos



## On-Line Brags

See three years of electronic brags on the club web site <<http://www.fvdtc.org/news>>. You can also add your dog's accomplishments to the list for all the world to see.



## 2002 Correction Clinics

January 17  
February 21  
March 21  
April 18  
May 9  
June 20  
August 15  
September 19  
October 24  
November 21

## Correction Clinics

This month's FVDTC correction match will be held on Thursday, May 9. There is currently a waiting list for both open and utility. If you don't hear from me, you can assume that your entries made it in time. There is still plenty of room in novice.

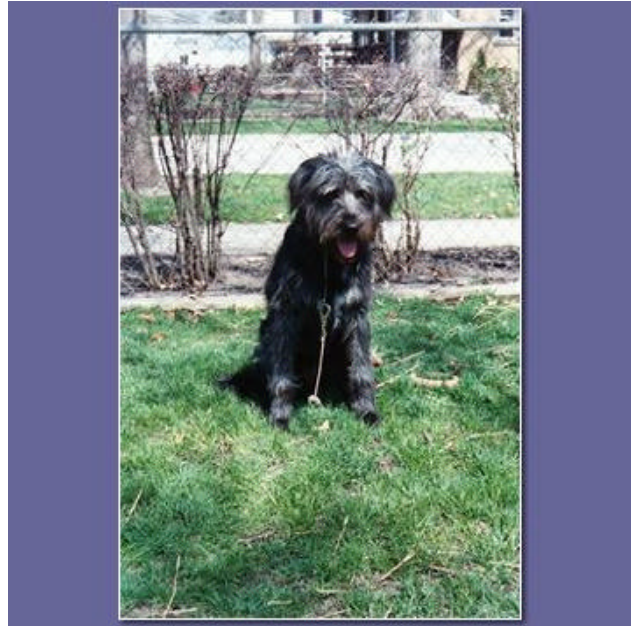
Remaining matches for 2002 are scheduled for:

- June 20
- August 15
- September 19
- October 24
- November 21

*Suzan Scott*  
(630) 898-5998  
matchentries@fvdtc.org

## Adopt Me!

Meet Shaggy, a one-year-old mix, who is adoptable through the Anti Cruelty Society's shelter at 157 W. Grand Ave, Chicago, IL. Shaggy is 25" tall and weights 50 lbs. Under that shaggy coat is a body of a greyhound. Her coat does not shed and is easily groomed. Shaggy is completely house broken and has not had any accidents while she has been with the D'Apriles. Her obedience training is moving along at good pace and she learns easily. Shaggy is all puppy in every way and is as sweet as pie. Also, she barks very little and is crate trained. As you can see looks like a dog out of a Disney movie. You can find out more about Shaggy and adopting her by E-mailing Jerry at [professionaldoglover@attbi.com](mailto:professionaldoglover@attbi.com).



## Membership Report

### New applicants:

Kirk and Rosemary Anderson  
 1195 Redfield Road  
 Naperville, IL 60563  
 630-548-0304  
[kismet061@aol.com](mailto:kismet061@aol.com)  
 Papillon and Standard Poodle  
 Completed Beginner Obedience Class

Colleen Kent  
 17 Council Ave.  
 Aurora, IL 60504  
 630-898-4206  
[holleymom@aol.com](mailto:holleymom@aol.com)  
 German Shepherd Dog and Belgian Sheepdog  
 Guest trained five times

Karen Zedonis  
 803½ S. Third Street  
 St. Charles, IL 60174  
 630-513-6082  
[buggzee@aol.com](mailto:buggzee@aol.com)

Retriever/Spaniel Mix  
 Completed Beginner Obedience Class

Members present at the May 1 Membership Meeting voted to waive posting in Waggin' Tales, the name of the following applicant prior to voting on their membership because the applicant was present at the meeting:

Pete and Kelly Fiore  
 1840 Mission Hills Drive  
 Elgin, IL 60123  
 847-742-4854  
[fiore052601@aol.com](mailto:fiore052601@aol.com)  
 Shepherd Mix and Labrador Retriever  
 Completed Beginner Obedience Class

*Kathy Hubbard*  
[membership@fvdtc.org](mailto:membership@fvdtc.org)  
 815/758-0243



Please detach at line and fill out form completely  
ASAP and return to:

Peggy Sue Seehafer  
4N115 Trotter Lane  
St. Charles, IL 60175

The obedience trial trophy committee is starting to compile a list of trophies for this year's trial. If you are having the committee purchase a trophy for you, they need to know how much and what trophy by 5/31/02 so they can shop. If you are donating your own prize, the committee must be told what the item is and what trophy it is for no later than 6/30/02.

