



Waggin' Tales

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Value Statement to be Discussed at May Meeting

Dear Members,

Below is the statement that was read at the March Membership meeting. At the meeting, it was requested that a statement be added regarding violations of the value statement, prior to adding the wording to our membership applications (new and renewals). Please read the amended statement carefully, we will discuss it and present it for approval at the May 7th Membership meeting.

Carolyn Pearson,
Secretary

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work. I will refuse to malign others by making libelous, slanderous, or malicious criticism regarding other persons, their dogs, or their training methods. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. If I fail to abide by these values, I understand that my actions will have consequences, perhaps as severe as termination of my membership, as stated in our By-laws, item 4.2.2.

FVDTC to Host CGC Demo and Test

Fox Valley Dog Training Club will host a Canine Good Citizenship test at the September 18 Correction Clinic, in conjunction with the AKC's responsible dog ownership week. To fully explain the test and what it entails, a CGC test demonstration and explanation will be held at the June 19 Correction Clinic at 8:00 pm. Further details will be made available before the demo and the test.

A well-trained dog
is a happy dog

Tina Mazza Article in the May AKC Gazette

Go get the May issue of the AKC Gazette! FVDTC member and novelist Cris Mazza (aka Tina) is the author of a feature article in the May AKC Gazette issue, titled "Exemplary Lives." The article compares the life of Cris's childhood pet (a Shetland sheepdog) to Vixen, her first Obedience Trial Champion. This article is an excerpt from her 10th book, coming out in May, called *Indigenous / Growing Up Californian*. The excerpt in the AKC Gazette will include photographs of a 13-year-old and an 18-year-old Cris (with "Shep,"), plus photos of her with Vixen, and with her current dog Gizzy, going HIT at California's Mission Circuit last year.

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

Anne and Tim White would like to announce that their 8-month-old puppy, Amiable Applause Inherited, earned her CGC on March 10 of this year at the GBOC in Wheaton. Congratulations to Anne and Tim.

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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Membership Report

New Applications:

Kaysie Blazekovich
847 Stewart St
Batavia, IL 60510
(630) 879-2497
e-mail: kat_blaze@yahoo.com
Papillon
Guest trained 5 times in Conformation

Peter & Delphine Sieff
7N848 S. McLean Blvd.
South Elgin, IL 60177-9722
(847) 289-8650
Completed Beginner Class
5 Dogs of Mix breeds
e-mail: dogmomds@aol.com

2003 Correction Clinics

January 23
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15
June 19
August 21
September 18
October 23
November 20

Joe & Kathy Busch
1445 Banbury Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 513-8351
e-mail: kbusch@mold-tech.com
Cattle Dog & German Shephard
Guest trained 5 times

Corrections:

Alison Burnidge
11590 Ridgeview Ct
Parker, CO 80138
(720) 851-9590

Update Your Roster

Our Sunshine Chairman has a new phone number. Please update your club roster to change Linda Gustafson's telephone number to (630) 232-4991.

First Vice-President Cheryl Hettinger has a new e-mail address. Please change her address from herbpatch911@prodigy.net to herbpatch911@juno.com. You can also reach her at vp1@fvdtc.org.

Maureen Samstag also has a new e-mail address: msamstag@xtalwind.net

Board Meeting Highlights

Board Meeting Highlights April 2, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:46 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). February Meeting Minutes approved with the following correction: Class session 3 starts on May 29th – not March 13th as the minutes stated. Several items of correspondence read.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) stated that Cindy Pakenas is scheduled to discuss Paws with a Cause as the program for the May 7th Membership meeting.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) announced that all of the existing accounts have now been transferred to the Old Second Bank. She also presented a draft of the first quarter financial report.



2003 Obedience Trial Trophy Sponsorship

I am the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. The Committee members and I would like to offer each of you the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of your choice. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. You may complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail to me or you may contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Last year a significant number of you decided to provide your own trophy. Several members decided that a cash trophy was preferred. Also, the Committee is perfectly willing to purchase a trophy with your cash donation. We are working again this year with Peggy Sue who has a number of beautiful items available for us. It is up to each club member to support our trial in the way that they feel is appropriate. We appreciate the continued support of our trial by our life-time and non-training members.

If you are providing your own trophy, a description will be needed no later than **JULY 1ST** and we would need to receive the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please mail the donation to me or give it to one of the Committee members no later than **JUNE 1ST**. Thank you. Helen Castellano, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy Pakenas, and Peggy Sue Seehafer.

