



Waggin' Tales

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Thanks!

Dear FVDTC members,

As I improve day by day from the accident I was in on August 11, I would like to thank you for all the cards, notes, funny dog pictures (which Robin has hung around my room) flowers and prayers that have been sent to me. I will be going home from MarianJoy by the end of Sept or very early October. FVDTC is a very special group of people that have been a part of my live for so many years, thank you so much again!!

Sally Compton

PS - from Robin (daughter) Thank you for lifting my mother spirits during the toughest of times and keep the cards coming as she really loves hearing from you!! I will try to bring her to the trial in November.

Robin Urich

Another Successful Two-Day Agility Trial

In spite of the uncertain weather and periods of rain, we ran a smooth and efficient agility trial again this year. I received several compliments from exhibitors as well as our judges. My personal thanks to the committee members, Cathy Fleury, Cindy Pakenas, Jan Schomer, Suzan Scott, and Shirley Short for all their hard work. An additional thank you to all those club members and non-members who volunteered to work with us. We could not have put on the show without your help.

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I look forward to your continued support next year.

Thank you,

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson

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A Well-Trained
Dog is a
Happy Dog

Membership Report

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 Completed Beginners class

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The WOOF Line!

What's the Next Training Date????

Now, if you don't have your calendar handy, and can't get online, you can find out quickly and easily by calling the WOOF line at 630-575-WOOF (9663)!

Obedience Trial Raffle

HELP HELP HELP

I am looking for donations from club members for the November 9th Obedience Trail raffle. Let's make this one of our best years. I have been in contact with Lowes, Meijers etc. If you wish to help with a donation, please see me either before or after the 7:00 beginners class.

Thanking you in advance because I know you all are going to help make this a great success.

Priscilla Pisarski
 Raffle Chairperson

A Big Thank You

.... to my set-up crew for the Agility Trail. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Carol Swenson, Will & Shirley Short, Barb Misch, Cindy Pakanis, Jacquie Kramer, Dale Hakala, Colleen Kent, Tom Smith, Ann & Tim White, Maxine Brinker, Becky Cembrowicz and Taffy & Mark Wille.

A Special Thanks to my Mom for helping to proof read all the entries since day one of our Agility Trial.

A Big Thanks to All of You...

Jan Schomer

Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley DTC correction clinic will be held on Thursday, October 23. At this point, open and utility are filled and have waiting lists but there is still plenty of room in novice.

2003 Correction Clinics

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

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 or at the front table, and they can show you where they are.

If they are not claimed by November 30th, they will be disposed of.

- Red and White Braided Ball and Tug
- 1 pair Utility Gloves (for a small dog)
- 1 Mouse Fur toy
- 1 Leash, Leather, Gray, 40" long, 3/8" wide, Fully Braided

1 Green tote bag with "Best Shot" silk screened on it, with the following items inside:

- Blue nylon braided lead
- Black leather braided lead
- Silver choke chain
- 2 nylon chokes
- Clicker



GOOD Dogs!

Congratulations to September's CGC Test participants! We had a really great group, with 18 of 20 dogs passing.

Special thanks go out to Kathy Hubbard for helping me learn about the test, to Rick Cox for leaping in to become an approved Evaluator, to the Crowd, and to Jan Schomer for being so patient with our plans.

Our next test is (tentatively) scheduled for January. Watch Waggin' Tales for more info. If you have questions about the test, you can visit www.akc.org or get in touch with me.

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Sad News

FYI, to my friends at FVDTC. "April" Joy CDX passed away last night 9/24/04. She was 10 years old. She died suddenly and unexpectedly of an undiagnosed heart tumor. She was an unbelievable pal to our only child Christian, (now 5). Her ever spunky personality brought us sunshine every day. We love her and miss her.

Michelle Farrell

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

JP (Trudi Kimm) - JP Finished his AJP with another 1st place

Demonstrations Update

A very BIG thank you to Bill Clarke, Brit, Carolyn Pearson, Beacon, and Phoenix for joining Millie and me for a fun demonstration on Monday, September 15. We were invited last April (now that's planning ahead!) to demonstrate obedience for the St. Patrick Parish Prime Timers group in St. Charles. We demonstrated all levels of obedience and explained obedience, hunting, and agility trials. Most importantly, the Prime Timers got to visit our outgoing dogs. Brit certainly showed she is deserving of her Therapy Dog certificate. She much preferred her visit time to the obedience! Beacon made his mom really proud doing Novice and Phoenix was a pro at Open. Millie did Utility: even articles and go-outs.

