



# Waggin' Tales

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## Special Points of Interest

- CGC Test 9/15/05
- FVDTC's Agility Trial is scheduled for September 17 – 18. We will be using electronic timers.
- FVDTC's Tracking Test is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- FVDTC's Obedience Trial is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## From D.O.T.

With a Rally trial almost in our own backyard and in an air-conditioned facility, Corky, Kinzee, and I entered DeKalb Kennel Club's July show. It was quickly obvious that Rally is popular in the Midwest! The Rally classes were a big draw for both exhibitors and spectators. On Sunday there were 11 entries at the Excellent level, 33 at the Advanced level, and 167 entries at the Novice level. Even on Monday when we were entered there were 125 entries at the Novice level! It was a much more relaxing experience in the ring to be able to praise and encourage your dog, not worry about precise sits, fronts, heel position, etc., and know that a station and/or command could be repeated and that body language which encourages the dog would not be penalized. All the information which you need may be obtained on the AKC website and a free Rally regulations and guidelines may be obtained from the AKC. The next Rally trial in our area will be offered by Forest City Dog Training Club on Saturday, 9/24/05, at

Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere. There entries are limited to 120 entries, and I am certain that all entries will fill!! If you want to find out what it is all about, Forest City offers an excellent opportunity.

All members participating in classes offered by the club are invited to complete and return a brief feedback form. The purpose of the feedback is to assess the success of the club in meeting the needs of its members. Feedback sheets will be distributed and available on training nights in August, and are available in this issue of Waggin' Tales as well. Please return completed forms by 9/8/05 to Cindy Pakenas. Your input is important to us!

Instructors, your continuing donation of time and expertise is very much appreciated. Thanks for the awesome job which all of you do.

Cindy Pakenas

## Membership Renewal Forms

Maybe it was an oversight. Maybe you've forgotten to mail it. There is still a number of current club members who have not turned in renewal forms for the 2005 – 2006 season. Renewal forms were due by July 10<sup>th</sup>. **Renewal forms are also needed from Lifetime members even if you are not training your dog.** *\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-10-05\*.*

If you are planning to continue with the club, please get your membership form to Sue MacPherson as soon as possible. We need to get our current roster to the printer's office for our membership books. Paperwork for the printer will be going out at the end of the month. The club's membership renewal form is located in this issue of Waggin' Tales. Please fill out the form and circle what type of membership on the back. Mail your membership along with your fee to:

Sue MacPherson  
P.O. Box 222  
Wasco, IL 60183

Membership Meeting to vote on whether FVDTC creates a policy to disassociate ourselves from pet stores September 7th 7:30 pm at the Fairground Extension Center.

## Board Meeting Highlights *August 3, 2005*

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m., due to technical difficulties with the computer. Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). June Meeting Minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Dean Connolly (First Vice-President) reported that he is checking out the electronic agility timers that Helen recently purchased. He brought one set to the meeting to allow everyone at the meeting to see the timers purchased, and how they work. Dean stated that he is just starting a preliminary investigation about having an outdoor agility trial at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Dean will contact Chris Unger.

Dean stated that he will locate the 4-H tunnel and return it to the 4-H representatives. Everyone agreed that we do not want to get in the practice of storing someone else's equipment. Dave suggested that Dean contact Nadine Conner, who led the most recent 4-H class, regarding the tunnel.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) reported that Helen Castellano has contacted two local veterinarians regarding programs for the September and October Membership Meetings. One of the programs will be present by Dr. Kobis about dog athletes and the other program will be about acupuncture. The details will be provided once they have been confirmed.