**Helen Castellano
Trial Trophy Chairperson
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Batavia, IL 60510
(630) 761-0411**

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Trophy You Wish to Sponsor (Please Describe):

Please Choose One of the Following:

A. You will provide trophy

B. Cash to purchase Trophy

C. Cash as trophy

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Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) reported that Jean Airey had suggested to her that we consider offering a discount to the Beginner's class students who have taken the puppy class. Jean felt that this might encourage students to continue working with their dogs and even perhaps consider becoming club members. Carolyn suggested that we offer a discount of \$10.00 to the person who has JUST completed the Puppy class the prior session. For example, Jane Smith and puppy Fido attend Session 3 Puppy class. When Jane and Fido sign up for Session 4 Beginner's class – they only pay \$70.00. There would be two exceptions to the “next session” requirement. The first would be IF they try but they can't get into the next session. The second would be if at the time of the next class session, the puppy is too young to be in the beginner's class.

The board members felt that the discount was a good idea. Following the discussion of how to implement this process, it was decided that we would present the puppy students with a certificate that must be returned with the beginner class application. Will asked if this process was going to be done for a trial period. It was agreed that it would be considered policy, and not for a trial period.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) announced that AKC has approved our Judges Panel. The Emergency Form and the Event Application were also submitted. AKC returned the Event Application because it required the signature of an officer – not just a Board member (Will Short has signed the form). The contract from the fairground has been signed and returned with the deposit. However, after it was returned, Taffy noticed that the contract's issuance date was incorrectly noted as November 14, 2003. Although, the contract stated the correct date of November 9, 2003 for the event date. Taffy also noted that the starting time of the event was listed as 8:00 a.m. Although we usually begin our set up some time after 6:00 a.m. Dave Lewis asked whether there would be any type of problem with our insurance if someone were to be injured prior to the official contract effective time of 8:00 a.m. Taffy will contact the fairgrounds about the issuance date and the starting hours of the contract.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, April 6th. The Website information that Peggy Sue requested during the February Board meeting was listed in the March issue of the Waggin' Tales. Dave requested that the descriptions of the classes get reviewed and updated. Carolyn Pearson is currently doing the review.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she has updated the WOOF phone system dates for the Agility Trial and the next correction clinic. She reported that AKC is hosting an anti-bite program from May 20th through 26th. This program is called “Safety around dogs - your safety begins

with you”. Local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts groups have also recently contacted Barb. One Girls Scouts troop is hosting a Career Day in Sugar Grove, and they were seeking individuals who have escalated their love for dogs into careers. Barb asked for ideas of the women club members to contact regarding this request.

Barb also reported that AKC is sponsoring a responsible dog ownership week from September 15th through 21st. AKC suggested that local clubs host events such as CGC tests, demonstrations open to the public, or a chip clinic. We discussed the possibility of hosting a CGC test at the September match. Additionally, we also discussed having a demonstration of a CGC test – to fully explain the test for those individuals who are considering taking the test, but aren't sure what it entails. The demonstration could be done at the June match at 8:00 p.m.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) reported that she has submitted our Agility and Obedience trial dates to the Oaklee's Guide for Chicagoland catalog. She is investigating the cost of advertising in this publication, as the distribution is described as “wide-spread”.

The entry fees are \$20.00 for the first dog and \$10.00 for the second entry of the same dog, this is the same as last year. The date of the agility trial's date is September 13th and 14th.

Tracey Mohr (Director at Large) stated that she is available to assist anyone with miscellaneous tasks.

Old Business

Will Short expressed concern about the process followed at the March Membership meeting regarding the addition of values statement to the membership application. He stated that according to Roberts Rule of Order, a vote should have been taken. Carolyn stated that according to Robert's, the fact that no one stated any objections, when asked, that the outcome was as binding as a vote. Carolyn also reported that it was stated in the February Board meeting minutes that a draft would be presented at the March Membership meeting. Carolyn said that the draft was read at the meeting and Taffy Wille also explained that during the discussion, most of the concerns were about the consequences for violating the value statement.

Peggy Sue explained that she felt it was vital to confront the issue of three recent incidents and that this was an appropriate time to introduce a written value statement. Amy Ford stated that the ideas stated in the statement were simply a concise statement of our values, we were not changing anything. Cheryl Hettinger said that in January we asked our club members to “play nice” and now we were putting that thought into

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Board Meeting Highlights

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the written statement. Peggy Sue also stated that she has not received any negative comments about the addition of the value statement to the membership application.

Will also stated that he felt that this issue should have been resolved with an entire club vote. He stated that when the Flat Coated Retriever national club instituted their Code of Ethics it was done with a full club vote. Dave Lewis reminded Will that with a national club, the only way to accomplish the change was through a written vote to communicate with all club members. However, with our club, the members are not spread throughout the country and business can be conducted at our meetings. Carolyn stated that even our by-laws are amended without a written vote.

Taffy Wille stated that regardless of a signature on the application, continuation of their membership assumes that agreement of the value statement and the By-laws.

The actual wording of the application was discussed and modified as follows.

- Will Short requested that several commas be added and that the line requesting a signature be modified.
- Tracey Mohr suggested that the line be modified to simply say "I have read the statement."
- Increase the font size of the statement.

Following all the discussion, it was agreed that wording would be presented at the May 7th Membership meeting for review. The value statement read at the March Membership meeting was modified with the inclusion of statement about failing to abide by the values.

