



# Waggin' Tales

## January 15th CGC Participants

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### 6 p.m. Group

(left to right) Bill Funk & Jamie, Susan Warder & Howie, Judy Goll & Snickers, Debra Conley & Roxie, Brad Griffin & Holly, Jessie Snow & Harley (Not pictured-Kent Hildebrant & Max, Tracy McMahon & Risky)



### 8 p.m. Group

(left to right) Deanne Divito and Casey, Tracey McMahon & Risky, Carolyn Pearson & Beacon, Terri Byerley & Daisy, Nancy Pearson & Stormy, John Janunas & Bibi, Margi Stuessy & Ranger, Ann Stuessy & Scout, Kathy Lohmeyer & Morgan

## CGC Testing

On January 15th, FVDTC was proud to help 17 dogs and handlers achieve this designation! Overall, we had a great night, with particularly impressive performances on the supervised separation portion of the test. If you're interested in the CGC test, watch Waggin' Tales for our next test in the coming months.

Barb Misch

A Well-Trained  
Dog is a  
Happy Dog

## Board Meeting Highlights

**February 4, 2004**

Meeting brought to order at 7:20 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The December 2003 Meeting Minutes were approved with the following correction. In the Land/Building Committee Report, the minutes stated, "Francene reported that she did view the property today to see what it looked like without the corn plants. She stated that although she did not physically walk the property, in her opinion, the property is appropriate for our needs. She also reported that she was told that this was the first year that there was water in the middle of the property during rainstorms." However, the minutes should have read "She also reported that she was told that this was the first year that there was NO water in the middle of the property during rainstorms."

Several items of correspondence read, including a request from the Office of the Kane County Sheriff - Canine Unit for a monetary donation. The Canine Unit is run solely on donations. The Board agreed to make a donation of \$50.00 to the Sheriff's Canine Unit. Will Short asked whether we could contact them for a demonstration. We will ask Vera Nyberg to contact the unit regarding that question. Carolyn also forwarded a brochure from the Midwest K9 Search and Rescue (SAR) organization to Vera for the possibility of setting up a demonstration. Carolyn received the information from one of her Advanced Beginner's student who has a SAR dog.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) asked Will Short why he had not contacted her regarding the condition of the jumps prior to the introduction of his motion to purchase new jumps at the January Membership meeting. Will stated that he received comments from club members after the trial and at training regarding the condition of the jumps. Will said that he was wrong at the January meeting and that there was no excuse. Cheryl reminded him, that with the exception of the time in December that she was recovering from her surgery, she is at training every week. Penny said that she did not know that the First Vice-President was the Equipment Chairperson. Carolyn stated at the

January Membership meeting that Cheryl, as the First Vice-President was the Equipment Chairperson and should be contacted about all equipment issues.

Cheryl reported that the jumps are currently being worked on by Ed Herdes to make them steadier and he is also repainting them. Cheryl stated that no one has approached Ed or herself that the jumps were in need or repair. Cheryl will put an introduction in the next *Waggin' Tales* regarding her position and make it a point of introducing herself at the next meeting. Cheryl also asked that when any board member is contacted regarding the equipment, they should refer the person directly to Cheryl. Just as board members would not presume to provide entry information about the trial, and would send the person directly to Taffy Wille as Trial Secretary, so should we send anyone with equipment comments to Cheryl.

Cheryl stated that since we are still in the process of the repairing the existing jumps, she would also like the opportunity to review the condition of the jumps that are in the shed. She already had plans to do that in the spring with Ed Herdes. Will Short said that we would need to re-approach the membership at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting. Cheryl agreed that she will explain the current process at that time, with a final report at the May Membership Meeting.

Concerns were expressed regarding moving jumps into the building from the shed every month, and prior to the trial, without being answered. Cheryl will contact Max 200, as the jumps retailer, to determine whether plastic wood jumps can be repaired. Peggy Sue stated that she had recently investigated using the plastic wood for a new deck, but chose not to use it because it showed signs of splitting.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) asked whether we could consider offering a discount to individuals who adopt a dog from local rescue organizations, such as H.E.L.P. Taffy made a motion to offer those individuals taking a beginner's class a fee of \$65.00 and those taking a puppy class a fee of \$50.00. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. Cindy stated that she felt that

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**Board Meeting Highlights (continued)**

by offering a discount, more rescued dogs would be brought to training. Cindy said that other organizations offer a similar discount. Penny said that it would be good PR. Cheryl stated that we offer a reasonable price for our training classes and does not believe that we have lost students by not offering a discount. Cheryl also asked about the Beginner's class survey results, she would like to see the comments made by the students.