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that after she presented them with the canine resuscitation masks, the Elburn Fire Department would like to be present if we have a program to demonstrate canine CPR.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) asked that anyone who needed to pay vendors on the day of any of the upcoming trials to please submit check requests at least one week (including a Saturday) prior to the trial, to allow her to have the funds available in our checking account and have the check(s) to you by the day of the trial. If the exact amount is unknown, please provide an estimate for her. She will leave the amount blank, so the exact amount can be written in on the day of the trial. Additionally, when submitting trial entry fee checks, she also asked that individuals provide her with a total dollar amount of the checks, so she has a balance amount to verify against.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) stated that her e-mail was down. She passed around a preliminary copy of a survey to be used to obtain students' feedback from Advanced Beginner's classes through Utility level classes. She asked the board members for any suggestions for the survey, which will be published in the Waggin' Tales. Extra copies will also be available at training.

Cindy reported that when Rick and Nancy had done the Novice Ring Ready class previously, they would do run-throughs for

students. Nancy would like to do that again, once a month, and was requesting the use of another ring at 8:00 p.m. in order to perform the novice run-throughs. It was suggested that rather than using an extra ring on a regular training night, perhaps conduct the run-throughs on the match night. This would be done at no cost to the Novice Ring Ready students, nor would it be open for any students other than the Novice Ring Ready students.

Priscilla Pisarski (Assistant Director of Training) reported that all classes are staffed with Primary and Assistants Instructors. The 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Puppy classes are filled. The 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Beginners classes are filled. Priscilla stated that she is already starting to receive applications for the October 27<sup>th</sup> classes.

Priscilla also addressed the issue of the instructors wearing their shirts and nametags. Priscilla stated that trainers have mentioned to her that they really liked the idea of being able to approach any instructor to ask questions. The handlers also stated that they like to address the instructors by name. Priscilla made a motion stating that instructors are required to wear the FVDTC Instructors t-shirts and/or nametags. Barb Mish seconded the motion.

During the lengthy discussion Cindy stated that she polled instructors at the last instructor's meeting and approximately 50% would wear instructors' shirts and 50% would wear nametags. Cindy also suggested that the club offer the instructors who teach year-round the opportunity to pick clothing from a catalog i.e. polo shirts, winter wear, etc. that have the club's logo on it and the instructor's name embroidered. Peggy Sue stated that she liked the idea of having embroidered shirt for the instructors. She also stated that perhaps the club could offer to pay a certain amount toward each shirt and the instructor would cover any difference to customize the shirt.

Will stated that he does not like wearing a pinned nametag because he does not want to risk having his shirt torn or being stuck by a pin when his dogs jump on him. However, he liked Cindy's idea about offering other types of shirt and would wear a shirt, depending on the color chosen.

Taffy stated that she, with her always-on-the-go lifestyle, often finds it difficult to remember to change shirts when she is racing around before leaving for training. She stated that perhaps the requirement should state, that the instructors must wear the instructors shirt or name tag on the first night of classes. Carolyn stated that she often wears her instructor's shirt under another shirt, to work on the day of training. Barb stated that as a person entering the building for the first time it would be easier to identify an individual who can provide information about the club. Peggy Sue stated that wearing the instructor shirts or nametags should be stated as "highly recommended" but not stated as a requirement. Although,

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## CLUB NEWS

### Parking, Again

Since we asked you all to start heeding the "No Parking" signs along the west side of the training building, I have noticed very few cars parked illegally. Thank you all for your cooperation. I have, however, heard questions about the motives for this "new" regulation.

Sandy Davis, our Waggin' Tales editor and local emergency services employee, asked St. Charles for their "official" Code Enforcement Book rulings. She was told that, should anyone park around the building illegally (ie ignoring the parking signs), and the police department is called for a parking violations, it is the Fairground office that will be issued a citation and required to appear in court. The police department does, from time to time, patrol in the parking lot, especially when they see increased activity comes in and out of the gate or if they see that the gate is open.

Sandy was told of an incident where a tenant of the fairgrounds repeatedly violated the parking policy and was subsequently banned from the fairgrounds. I agree with Sandy in thinking that we do not want to risk that kind of consequence.

So, thank you again for not parking next to the building. Please park only in the gravel area, to ensure that we are a sufficient distance from the building.