The demonstration went so well that Sr. Dot Dempsey OP thinks I should incorporate the demonstration into one of my CCD classes this year. Sr. Dot already sent a thank you note to us. In the interest of space, here it is in part:

"Thank you so much for bringing your dogs and equipment to demonstrate to the Prime Timers obedience and working with dogs. They really enjoyed the afternoon. It was real obvious the dogs are loved and so well cared for. It takes time and patience. Faithfulness, obedience, love, care, patience, sensitivity - so much we can learn from one another, animals and human alike".

Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar

From the DOT

Penny and I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in the special election whereby we assumed the responsibility of DOT and Assistant DOT. One of our goals is to do our best to insure that the training needs of members are met as fully as possible. As you read the minutes from the October meeting, you will find the trial procedure for the rings at 7 p.m. which offer one-on-one attention. Please don't hesitate to offer feedback as these procedures are on an experimental basis. Our goal is to make this training opportunity as equitable and fair as possible. With the addition of an over-flow run-through ring at 8 p.m., we're hoping that all who would so desire can participate in a run-through.

Since obtaining and keeping instructors is an on-going, uphill climb, we are open to any ideas for enticing members to become part of the club's instructional network. Please don't hesitate to share any ways in which you have seen this work for other clubs. We are hoping to have some instructors' get-togethers, which would offer instructors ring time for their dogs as well as an opportunity to share what is working in their classes and what isn't.

Since it has been some years since FVDTC has sponsored a training seminar, we would like to undertake such. Suggestions for presenters with info on contacting them would be welcome.

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Coming Soon to A Mailbox Near You!

You will be receiving information regarding our future training site. Please read the enclosures carefully, look at the financial information provided and use the enclosed ballot to voice your opinion on this issue.

If you do not get two ballots in your envelope, please contact Carolyn Pearson (630) 231-5658, immediately.

If you have any specific questions, please contact any of the Building Committee members:

Peggy Sue Seehafer 630-377-3025

Barb Misch 630-761-0823

Francene Andresen 630-365-9050

The ballots MUST be postmarked by October 25th to be counted.



I WANT YOU
TO VOLUNTEER
SEE YOUR NEAREST BOARD MEMBER

Assistant Instructor, Puppy Class

- Thursdays, 8:00pm
- Contact Cindy Pakenas (815.827.4317 or dot@fvdtc.org)

Ring Stewards

- Correction Clinic, October 23
- Contact Ingrid Hamburger (630.365.3248 or matchsteward@fvdtc.org)

Trial Setup and/or Cleanup Crew

- Saturday night, Nov 8 and/or Sunday night, Nov 9
- Contact Ed Herdes (630.232.9191)

Ring Stewards

- Obedience Trial, Nov 9.
- Contact Jacquie Kramer (630.365.1831 or jacq1234@earthlink.net)



Membership Meeting Highlights

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Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) the September 3rd Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that we are in desperate need an 8:00 p.m. Conformation instructor. Sandy's last class is October 2nd. The instructors for session 5 are as follows:

	Primary Instructor	Assistant Instructor
7:00 Puppy Class	Kent Hildebrand	Dean Connolly
8:00 Puppy Class	Vera Nyberg	Terri Byerly
7:00 Beginners Class	Priscilla Pisarski	
8:00 Beginners Class	Bill Clarke	Cheryl Hettinger
9:00 Beginners Class	Ed Herdes	

Cindy announced that Barb Misch made a suggestion that would help identify dogs that are "spatial" and do not want to be approached by other dogs. She suggested that the dogs wear a specially made bandana that identifies that this dog is a spatial. There were many suggestions for the design to be imprinted on the orange bandanna. Barb will work on the design and make up some bandannas that will be for sale for \$1.00. Instructors will explain the significance of the bandannas to their students and the "house rules" will be updated to explain the meaning.

Cindy explained a new process to try to alleviate the problems that many club members have trying to obtain open or utility run-throughs. This process will be started October 14th and will be evaluated for effectiveness and possible tweaking. Any feedback to this new process should be provided to Cindy Pakenas or Penny Bricch. The new process is as follows:

- Anyone, including instructors, wishing to get a run-through must be at training at 6:45 p.m. and must see either Cindy or Penny.
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has two options:

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or
- Wait until the following week to get a run-through. You will be placed at the beginning of the list (right after the instructors), however, you will still need to be there by 6:45 p.m. to receive your space.