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that we should not diminish the value of our training classes by offering multiple discounts. Carolyn stated that we are very competitively priced with other local classes. Peggy Sue believes that we should give dog adopters something extra, perhaps an extra collar, etc. Following the discussion, the voting results were, three in favor, nine opposed and no abstentions. The motion did not pass.

Cindy reported that Penny Brcich contacted Becky Jankowski, owner of Pawsitive Performance Dog Training, about the possibility of conducting a two-hour seminar about dealing with aggressive dogs. Becky charges \$50.00 per hour. Cindy thought that she could speak at the next Instructors' Workshop/Meeting. She stated that it should be free to instructors. If there is interest from non-instructors they would be charged a small fee to attend. Penny Brcich will check to determine if there is a maximum number of dogs with which Becky will work.

Penny Brcich made a motion to spend \$100.00 for Becky Jankowski to speak at the next Instructors' Workshop/Meeting. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The voting results were, all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Cindy also reported that she would like to purchase three books for the library. After stating which books she wanted, Penny stated that she would be able to donate one of the books. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she might be able to donate another one of the books – if she had it at home. Cindy will work with Dave to obtain the final book at the best possible price.

Cindy stated that she put some information in the last Waggin' Tales regarding upcoming local seminars. She would like to encourage instructors to attend by provid-

ing a stipend for them. Cindy said that Carolyn could not find any written information on the policy that the club had in the past. Trudi Kimm (guest at the Board meeting) reported that she remembered that the instructors used to receive a reimbursement of 50% for one seminar annually. Penny Brcich made a motion to reimburse the instructors 50% for one seminar annually up to a limit of \$100.00. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. The voting results were, seven in favor, four opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed.

The 4-H classes begin in March with Nadine Conner and Bill Clarke as the primary instructors. Jerry and Jackie Parisek have once again volunteered to be the superintendents for the program.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that he has all chair positions filled, with the exception of the photographer.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has signed contracts from Diane Propst, Jim Ham, Elmer Willem and Fred Buroff. However Daniel Hudson sent his own contract with his own requirements. After much discussion, it was decided that Taffy should return his contract, with our own requirements inserted. We will need to see whether our requirements and Mr. Hudson's requirements can both be satisfied.

Taffy reported that AKC now has an online application process. She and Carolyn are working with AKC to obtain the necessary user-id and password. Taffy stated that one advantage to applying on-line would be the ability to set an opening date to accept entries.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) announced that 17 of 18 dogs passed at the January 15<sup>th</sup> CGC test. One dog was excused from the test when he bit Nadine Conner, the evaluator. Burt Brown paid Nadine's medical expenses. Will Short suggested that Burt take Major to a behaviorist who specializes in aggressive dogs. Several people suggested that the behaviorist at the Gary

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at North Avenue Vet Clinic was a good local contact. Cindy agreed with Nadine that Major must be muzzled any time he is brought into the training building.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that she has begun the process of obtaining judges for the tracking tests. Taffy volunteered to call the judges for Francene, if she would provide a list of contacts to her.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) stated that a donation in Linda Gustafson's memory will be sent to Anderson Animal Shelter. Penny volunteered to be the new Sunshine Chairperson. Dave Lewis stated that he spoke to Linda's daughter at the wake regarding Linda's estate. Linda's daughter volunteered to contact us should she find anything that would be appropriate for our archives.

Peggy Sue reported that she is still pursuing different options with AKC for the Schweitzer property. Peggy showed us a preliminary usage concept plan from the Kane County Forest Preserve. Cindy thought that the location would be better suited to a coalition of breed clubs. One advantage to our use of the land, we would not be required to pay property taxes. Francene thought that the county was planning to do a complete hand-off of the property. There are still no definite plans for the property, even the plans that Peggy Sue brought in were only tentative. We all agreed that Peggy Sue should stay as involved with the property as she wanted and keep us notified of pertinent developments.