Dave Lewis

### Table Stewards & Ring Stewards Needed

Our November Obedience Trial will soon be here. We need people to help steward for this trial to be a success. We had a super turn out last year. Let's do it again. The board is at training to sign up to help. Ring stewards do not need experience although I do need table stewards with experience. Your help is greatly appreciated. I appreciate anyone that has already signed up to help.

Jan Schomer

### Web Link

Here's a link to a web site that talks about aversives in nature and why people shouldn't use them. This site also has a good article on what a positive trainer is.  
<http://www.behaviorlogic.com/id107.html>

Will Short

## New Members

John & Lyn Duncker  
627 Edison St.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
(630)232-2564  
Labrador Retriever

Christine & James Jacobsen  
15N962 High Ridge Lane  
Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847)888-2217  
Akita, Norwegian Elkhound

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Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847)888-2217  
Akita, Norwegian Elkhound

Theresa Warnock  
17 Barcroft Ct  
South Elgin, IL 60177  
(847)622-8348  
Labrador Retriever, Husky/Malamute

Kathi Polz  
2712 Yorkshire Ct  
Aurora, IL 60502  
(630) 862-2940  
Boston Terrier

Barbara Schaefer  
17 Cambridge Dr.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
(630)232-7244  
English Springer Spaniel

Dave & Rosanne Frantz  
490 Birchwood Dr.  
North Aurora, IL 60542  
(630)892-6306  
Shetland Sheepdog

Robin Leicht  
838 May St.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
(630)262-8875  
Labrador Retriever & Lab mixes

## FVDTC Dog Nominated for AKC "ACE" Award

Holly, Geneva Fire Department's public education "fire" dog and a trainee at FVDTC, was recently named a finalist for this year's ACE Award in the Law Enforcement Category. "The American Kennel Club Awards of Canine Excellence were created to recognize deserving canines that have performed some exemplary act, whether large or seemingly small that has significantly benefited a community or individual." The ACE Award focuses on 5 different categories:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| * Exemplary Companion Dog | * Law Enforcement Dog |
| * Search and Rescue Dog   | * Service Dog         |
| * Therapy Dog             |                       |

In the end, Holly lost to a 4 year old German Shepherd Police Dog who had been shot while in the line of duty. AKC is already taking nominations for the 2006 ACE awards. If you know of a dog that should be noted for his/her accomplishments, go to [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and fill out an application.



## Fido Fest is near!



For those not in the know, Fido Fest is our celebration to kick off Responsible Dog Ownership week. The St. Charles Park District has been hard at work on a new dog park, and we're going to do a Grand Opening event on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.! It's located at Campton Hills Park (far west side of the park).

We'll have demonstrations on obedience, rally, agility and freestyle, in addition to giving away Fido Fun-Kits to kids who bring us a colored picture from our website. It

should be a fun day!

Currently, our demonstration schedule is:

- 10AM - Agility
- 11AM - Obedience
- 12PM - Rally
- 1PM - Freestyle

If you're interested in helping out with the event, please feel free to call or email me for more information. If you'd like to help, 'm looking for folks willing to demonstrate Rally and Canine Freestyle (you don't have to be perfect...these are just demos!), and bodies willing to arrive without their dogs to make sure equipment is set up for demos and people's questions are being answered. Hope to see everyone out there!



Barb Misch  
[education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org) 630-761-0823

## Pooch Picnic For all dog lovers! Fun for your 4-legged friends!

This party provides an opportunity for pet owners to meet local groomers, pet stores, vets and boarding facilities for your pet. All participants receive a doggy bag of goodies. Contests include Best Tricks and Best Costume. No rain date scheduled. All ages are welcome!

All pets must be on a leash and accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age.