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**I would like to contribute to the 2002 Obedience Trial Trophy Fund.**

I would like to sponsor the following Trophy(ies): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate response

- I will be purchasing/furnishing my own prize(s) for the Trophy(ies) I am sponsoring.
- I would like to give a cash prize. (Please specify amount for each trophy you are sponsoring)
- I would like the committee to purchase the prize(s) for the Trophy(ies) I am sponsoring.
- I would like to contribute to the general trophy fund - please apply where needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Total Amount I am contributing.

Name and phone number - \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate piece of paper if you are including a dedication or memorial in the premium list with your name.

# FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2002  
DUES FOR THE 2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JUNE 30, 2002**

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 2002-2003 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN' TALES WILL BE THE JULY ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-8-02

*IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-8-02*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING AREAS OF INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 1/4 CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX 4)  
YOUR TEACHING STATUS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET, BE SURE THAT YOU ARE A TRAINING MEMBER.

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

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

**THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-8-02 NO EXCEPTIONS.  
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY ALL MEMBERS FOR YOUR  
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO BE VALID.**

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

"FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB"

TO

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



## Heather Memorial Award

*Editor's Note:*

*This note was sent to Kathy Hubbard, representing the Trophy Committee, in response to an effort to find the original donors of some of the club's permanent awards.*

April 25, 2002

Dear Kathy,

In our latest Waggin' Tales, we read under Old Business that you do not know who the original donors were of the Heather Memorial trophy. We gave that trophy in memory of our first dog that trained in Fox Valley and got her CD. It was for the highest scores in Novice A. She got

her CD in 1970. We started her in Fox Valley in 1968 when she was a puppy. Since then we have gotten several CD's – 5 while still with Fox Valley. We hoped that the award might encourage the member to continue training. One of our dogs got a Utility title and also a Tracking title. Also 4 got Canadian titles.

Since we moved to Arizona we have another Sheltie, who has her AKC CDX, her UKC – CD and her CGC.

Sincerely,  
Nancy & Bob Gillum

PS. When in Illinois, we lived in DeKalb 12 years and Sycamore 7 years.

## Membership Meeting Highlights

### *Membership Meeting Highlights May 1, 2002*

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

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

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that we still need instructors, primary and assistant, for the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's classes.

Trudi reminded everyone that the following rules apply to practice rings:

Novice	-	Shared by all.
Open	-	Shared at the discretion of the handler who signed up for the ring use.
Utility	-	Shared at the discretion of the handler who signed up for the ring use.

Trudi also reminded everyone that when a Flexi-Lead is used to enter or exit the training building, it should be retracted.

Trudi stated that one more month of Rally Obedience will be attempted to determine the interest level. Trudi feels

that we need to have more than five people to make it worth the amount of ring space needed.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported for the Trophy Committee, the Trophy Committee consists of: Chairperson is Cindy Pakenas and committee member is Peggy Sue Seehafer. Taffy reported that a form will be printed in the next Waggin' Tales for the trophy donations. The following are the two deadlines.

- May 30th - If you want the Trophy Committee to purchase the trophy, you must submit the form with your monetary donation.
- June 30th - If you want to supply your own trophy, you must submit the form with the trophy description. If the description cannot be included in the premium list, it may not be able to be given.

Taffy reported that as of today, she has already received nine entries. She

strongly encouraged any club member trying to obtain UDX legs, to submit their entries soon. Taffy also wanted the club members to know that the checks received with the entries will not be submitted for deposit until July.

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Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the deadline is Sunday, May 5. The information on our Website is current.

Dean Connolly (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, it was reported that the next Graduation is on Tuesday, May 21st.

Kathy Hubbard (acting Membership Chairperson) read a note from Bob and Nancy Gillum, in response to a note in the Waggin' Tales, explaining the history of the Heather Memorial Award. The note is printed in the Waggin' Tales.

Kathy read a list of the five applications which were published in recent Waggin' Tales. Francene Andersen made a motion to accept the list as published. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstained.

Kathy also received an application from the Fiore's after the Waggin' Tales publication. Pete was in attendance at this meeting. Taffy Wille made a motion that we waive the publication requirement, Dale Hakala seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstained. Marietta Huber made a motion that we accept the Fiore's application for membership. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstained.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) sent the following report via e-mail: We need stewards for the remaining matches. Please note that ideally, we should have three stewards in each class, it helps to speed up the run-throughs, and it allows minimal coverage for the ring in the event that one of the stewards needs to be somewhere else for a minute. That is why there are three spaces for each class to sign on the steward "board". It is not easy to have three stewards signed up, but we always strive for that goal.

Additionally, IF you signed up to steward and are told by your assigned ring that you are not needed in that particular ring, PLEASE do not assume that you are not needed anywhere else. Find Ingrid to see if another ring needs help – that is more often than not, the case. Your services will be put to use somewhere.

