



Waggin' Tales

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A Special Thanks

A special thanks to the following club members who spent a hot 4½ hours cleaning the clubs mats on June 29.

- **Ed Herdes** - for spearheading the effort
- **Bill Clarke** - who cleaned the mats and provided us with one of the power washers
- **Dean Connolly** - who cleaned the mats and provided us with the other power washer
- **Jerry D'Aprile** - for drying mats with Brenda Rivera
- **Trudi Kimm** - who (in spite of a painful foot) moved mats, repaired tears, etc.
- **Brenda Rivera** - who made a terrific partner with Jerry for drying the mats
- **Will Short** - who cleaned mats (and griped about the lack of Krispy Kremes)

When you see these club members and you see the mats - thank 'em for the effort and sweat that went into the process. Each mat was cleaned (top and bottom), dried and then returned to its original starting place on the floor.

False Accusations

During the May 1st Membership Meeting, the following report was given:

Carolyn Pearson, Trudi Kimm and Tracey Mohr all contributed to the following information. Trudi Kimm received 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, but chose not to do so. 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.

The Board sent a letter (see page 2) to the individual who made the initial accusations. The name and address of the individual has been removed to protect the club.

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**He is your friend,
your partner, your
defender, your dog.
You are his life,
his love, his leader.
He will be yours,
faithful and true, to
the last beat of his
heart.**

**You owe it to
him to be worthy of
such devotion.**

— Author Unknown

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FVDTC's Response to the Accusations

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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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

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June 21, 2002

This letter is in response to a series of communications that have occurred since April 21, 2002. Initially, in an e-mail message to Jackie Parisek, you indicated our 4-H Instructors, Jerry D'Aprile and Nadine Conner, were "using abusive methods". Naturally, an accusation of this type triggered an immediate investigation by several individuals, including Jackie Parisek, Trudi Kimm (Director of Training), Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training), and other FVDTC Board Members.

Based on your description of what occurred, we have found no incidents that could be interpreted as being abusive. Since you have refused to provide us with the specific details of when the alleged abuse occurred, or to provide us with the name of the accuser, we consider this matter to be an unsubstantiated allegation, and the matter is closed.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Kane County 4-H program directors. They have expressed their confidence in FVDTC's ability to pro-

vide excellent instructors for their 4-H dog training students, both currently and in the future. Both Jerry D'Aprile and Nadine Conner have been valuable additions to the 4-H dog training program and will be welcome to continue teaching, should they choose to do so, by both the Kane County 4-H program and the FVDTC Board Members.

Although we consider this incident to be unsubstantiated, we thank you for your concern about the safety of our dogs. As a public training facility, we encourage fellow community members to visit during our training nights. If verifiable accusations were to be made with respect to our trainers, instructors, and/or guests, we are committed to investigating and addressing them. However, we will NOT tolerate any type of false allegations, which mar the excellent reputation of our club or its instructors.

Sincerely,
Fox Valley Dog Training Club Board

Cc: Kane County 4-H Program Coordinators

Ms. N. Conner
Mr. J. D'Aprile
Mrs. J. Parisek

Overheard in the Back Seat

The 7-year-old (talking to the 8-year-old):

"You know, animals are people, too"

The 10-year-old (butting into the conversation):

"Yeah, but not dachshunds."



Membership Report

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Completed Beginner Class

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Labrador Retriever
Completed Beginner Class

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Golden Retriever
Completed Beginner Class

Reinstatement of membership:

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Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier

Brags & Other Good Stuff

Trajan's Here Comes The Storm, VCD1, OA, OAJ (Tracy McMahon)

- March 10th Rand Park was Storm's first time in Open, and she earned her 1st CDX leg, with a score of 194.5 and a 4th Place.
- April 7th Yorkville was Storm's second time in Open, and she earned her 2nd CDX leg, with a score of 193.5, and a 4th Place.
- May 5th Northwest was Storm's first time in Excellent A, and she earned her 1st Standard leg, with a perfect run, and a 1st Place.
- May 12th Medallion Rottweiler Club was Storm's first tracking trial, where she earned her "TD", and also her "VCD1".
- May 19th Agility Ability, Storm earned her 1st Excellent JWW leg, with a perfect run, and a 1st Place.

Buzz (Trudi Kimm)

- 06/08/2002, at Smack Dab, Buzz earned his first 2 legs towards his UAG1, despite me being in a temporary cast.
- 06/09/2002, at Smack Dab, Buzz finished his UAG1 in 3 trials. His poor score on the 3rd leg was my fault, but we redeemed ourselves the 4th trial. With JP out of the way, leg 4 was 3rd place in his division

JP (Trudi Kimm)

- 06/08/2002, at Smack Dab, JP finished up his UAG1 with 4th place, then got a 4th leg, 2nd place. This was done with me in a temporary cast, hopping around the ring.

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

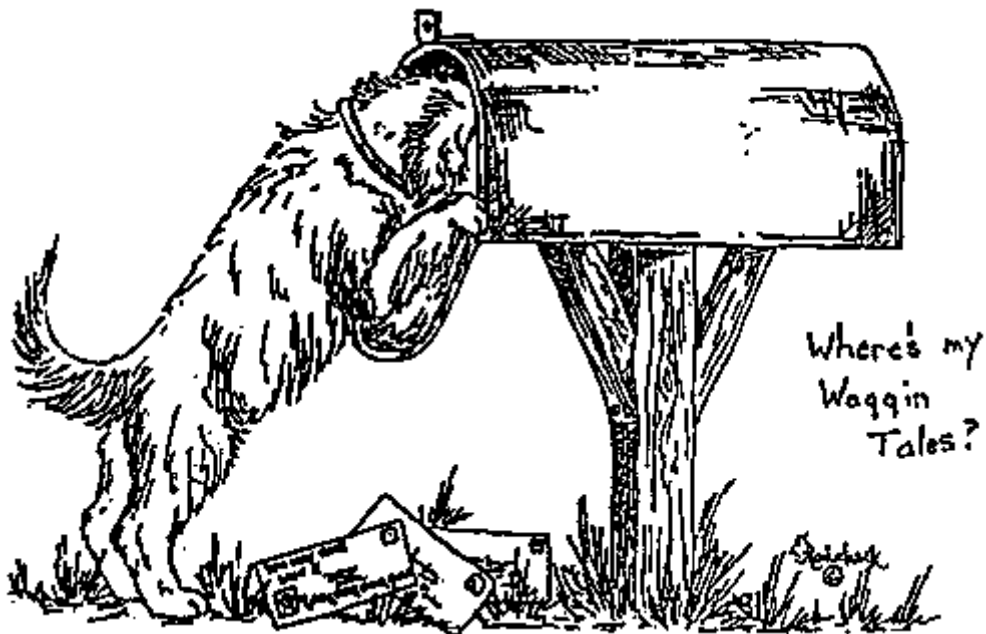
- Membership Chair
- Public Education Liaison

- Front Table Person
- Instructors
- Match Stewards

—Carolyn Pearson
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July

2	Tuesday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	No Training Kane County Fair
25	Thursday	Regular Training

August

1	Thursday	Regular Training
		Graduation Session 3
6	Tuesday	Regular Training
		Puppy/Beginner Session 4
7	Wednesday	Board Meeting
11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic
22	Thursday	Regular Training
29	Thursday	Regular Training