**Saturday, Sept. 10  
 1 - 4pm  
 Campton Hills Park**

\$15 residents  
 \$22.50 non-residents  
 (630) 584-1055

Presented by the  
 St Charles Park District  
 630-584-1055

## CGC TEST IS COMING.

Yep—it's that time again! FVDTC will be conducting a Canine Good Citizen Test on Thursday, September 15th. Anyone interested, please contact Colleen Kent

## FVDTC Feedback Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been a club member: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly state the goals that you hope to achieve by attending classes. If you choose to earn titles with your dog or dogs, please include the specific titles.

On a scale of 1-10 with the highest being 10, please state your agreement with the following statements. Explanations are optional, but very valuable.

- The classes which I am attending are resulting in a steady progression toward the goals which I hope to achieve with my dog.  
Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:
  
- There is usually a beneficial balance of explanation, application/practice, and down-time in the class which I attend.  
Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:
  
- I am comfortable in assessing and choosing which class is best suited to the needs of my dog and my goals as a handler.  
Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:
  
- The knowledge and skills of the instructors relating to the training of canines is readily apparent and contributes to my goal progression. Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:
  
- Instructors are presenting a diversity of training techniques to meet the needs of my dog.  
Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:
  
- I am comfortable asking questions and deciding whether or not I desire to utilize the techniques suggested by my instructors.  
Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Explanation:

Please include any comments or concerns that you would like to communicate.

Thanks you for taking the time to provide your feedback. Meeting your needs is important to us. Please return the completed surveys to Cindy Pakenas at training or by mail: Cindy Pakenas, 3N026 Howard Rd., Maple Park, IL 60151.



# Pup & People Pool Party

You are invited to join fellow FVDTC club members and dog lovers at poolside for a great time on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

The fee is \$10.00 per dog. There will be a maximum of 2 dogs per person.

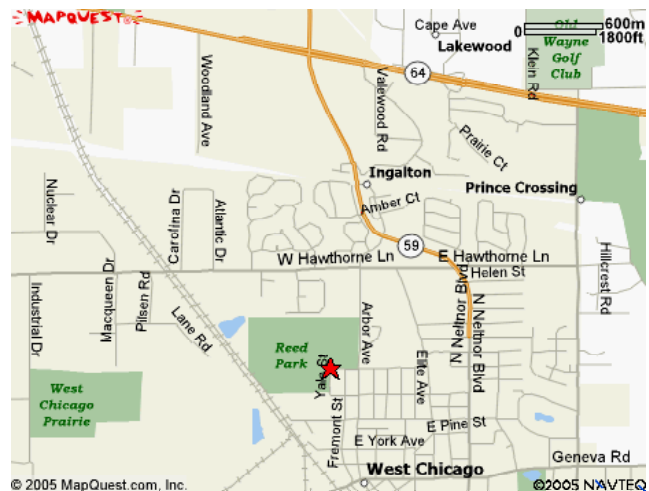
Guests are invited also!

In addition to you and your dog (or dogs), please bring the following:

- A snack to share with people
- Toys that can go in the water
- Towels for you and your dogs

Just a couple of rules and reminders:

- Please bring only dogs who enjoy the company of other dogs and people
- Please bring plastic bags for poop-patrol



Please complete the RSVP portion below and return by September 1<sup>st</sup> to Peggy Sue Seehafer or Carolyn Pearson at training or by mailing it to

**Prairie Oaks Family Aquatics Center  
at Reed-Kepler Park  
129 W. National Street, West Chicago**

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

Carolyn Pearson  
3N161 Timberline Drive  
West Chicago IL 60185

You **MUST** include payment with this RSVP.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00\*\*

REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00

**LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00\*\***

**LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: 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 select a Training membership.

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

*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-10-05*

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below.  
Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB.**

(630) 584-1002	<p>MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON</p> <p>Sue MacPherson</p> <p>P.O. Box 222, Wasco, IL 60183</p>	membership@fvdtc.org
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## SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AWARD

The **SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AWARD** is given to a club member to acknowledge them and their contributions to the club. This award is especially significant because it offers you the opportunity to nominate a fellow club member for their efforts.

As approved by the membership at the March 2, 2005 Membership meeting, the new method for choosing the recipient of the Sally Compton Award is as follows.