Peggy Sue also asked whether she continue to stay involved with the county for the animal control facility planned for Peck and Keslinger Roads. Everyone agreed that Peggy Sue should stay as involved as she wanted and keep us notified of pertinent developments. Peggy Sue believes that we need to run the club as a business if we are going to succeed with our building endeavor.

### Old Business

#### Land Purchase Committee Report

Helen Castellano had nothing new to report from the attorneys. David Lewis had nothing new to report from the engineers. Amy Ford was unable to make the meet-

ing due to work obligations. She sent the following report: We have a pre-approval letter from Old Second for up to a \$105,000 mortgage, which requires NO personal guarantees. We can still shop around for a better rate once the contract is signed, but until then we at least have one place that we know will extend us a loan. Although the mortgage is virtually guaranteed, she would still suggest adding a financing contingency to the contract just to be extra safe. She is in a holding pattern on this mortgage until after the contract is signed and we get closer to closing. Let her know if you need anything else for now.

Francene Andresen went through the contract proposal in detail. Dennis Halfpenny was also present at the meeting. Dennis briefly described the process that we would be following when we work with the county. The Kane County Staff meetings are held on Monday morning. The conceptual plan would progress through each committee. No perc testing could be performed until after the ground thaws, approximately mid April. It was announced that if the property is within 1-1/2 miles of the current town limits, the town must be involved in the planning, to account for the possibility of future annexation.

Sandy Davis asked about the necessity of a traffic study. Dennis explained that we must have a 1/4-mile sight line from the top of the railroad bridge. Western Engineering will be able to provide the necessary information to IDOT. That includes such information as the daily amount of traffic, the number of cars and the times of the traffic. This includes events hosted on the weekends. The county does not require a hard surface parking lot; we can use grass parking for special events. Western Engineering will be contacted only *after* the contract is signed and approved.

It was decided that Francene, Helen and Trudi have the authority do the final price negotiations. They will keep Dave Lewis informed of the process. The Board agreed that our initial office price will be \$85,000 with \$5,000 for the earnest money. Dennis Halfpenny will bring the finalized contract to the attorney's for review, then we sign and then it is presented to the seller.

### New Business

**Award Exceptions Review** - The list of club members who requested awards, but had not met the six work credits or three meeting requirements, was reviewed.

**Board Meeting Highlights (continued)**

- **Work / Meeting Credit Requirements** - Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to increase the Work Credit requirement to a total of 10 credits and eliminate the Meeting Credit as a separate credit requirement. Club members who attend any of the general membership meetings can submit a 1/2 credit per meeting towards their work credit requirement. Barb Misch seconded the motion.

Following the discussion, the voting results were, all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions. The motion passed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

*From the DOT*

We shall be welcoming the 4-H canine students back to the fairgrounds at the beginning of March. We are most grateful to Bill Clark & Nadine Connor for again serving as primary instructors. If you are interested in becoming a part of the 4- H program, please contact them. They will be requiring 2 or 3 rings between 6 & 7 p.m.

Instructors, if you have information on up-coming seminars, please share the info. The board has graciously decided to provide a discount of up to 50% of the fee or \$100 if you would like to attend. This discount is available for one seminar a year. Please submit reimbursement requests to Amy Ford. Instructors, your efforts & time are awesome & always deeply appreciated.

Gratitude is extended to Ronnie Bizer for offering the use of her building on 2/7/04 for an instructors' workshop. We all appreciate the opportunity to work with our dogs in a different environment & communicate & share ideas regarding the instructional program. Thanks again, Ronnie, & may your recovery be speedy & pain free.

Articles covering dog behavior; training, etc. which you think would be useful in our instructional program or for other members are requested. Please bring the original article. These will not be copied but will be placed in a binder. Hopefully, this will provide a periodical addition to our library & a valuable resource for members & the public. Articles may be submitted to your DOT.