Cindy reported that other clubs charge \$3.00 for a private run-through. As before, club members have priority over non-club members. The order of priority for run-throughs is as follows:

- Instructors
- Club members
- Non-club members

Rick Cox stated that he usually does not get more than one instructor per week requesting an open run-through. Maxine Brinker asked if there was a group utility class. It was explained that Mary Bradley does utility training on a one-on-one basis. It stated that the many of the individuals learning utility are at many different levels. However, Taffy reported that she has seen a group utility class at the Kanosak training center, with Ronnie Bizer instructing the class.

Will Short asked whether the white boards used to sign-up for the run-throughs could be permanently marked to identify which board was assigned to which ring. Cindy stated the once the new process is in place, the only ones marking the run-through boards would be Penny or her. The common practice of lining up dumbbells would *NOT* be the way to receive an open run-through.

Maxine also asked whether we could have a pre-open and a pre-utility class, for the dogs in training but not quite ready to show. Taffy said that a pre-open or pre-utility class could be run at 9:00 p.m. to better utilize the building. Ingrid Hamburger also reminded individuals in the run-through rings to refrain from having long conversations in the ring.

The open and utility practice rings still have a 10-minute limit and will still require sign-up on the ring board. Marietta asked about the club members who sign-up for both utility run-throughs with the same dog. Cindy stated that

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with the new process, that practice will not be allowed to continue.

Cindy also announced that Penny is going to create laminated signs for the practice rings and run-through rings explaining the rules for use.

Cindy reported that she is investigating the possibility of instituting instructor's workshops – where the instructors can exchange ideas as well as work their own dogs. Cindy continues to search for ideas on how to encourage more club members to become instructors.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that stewards are desperately needed for the trial. Will also reminded the Fox Valley club members that they are NOT allowed to come in to set up crates on Friday, November 7th, while Car-Dun-AI members are setting up for their trial. Car-Dun-AI pays for the rent for the night for set-up and should not have to work around our club members. The show site is available early Saturday morning for crate set-up for all trial entrants.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that the entries, as of today, are as follows.

Novice A	4
Novice B	34
Open A	37
Open B	56 (closed)
Utility A	35
Utility B	48 (closed)

Taffy also stated that she is considering retiring as Trial Secretary for next year and encouraged anyone who might be interested in the position to sit with her at the trial. This job would be especially interesting for someone who likes to use the Access software application.

Taffy reported that she is receiving replies to the letters that Bill Clarke sent out to local businesses asking them to purchase an ad in our trial catalog. Bill Clarke stated that the Mid-America Bank has taken a full-page ad in the catalog, as well as helping our club participating in a fundraiser sponsored by the bank. Additionally, they are donating \$25.00 to the general trophy fund. BankOne is also doing a full-page catalog ad. Many individuals also

suggested that Bill contact the businesses in the Geneva Commons shopping area – especially the ones listed as pet friendly shops. Bill also stated that there are still booths spots that have not been reserved. The booths are \$35 per day.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, October 5th. Currently our website is fine.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the three applications that were published in the September Waggin' Tales, none of the new applicants were present at the meeting. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to accept the list as read. Sue MacPherson seconded the motion. The list was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF-Line was updated to include upcoming training dates. She also stated that she is presenting the Safety Around Dogs presentation to two Girl Scouts troupes. Ingrid Hamburger and Carole Williams are participating with the Plano troupe on Friday, October 03, 2003, and Peggy Sue Seehafer is tentatively scheduled for the Wasco troupe, the end of October.

Barb also announced that she is planning the next CGC test for the January 2004 correction clinic. This test is expected to be revenue generating, as all the supplies have already been purchased. It was suggested that non-club members be required to guest train five times to be eligible to take the CGC test.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that the number of club members who signed up as stewards for the September correction clinic was "SAD", as we were short by 6 volunteers at the beginning of the correction clinic. She reminded instructors to encourage club members attending their classes to help as a steward. Anyone volunteering as a steward receives a free run-through – either prior to the current correction clinic or at a future correction clinic. No experience is necessary – on-the-job training is provided.

Karen Schneider (Annual Dinner Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, Carolyn reported that Karen

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has begun working on the plans for the 2004 dinner. Nina Herdes has been asked to provide her wonderful expertise in decorations and planning. Anyone who would like to help, should contact Karen at (630) 262-1712 or at karkms@aol.com.