Also, since we have recently been filling our classes, please be aware that the judging usually continues past 9:00 p.m. If that is a problem, please let Ingrid know ahead of time so another person can be found for the remaining time. Please do not think that because you need to leave at a particular time – you should not sign-up at all - we can look for extra people to fill in the gap.

Suzan Scott/Jan Schomer/Shirley Moline (Match Committee). Suzan sent the following report via e-mail: Open and Utility have a waiting list for the May 9th match. There is still plenty of room in Novice. Trudi is going to try the Rally Class one more time to see if there is any more interest.

Trudi briefly explained that Rally Obedience is a combination of obedience and agility, but without any jumping.

Jean Airey (Publicity) sent the following report via e-mail: After two and a half months of work, the Front and Finish ad has been submitted for publication. There are 16 photograph entries and one text-only entry. She had room to list the obedience trial and the agility trial.

New club brochures are available in the box at the Information table. We also have new brochures available to send out. If anyone knows a vet's office that needs more, please let Jean know.

Jacquie Kramer (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that everyone should be looking for Boner Awards nominations for next year's dinner.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that we have received Event and Judges approval from AKC. She has also received the signed contracts back from the judges. Francene stated that in addition to the "usual" tracklayer volunteers needed for the Tracking Test, she will also need drivers on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to help get tracking teams to the site from the parking areas.

Francene stated that she and Ingrid Hamburger investigated many new sites. Maxine Brinker asked whether the site investigation included the Des Plaines Wildlife area, stating that it is a really nice site. The Des Plaines Wildlife area has a beautiful area, large enough for TD and

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TDX tracking tests. The lack of pavement in the area prevents a VST tracking test to be held there.

Heidy Terlizzi also asked whether Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve was still available for Tracking Tests, Francene responded that there is not enough space because of all of the new building that has occurred at the Forest Preserve.

Helen Castellanos/Suzan Scott (Agility Committee). Suzan Scott sent the following report via e-mail: The premium list should go out sometime toward the end of May. Suzan will begin searching for judges for next year's trials soon.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.50 is Dale Hakala as drawn by new club member, Pete Fiore.

### Old Business

- Awards – Nothing done yet with the two special awards replacements. Once that is done, the new list will be published in the Waggin' Tales.
- Pet Massage Therapist Demonstration - Still trying to work out the logistics.
- Fund-raising ideas – Still investigating ideas discussed at the March meeting.
- Creation of a display of items that are available – Carolyn is working to out the details.
- E-collar Issue - Jan Schomer stated that she believed that the e-collar issue during the March 13<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting was handled underhandedly. She reported that she and many club members thought that the e-collar issue was simply going to be discussed and not voted on. Merry Lee Hritsuk stated that she felt that those club members who are against the use of the e-collar was not properly represented. Taffy Wille thought that the discussion during the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting should have addressed the issues and questions. After the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the issues and answers should have been published, and then taken a vote at the May 1st Membership Meeting.

Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we allow the trial period to continue until the September 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting, as was voted on at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Peggy Sue also suggested that to allow all club members to have a voice in the policy, that we do a mail ballot. Merry Lee Hritsuk asked that the ballot be counted at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tracey Mohr stated that she thought that the discussion at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was handled and conducted very maturely.

Francene Andresen said that she assumed that the discussion would end in a vote. Will Short said that his interpretation of the discussion at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting was that there were too many unanswered questions. He also felt that the newly approved club members were swayed by the majority of the opinions being vocalized.

Newly approved club member, Ted Ellsworth, stated that he felt that the restrictions set in place were sufficient to allow the trial period to occur.

Carolyn Pearson then asked about the process to use for a club-wide vote. It was agreed that we would send out the ballots via a separate mailing, to all current club members. In the mailing, the published minutes of past discussions would be included. No outside literature will be included – neither pro nor con for the use of e-collars.

The ballot will ask the club members whether they choose to “eliminate the trial period and allow the collars to be used permanently” or “eliminate the use of the e-collars”. The mailing of the ballots will include an envelope to be returned with the ballot – the envelope must be sealed with the ballot inside. The envelope containing the ballot does not need to be signed. The ballots will be collected by Carolyn Pearson, but not opened. The envelopes will be opened and counted at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting. It was decided to wait until after the September 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting to allow any feedback received during the trial period to be presented to the general membership.

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## Membership Meeting Highlights

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Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion that at the end of the trial period we mail to all current members a ballot for voting on the use of the e-collars to be opened and counted at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. The results of the vote for the motion are as follows:

<b>Approved</b>	-	24
Opposed	-	1
Abstained	-	0

- Merry Lee Hritsuk reported that her husband, Dan, has not looked at the paper work yet for filing for a tax status of 501-c(3). Merry Lee also asked when the last time a financial report was published. Carolyn Pearson reported that the financial report was last published in July, 2001.