Instructors will be needed for our session 2 classes. Please contact Penny or myself if interested. Someone to work at the front table is badly needed between 6:45 & 8:15 p.m. Now that the awards work requirements have increased, this is the perfect opportunity to complete some of those requirements! If there are problems or if breakage occurs with any equipment, please remember to contact Cheryl Hettinger. She provides a notebook in which such may be written. Your board is assessing equipment & investigating future needs.

One of my goals as DOT is to balance the needs of all members who use the training facility. The feedback which is being provided is very much appreciated. Please continue to provide on how that may be accomplished. Thanks again to everyone for your co-operation in implementing this goal.

Cindy Pakenas DOT

*FVDTC Correction Clinic*

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2004. As of right now, utility is full (so far no waiting list), open has about 10 spots left and there is plenty of room in novice. Entry forms with the rest of the match dates for this year can be found at [www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org) -> FVDTC Events -> Correction Clinic Night -> Pre-Entries.

*Attention FVDTC Instructors*

We have a list of instructor's dues for 2003 ;/ 2004/ Some people still owe money and some are due re-funds. Please see Sue MacPherson to find out which one you are. Thanks.

*For Sale***Professional Pet tub**

48" x 24" x 57 1/2"

Brand new electrostatically-coated, 20-gauge galvanized steel pet tub with backsplash wall and eyebolts for restraints. Drain hole and hot & cold water port on right side. Includes 3 1/2" PVC coated tub rack. White color. Asking \$250, never used.

*Car-Dun-Al's Correction Clinic*

Car-Dun-Al's first Correction Clinic for 2004 is Tuesday, February 17.

We have openings in Utility & Open & Novice is unlimited. Check in & sign up starts at 6:30 PM & judging will start at 7.

Any questions, call Barb at 630-497-0185 or e-mail her at [dale@dblassociates.com](mailto:dale@dblassociates.com) or check Car-Dun-Al's web site, [cardunaldogtraining.com](http://cardunaldogtraining.com), for up to date info.

*Recipes for your Dogs!*

**Daisy's Delights** - This recipe comes from Pets Are Loving Support (P.A.L.S.) organization in Charlotte, NC that might satisfy the most finicky of pooches.

1 pound ground turkey  
1 cup cooked brown rice  
1 egg beaten  
1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley  
3 tbsp. wheat germ  
1/2 cup carrots  
2 tbsp. minced

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Put into a lightly greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until done. Serve slices over dry dog food. Note: Fresh garlic is good for the skin, helps repel fleas and aid digestion; parsley will take care of the breath!

**Apple Cinnamon Training Bits**—The following recipe is from the Three Dog Bakery television show

4 cups whole wheat flour  
1/2 cup cornmeal  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 small apple (grated)  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 1/3 cups of water

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the apple and water. Grate apple into mixture and add water. Mix until it starts forming together. Turn out on a lightly floured surface. Knead well. Roll out to a thickness of 1/4 - inch to 1/2 - inch. Take a straight edge and score the dough horizontally then vertically to make a grid of 3/4 squares. Be careful not to score the dough that it completely cuts through the dough. Place on a baking sheet that has been sprayed with a non-stick spray. Bake at 325 degrees F for 1 hour. Yield: 1 1/2 pounds

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING  
WELLNESS CLINIC  
Thursday, March 4, 2004**

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- \* Bordetella \$10.00
- \* Fecal \$9.00
- \* Lyme \$17.00
- \* Rabies – one year with tag \$19.00 (without tag \$15.00)
- \* Rabies – three year with tag \$35.00 (without tag - \$25.00)
- \* DHLPPC \$17.00 No Corona \$15.00
- \* Physical exam or anything else \$15.00

\* Heartgard, Interceptor, Sentinel & Frontline will be available at discounted prices.

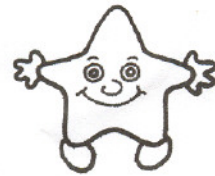
*\*Must have proof of current heartworm test*



***We refuse the right to vaccinate sick animals.***

Contact Sue at (630) 293-5741 to schedule.

# FVDTC ANNUAL DINNER



# STARRY STARRY NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 20  
FISHERMEN'S INN  
Route 47 & Main Street, Elburn



AN  
EVENT  
FOR  
EVERYONE

CAMARADERIE

6:00 SOCIAL HOUR CASH BAR  
7:00 CLASSIC BUFFET

RSVP No later than  
March 3, 2004



Contact:  
Cheryl Hettinger  
630-557-9310  
or  
Barb Misch  
630-761-0823

CASUAL DOG SHOW ATTIRE

dinner@fvdtc.org

Socialize!