Linda Gustafson (Sunshine) Peggy Sue asked whether anyone had any updates on Linda's location or situation. It was reported that Sally Compton is continuing her accident recuperation at home. Carolyn reported that Kay Gianos has just recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) sent the following report: In spite of the uncertain weather and periods of rain, we ran a smooth and efficient agility trial again this year. I received several compliments from exhibitors as well as our judges. My personal thanks to the committee members, Cathy Fleury, Cindy Pakenas, Jan Schomer, Suzan Scott, and Shirley Short for all their hard work. An additional thank you to all those club members and non-members who volunteered to work with us. We could not have put on the show without your help.

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Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Rebekah Lewis as drawn by club member, Cindy Pakenas.

Old Business

Barb Misch reported that there is a 7.22 acre property on Route 38 just east of Meredith Road for \$105,000. The property is 3.5 miles west of Route 47 and less than 10 miles from the fairgrounds entrance. This size includes a 50-foot easement along Route 38 and the railroad tracks. The land is zoned agriculture and is currently being leased by a farmer for \$600 annually, and the 2002 property taxes was \$43.58. It was hoped that the land could continue to be leased to the farmer until construction is started.

She stated that the Kane County land plan has a 2020 land use plan. This could effectively block our plans for a site closer to the fairgrounds. The 2020 land use plan is the plan that Kane County has developed to determine what the county's land usage will look like in the year 2020.

Barb stated that the building committee has begun to address ideas on how to raise money to pay off the land loan and build a building.

The following is a brief list of the items that need to be considered to meet Kane County requirements:

- minimum size per parking space and number of parking spaces needed
- obtaining a kennel permit, this requires contacting the neighbors for permission
- what kind of building is planned
- where is the building and parking lot to be located on the property
- how many dogs would be trained simultaneously
- what are the planned hours of operation

Sue MacPherson said that she liked the location but asked whether any of the tentative locations of the proposed beltway would impact the property. The answer to that question is not known as of this time, as the beltway construction plans have not been finalized.

Francene mentioned that the trains using the tracks do blow their whistles at a nearby road crossing. However, she stated that it was still possible to hold a conversation at that time. Carol Swenson asked whether it would be possible to have an outdoor agility trial while the trains are going by. She stated that she would not be comfortable in that situation. Carolyn also expressed concern about sound sensitive dogs that could easily be spooked by the trains. Francene stated that Sunday nights and early mornings are really busy with the trains. Peggy Sue stated that the Peck and Keslinger property is by the train tracks but the whistle is not blown at any nearby intersections.

Peggy Sue stated that this information is an accumulation of 6 months of work and a decision must be made to determine whether we stay at the fairgrounds, do we buy land and build later, do we get involved with the

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Schweitzer property, etc.?

Barb and Francene stated that this is probably the best piece that has been available thus far. Francene read the following list of properties and the asking prices for a comparison:

- 5 acres - \$115,000
- 6 acres on north side of Rt. 38 - \$395,000
- 30 acres horse farm east of property on Rt. 38 - \$950,000
- 60 acres not far from the property, that sold the end of September 2003 for \$325,000

Dave Lewis asked why is the property is for sale. Barb stated that the owners are not available to ask, however she believes that it is family owned property.

Rick Cox asked whether we can afford this. Amy replied that according to the information she received regarding a mortgage, it would be approximately \$400.00 per month. This amount was based on the selling price of \$105,000, a down payment of \$50,000, and a 20-year land loan. It was also estimated that there would be additional miscellaneous expenses of approximately \$10,000.

Maxine Brinker said that the Rand Park Dog Training Club is also unable to get a building due to the cost of property in Des Plaines. Francene stated that she sees that our club members want to do other things besides strictly obedience when they are training. Dave Lewis believes that we would lose fewer people by going west rather than north (to the Schweitzer property). Cheryl Hettinger expressed concerns about getting people active enough to volunteer to own our own building. Especially since it is so hard to get volunteers at this time. Maxine replied that all clubs tend to have the same people doing the same things, she saw that trend at Rand Club. She also stated that every person needs to be asked personally to help.