New Business

- Cheryl Lewis asked the Board to consider donating a free Puppy or Beginner's class, to the Gymnastics Team Boosters Club. They are hosting a silent auction/raffle to raise money and are asking each parent to obtain five donations from local businesses. Any business making a donation will have their names mentioned in the program. A letter with the booster club's tax id number is available to allow FVDTTC to get a tax deduction. Taffy Wille made a motion to provide a coupon good for one Puppy or Beginner's class, with an expiration date of 12/31/2003 to the Booster Club. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.
- Will Short asked the Board to reconsider the method used choose the recipient of the Sally Compton Award. He felt that the members should make the choice. The issue will be addressed at the May Membership meeting to determine whether the members would like the opportunity to determine the winner of the Sally Compton Award. If the mem-

bers would like to choose the winner, the following method would be the new process.

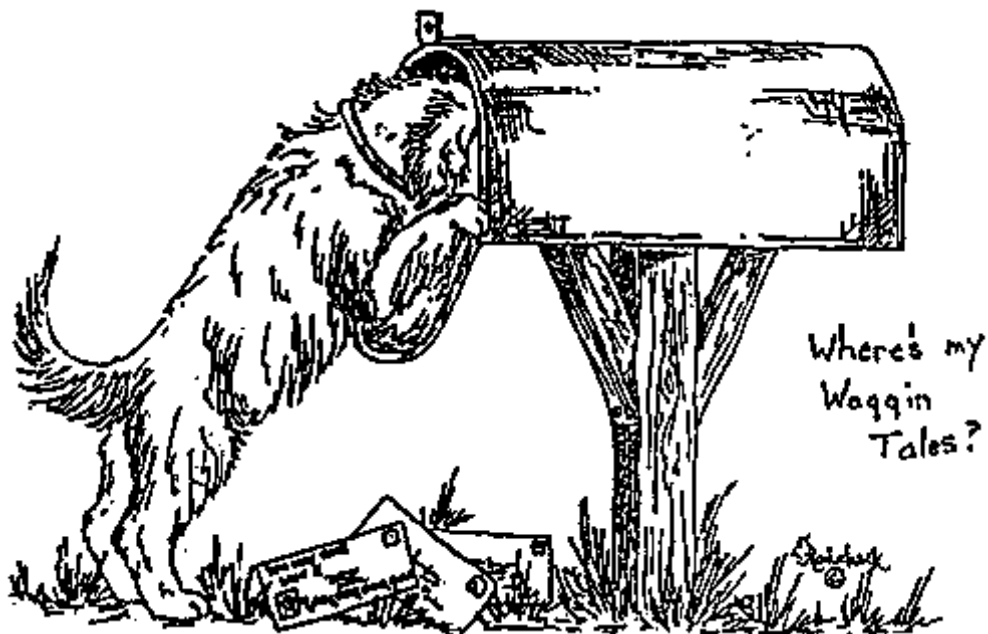
- Nominations must be submitted to the Statistician by September 30th.
 - The nominations would be published, as submitted, in the November Waggin' Tales.
 - Board Members would be eligible to receive the award.
 - Club members would submit ballots for the winner to the Statistician by December 31st.
 - Nancianne Jensen has agreed to be the new Match Judges Chairperson. The transition is starting immediately from Shirley Moline to Nanci.
 - Kirk Anderson has agreed to be our new front door greeter, when he is not out of town. We could still use a back-up for those days. He started on April 1st. Peggy Sue brightened up the table with a tablecloth. She has begun coming up with ideas on how to get people to notice important information.
 - Will Short brought up an issue of the number of rings that the 4-H students are currently using for their classes between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. He stated that club members are having difficulty getting ring space with three of the eight rings being utilized by the 4-H program. Carolyn reminded Will that in exchange for providing the 4-H students a place to learn dog-training and the instructors the club receives the use of the Extension Center for our Membership and Board meetings.
- Will suggested that we consider alternatives to having 40% of the available ring space consumed by the 4-H program. One suggestion that Will presented was to reduce the class time from one hour to 45 minutes and start one class at 5:30 p.m. and one class at 6:15 p.m. Carolyn stated that an earlier start time may present a problem for parents who work. Taffy asked whether we could limit the maximum number of students for the class. Cheryl Hettinger stated that any changes during this year's program would cause a huge disruption. It was agreed that the needs of the club members and the 4-H program will be reviewed for the future.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer presented her ideas to revise the club logo. Most Board members agreed with Peggy Sue that the shield style logo was out-dated and needed updating. Taffy said that she liked the round logo because they included items we use in our training and showing. Peggy Sue stated that she would continue to provide more ideas to review. She will ask for other ideas from other club members.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.



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April

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| 1 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 2 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 6 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 10 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 17 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 24 | Thursday | Regular Training |

May

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| 1 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 7 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 8 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 11 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 15 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 20 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 29 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| | | Start Session 3 |