- Submit the following nomination form to the Statistician by September 30<sup>th</sup>. (Current board members are now eligible for nomination)
- All nominations will be published as submitted in the November Waggin' Tales. Please make your submittal legible.
- All club members may submit a vote for any of the nominees to the Statistician by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION
NOMINEE:
WHY DOES THIS CLUB MEMBER DESERVE THIS AWARD?

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Dean agreed that the shirts should be worn on the first night of classes, this should be a guideline, not a policy. Cindy Pakenas stated that we should investigate different types of shirts.

Priscilla withdrew her original motion. Priscilla then made motion that we create a guideline to encourage all instructors to wear the FVDTC instructors t-shirts and/or nametags on training night. Barb Misch seconded the motion. Approved by ten, one opposed, and none abstained. Dave asked Cindy and Priscilla to work together to get information put together about shirt styles and pricing. He will provide the contact information to them regarding a local individual that does custom embroidery for the gymnastics club.

Priscilla asked whether the existing graduation certificates could also be used for the puppy classes, however the certificates specifically state "Beginners" class graduation certificate. As one of the puppy instructors, Vera Nyberg volunteered to provide Priscilla an electronic copy of the certificate that she distributes to her puppy students. Peggy Sue stated that she also uses her personally designed and created certificates. It was suggested that the instructors for the puppy classes work together to design a certificate that can be used by all puppy class instructors.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not present, but sent an e-mail message to remind everyone that the next deadline is Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) announced that a meeting for the Trial Committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the September 7th Membership meeting. Will stated that he would prepare and send an e-mail message to the Trial Committee members.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) stated that the premium list is in the process of being proofread. Once the premium list has been approved, it will go to the printers. Taffy stated that she will send out e-mail message that the premium list is available on our website. Many entries have already been received and opened.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) had nothing to report.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent her report with Barb Misch. Barb stated that Francene's fundraising has earned \$50.00 thus far. Francene is finalizing the plans for the September 18<sup>th</sup> Tracking Test. Barb stated that there will be an AKC representative at the tracking test.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOFF-line is current. Barb also presented the following plans for the Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Week.

**Nuts and Bolts:** We are planning a day-long event on

September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Charlestowne Mall in St. Charles. Pending Corporate approval, the Mall will be placing us in a vacant, lower-level store. We cannot demo in the walkways as the amount of space we would require would put us in violation of fire codes, plus the store gives us back door access to the parking lot for an easy exit. The Mall is open from noon to 6:00 p.m.

**Promotional Efforts:** The radio station The River, 95.9, will list us in their Community Events and run a PSA about our event in the week leading up to it. The Mall will place small placards on the tables in the cafeteria leading up to the event. Barb created a flyer to be printed in color and mailed to area veterinarians' offices and groomers.

Margi Stuessy is attempting to get a City of St. Charles Mayoral Proclamation stating that, the week of September 11, 2005 is Responsible Dog Ownership Week. If we can get the Mayor to come to the Mall for the event, we may do some sort of a ribbon cutting. The Mall will be doing its own advertising and will attempt to line up press coverage for our event.

**The Fido Fun-Kit:** Kids who color one of the AKC's RDO Coloring Pages from our website or the Mall's Kids Club, and brings it to the event, will receive a free Fido Fun-Kit. The kit includes: The AKC Dog Safety Booklet, RDO Bookmark, RDO Pencil, and a plush dog toy suitable and safe for all ages. Inside will be included a disclaimer of sorts in English and Spanish encouraging parents to go through the info with their children and to supervise them with the toy.

**Demonstrations:** Barb stated that she has nearly all of the demonstration dogs and handlers needed. Thanks for everyone's support, and rapid response to her inquiry! We are doing the following demonstrations.