Ed Herdes stated that even if we buy the land but do not use it for a new training building, we will not lose money, as the cost of land almost always increases. Cindy Pakenas stated that other clubs lease and have managed to survive with a minimal amount of help to keep going. She is confident that we could build our

own place. Peggy Sue said that the building built in Ixonia, Wisconsin is not close to much, but still draws people there to train and work. Peggy Sue stated that the 7 acres size of this property would allow for building expansions, similar to what is happening in Ixonia.

Francene said that when Dennis Halfpenny, the realtor, heard about the property and believed it to be perfect for our needs. He contacted her immediately. The property has not really been marketed. Francene stated that the original plan for the lot was for a home. However, the county is interested in having a conversation with us and seems receptive to having a facility such as we would like on the property. Taffy asked to see a flood plain plan. It was stated that the county does not have the property listed as a flood plain. However the perc test still needs to be done.

Barb Misch stated that if nothing happens at this time, the building committee will cease to exist. A written ballot should be sent to all club members to determine what should be done at this time – continue renting or go for the purchase of property.

Bill Clark and Rick Cox both stated that they did not believe a ballot would be sufficient to explain everything unless it was very explicit. Everyone agreed that it should be very detailed as to what the club members are voting for.

Amy Ford made a motion to put together a special ballot to list specific items, such as a picture of the land, the property statistics, the Kane County use conditions, that all contingencies must be met, the maximum amount of money to spend and that the offer is accepted. The information should also include our financial statement as well as include the other options at this time, for example stay at the fairgrounds. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the 18 members still present at the time of the vote. There was no oppositions or abstentions.

New Business

None.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



New Run-Through Procedures

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The following is an example of three weeks with the process in place.

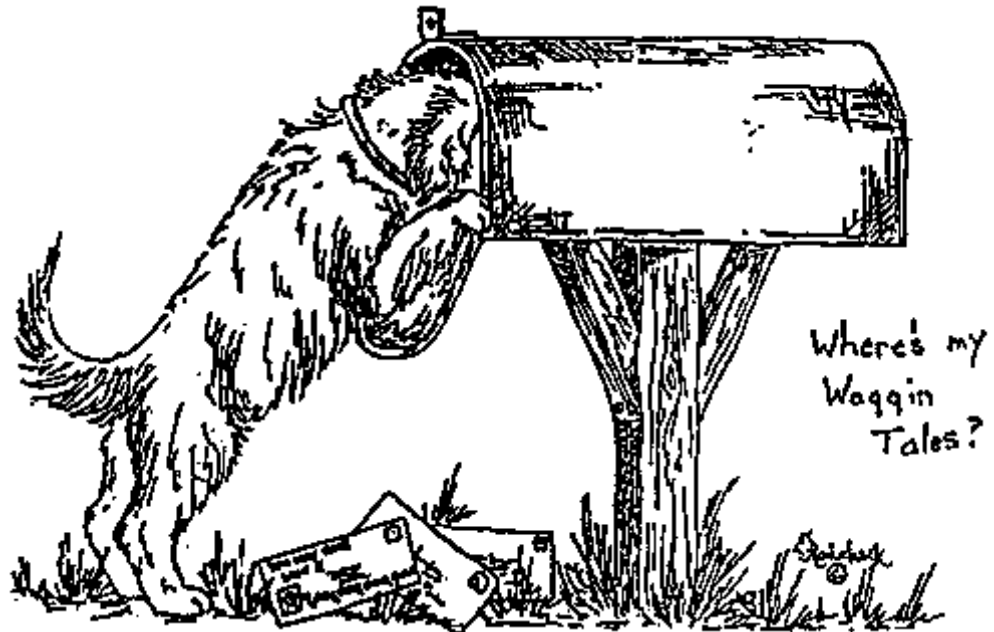
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Instructors present at 6:45	Instructor A, Instructor B	Instructor C, Instructor D	Instructor C, Instructor B
Others present at 6:45 and receiving a spot in line	C, D, E, F, G, H, I	G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N	O, P, Q, R
Individuals actually receiving a run-through	Instructor A, Instructor B, C, D, E, F	Instructor C, Instructor D, G, H, J, K	Instructor C, Instructor B, L, M, N, O

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October

1	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
2	Thursday	Regular Training
5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Regular Training
14	Tuesday	Regular Training
23	Thursday	Correction Clinic
30	Thursday	Regular Training

November

5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
6	Thursday	Regular Training
9	Sunday	Obedience Trial
11	Tuesday	Regular Training
16	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	Tuesday	Regular Training