### New Business

Carolyn Pearson, Trudi Kimm and Tracey Mohr all contributed to the following information. Trudi Kimm re-

ceived an e-mail message from Jerry and Jackie Parisek regarding an incident of alleged abuse during a 4-H class. The accusations specifically mentioned Jerry D'Aprile and Nadine Conner as 4-H instructors. The individual making the accusations was NOT the individual who "witnessed" this alleged abuse. The individual making the accusations could not provide a date or time of the alleged abuse, nor would she provide the name of the witness. She was invited to speak to all of the parents sitting ringside during the 4-H class. She also spoke to Jackie and Jerry Parisek, the superintendents for the 4-H dog training program.

Having investigated the accusation, the Board has determined that Jerry and Nadine have done nothing wrong and will continue teaching the 4-H program. Until an actual "witness" comes forward to provide specific facts, the matter is a non-issue. The Board is seeking to make the Kane County 4-H aware of the accusations, and is looking for their support as well.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

## Braggs & Other Good Stuff

### Jasper (Cheryl Hettinger)

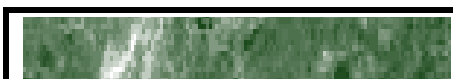
04/06/2002 Smack-Dab's

I am so happy and surprised. Jasper earned his third leg which gives him his U-AG1 Title. Jasper's first time ever to run an agility trial was March 16 & 17, 2002 in which he qualified both days earning him his 1st and 2nd leg. Then at our third trial he received his 3rd leg! And to think he's a BASENJI. Now all we need to do is learn to weave.

### Liza (Tim & Anne White)

03/16/2002 AG III 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and AG I qualified

03/17/2002 AG III 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and AG I 3<sup>rd</sup> place



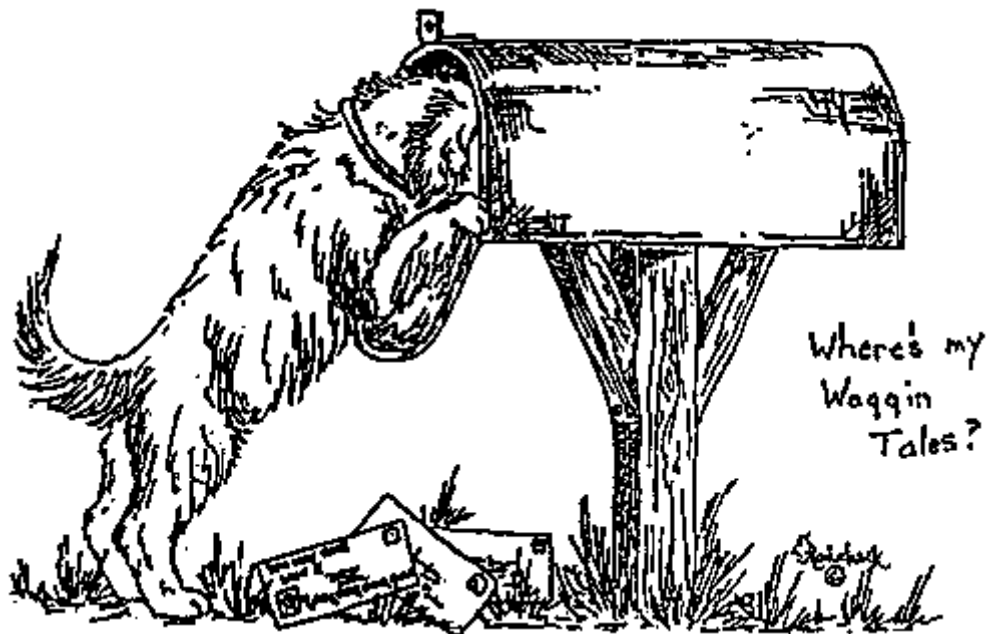
The worlds heaviest as well as longest dog ever recorded was an Old English Mastiff named Zorba. In 1989, Zorba weighed 343 lbs and was 8 feet 3 inches long from nose to tail!

A US Customs Labrador named "Snag" has made 118 drug seizures worth a canine record \$810 million. The greatest number of drug seizures by dogs is 969 in 1988. The team of "Rocky" and "Barco" patrolled the Texas and Mexico border, alias "Cocaine Alley." They were so good that Mexican drug lords put a price of \$30,000 dollars on their heads.



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TRAINING CLUB**

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**May**

1	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
2	Thursday	Regular Training
5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Correction Clinic
14	Tuesday	Regular Training
21	Tuesday	Regular Training
		End Session 2
30	Thursday	Regular Training
		Begin Session 3

**June**

5	Wednesday	Board Meeting
6	Thursday	Regular Training
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
13	Thursday	Regular Training
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
27	Thursday	Regular Training