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| 12:00 p.m. | - Obedience (Cindee is bringing the equipment used for demonstrations) |
| 1:00 p.m.  | - Agility  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | - Rally  |
| 3:00 p.m.  | - Canine Freestyle   |
| 4:00 p.m.  | - Agility  |
| 5:00 p.m.  | - Obedience  |

**Greeter:** Barb asked a few handlers/dogs to be greeters outside the store front. She specifically selected Therapy Dogs for this challenging and high profile task, and currently the times are filled.

#### **Other Assistance Needed**

**Volunteers** - Barb stated that she is currently seeking additional volunteers just to be helpful. That means talking with the public, answering questions about the club and training, helping

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set-up the demos, and making sure Barb's head "does not explode". Barb reported that she has asked a number of people to check their schedules to see if they are available to help, but any other volunteers will be welcomed! She is looking for people who are willing to come to the event without their dogs.

**Equipment** - Barb stated that she is currently seeking equipment for the non-obedience demonstration. The club will supply the equipment for the Obedience and Rally demonstrations. An equipment list for Agility was provided by Helen Castellano, the Agility Demo Leader. Virginia Sensenbrenner has volunteered the use of four agility jumps. Barb will check with Marietta for weave poles and three more jumps. Cindy Pakenas stated that she currently has the club's rally equipment in her possession.

**Road Crew**— Barb stated that as the owner of a Honda Civic, she will definitely need help transporting the ring gates, equipment, and literature to the site, and then back to where ever it belongs again.

**Odds & Ends:** Barb reported that she still needs to obtain bags for the Fido Fun-Kits. She is considering getting the plastic, trade-show type bags with the die-cut handle. They are not expensive, and can be ordered in large quantities. If any other committee would have a use for that type of bag for their events should see her. Helen suggested looking into the Dollar Store.

Barb stated that she hopes to have some key details finalized with the Mall this week. Once it is available, she will forward material to Dave for our website. She also needs a good, resizable copy of our approved logo from Dave or Sandy to use for the event. Barb learned that the club does not possess a vinyl banner with the club name on it.

Barb encouraged the volunteers wear their shirts with the club's logo.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) presented information and a proposed budget for the possibility of hosting a two-day indoor Agility Trial on April 1 and 2, 2006. Helen announced that since almost all dogs entered in an agility trial are run twice, she used the assumption of 1,100 entries, which would be 550 dogs running two runs. While reviewing the proposed budget, Amy stated that the total income on the proposed budget should be adjusted.

Helen Castellano made a motion to present to the membership at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting for approval by membership the recommendation from the board that the membership approve hosting a two-day indoor Agility Trial on April 1 and 2, 2006. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by all Board members voting, without any opposed or abstentions. Helen will adjust the information to reflect the changes made to the proposed budget, and present the updated budget at the September Membership meeting.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) announced that with the Board's prior approval from the board forum, she will purchase a new tunnel for the club, as economically as possible.

**Old Business**

**Parking Along The Building**

Sandy Davis sent the following information in response to Will Short's board forum inquiry about parking along the building.

She asked St. Charles for their official Code Enforcement Book rulings. She was told that should anyone park along the building illegally by ignoring the no parking signs and the police department is called for parking violations, it is the Fairground office that would be issued the citation with court appearances, etc. Periodically, the police department does patrol the parking lot, especially when they see increased activity coming in and out of the gate or if they view the gate is open. This is due to break-ins that have been reported in the area, the latest was last week in the apartment complex behind the bar on Randall Road.

There is a minimum width of 20 feet from the building is required for fire lanes. It is possible that the gravel parking lot is the beginning of the closest allowable parking area. (see 503.7.4). The club members who park along the building are potentially placing the building in jeopardy should a fire break out. Just because other groups have done the same should not justify this club (or individual persons) following suit.

Sandy was also told that an incident occurred in the past where the fairgrounds were issued a citation due to cars continually parking against the building. That group was subsequently informed that the building and grounds were no longer available to them.