Meet other members!

Share in Wins!

Laugh with the Partner  
Recipients!

Door Prizes!



FVDTC WOULD LIKE TO  
ADMIRE THEIR STARS

ENJOY AN EVENING OF GOOD FUN  
AND GOOD FOOD

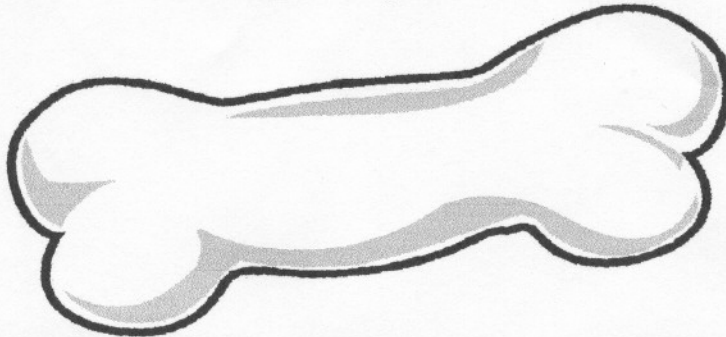
\$26.00 per person



**FVDTC ANNUAL DINNER**

**STARRY STARRY NIGHT**

**March 20, 2004**



**Do you know something silly or embarrassing  
that would make one of your friends  
eligible to win a boner award?  
If so, send your nomination via email to  
[dinner@fvdtc.com](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.com) or drop in box.**

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

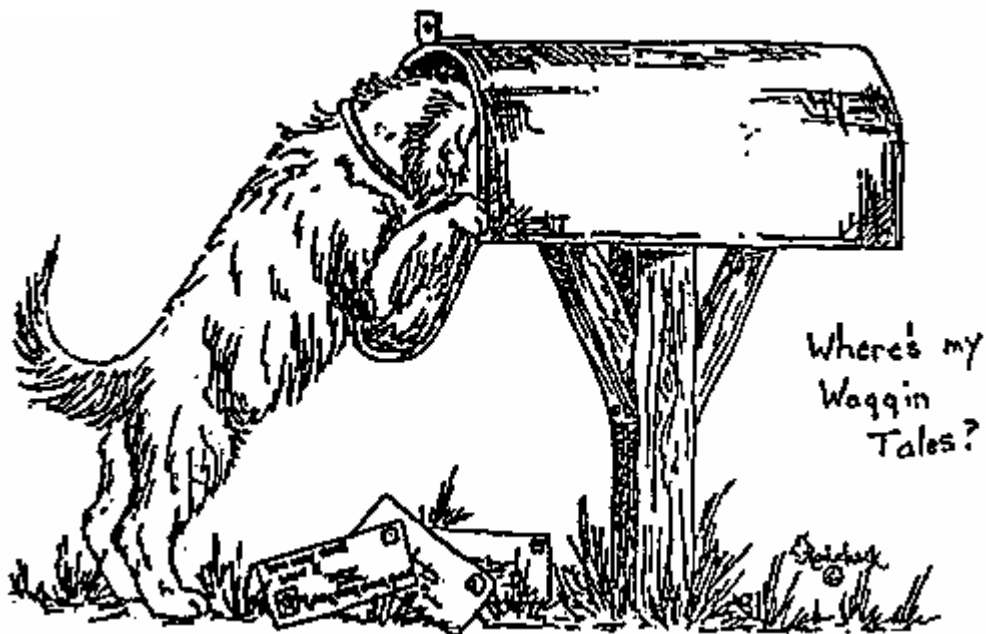
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**FOX VALLEY DOG  
TRAINING CLUB**

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**February 2004**

4	Wednesday	Board Meeting
5	Thursday	Regular Training
8	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
12	Thursday	Regular Training
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Thursday	Regular Training

**March 2004**

3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training CERF Clinic
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
20	Saturday	Annual Banquet
25	Thursday	Regular Training
30	Tuesday	Regular Training