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**503.7 Public Access and Fire Lanes on Private Property, Devoted to Public Use, shall be provided so that:**

**503.7.4 Public or private access for motor fire apparatus shall be provided around the building so that there may be proper operation of ladders and mechanically elevated mechanisms. Minimum width of the fire lanes shall be 20 feet with greater widths to accommodate vehicles when turning and laddering buildings.**

**503.7.5 Access routes shall be so arranged that fire department apparatus may respond from all points of the building to adjacent fire hydrants along routes not to exceed three hundred (300) feet from the most remote point to the building to the closest fire hydrant.**

**503.7.6 Fire lanes on private property shall be approved by the Fire Marshal, and parking of motor vehicles otherwise obstructing such fire lanes or access routes shall be prohibited at all times. Permanent all-weather signs identifying fire lanes and**

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access ways shall be posted.

### **Pup & People Pool Party**

Peggy Sue and Carolyn recently met to plan the Pup & People Pool Party. Details will be forthcoming as a flyer to be passed out at training, included in the August Waggin' Tales and on the club's website. Carolyn will check to see if the concession stands has power that we could use for our event.

### **Pet Store Policy**

In response Will Short's question, Dave announced that Kathy Hubbard, the committee's chairperson, is now reviewing the information the Sandy Davis collected as a result of her article in the May Waggin' Tales. Will indicated that he hoped the issue would be resolved at the September Membership meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee**

Will Short made a motion that the Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee selection description be modified to add the Trial Chairperson to the list of those who select the additional club members to include to serve on the committee. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. The current description is as follows:

The Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee creates a list of judges and alternates. The list is turned over to the Trial Secretary to process. This Committee is composed of the following:

- Trial Chairperson, who is the Chairperson of this Committee
- Trial Secretary
- President
- Three club members who are appointed by the President and/or the Trial Secretary and are currently exhibiting in obedience trials.

Will stated that he does not feel it is correct to have a committee that selected by others and then chaired by an individual not involved in the selection of the three club members. He also stated that in our current situation, which has been the same for a long time, neither the President nor the Trial Secretary show their dogs in any trials. He feels that even if that situation were to change, the Trial Chairman needs to be part of that selection process.

Taffy Wille stated that she did not understand why Will felt this change was necessary, since the committee formed to select the 2006 judges was composed of the individuals that he had asked to be on the committee. Taffy suggested that perhaps the Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee should operate in the same manner that Car-Dun-Al does. Their judges' selection committee selects the judges, and performs the preliminary legwork necessary to obtaining the judge's confirmation of availability for the trial.

Taffy asked Will whether, in his opinion, she and Dave had done a poor job selecting the three club members for the committee. Will stated that it was not the problem, it was the fact that he as Trial Chair was to chair the committee composed of individuals that he officially did not have a voice in selecting. Carolyn stated that during the May Membership meeting, a committee was created to review the pet store policy which was made up of volunteers and then chaired by one of the volunteers. The chair of that committee did not have any say in the committee members. Will stated that as it was an ad hoc committee, that was irrelevant to this conversation.

Peggy Sue asked Will whether his suggested change had anything to do with "only wants to play with people I like"? Will stated that although he can "play" with many people, he prefers to work with people with whom he is comfortable. He feels that future Trial Chairs should have a voice in which three club members are selected to join the President, the Trial Chairperson, and the Trial Secretary on the Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee. Priscilla asked what would happen in a situation when two of the selectors want to invite a specific club member and the third selector does not. Will stated that the majority would rule in that situation.

The motion to modify the Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee selection description passed with the following results; five approved, four opposed and no abstentions. The general policy will be updated to the following.

The Obedience Trial Judges' Selection Committee creates a list of judges and alternates. The list is turned over to the Trial Secretary to process. This Committee is composed of the following:

- Trial Chairperson, who is the Chairperson of this Committee
- Trial Secretary
- President
- Three club members who are appointed by the President, the Trial Chairperson, and/or the Trial Secretary, and are currently exhibiting in obedience trials.

#### **Instructor's Picnic**

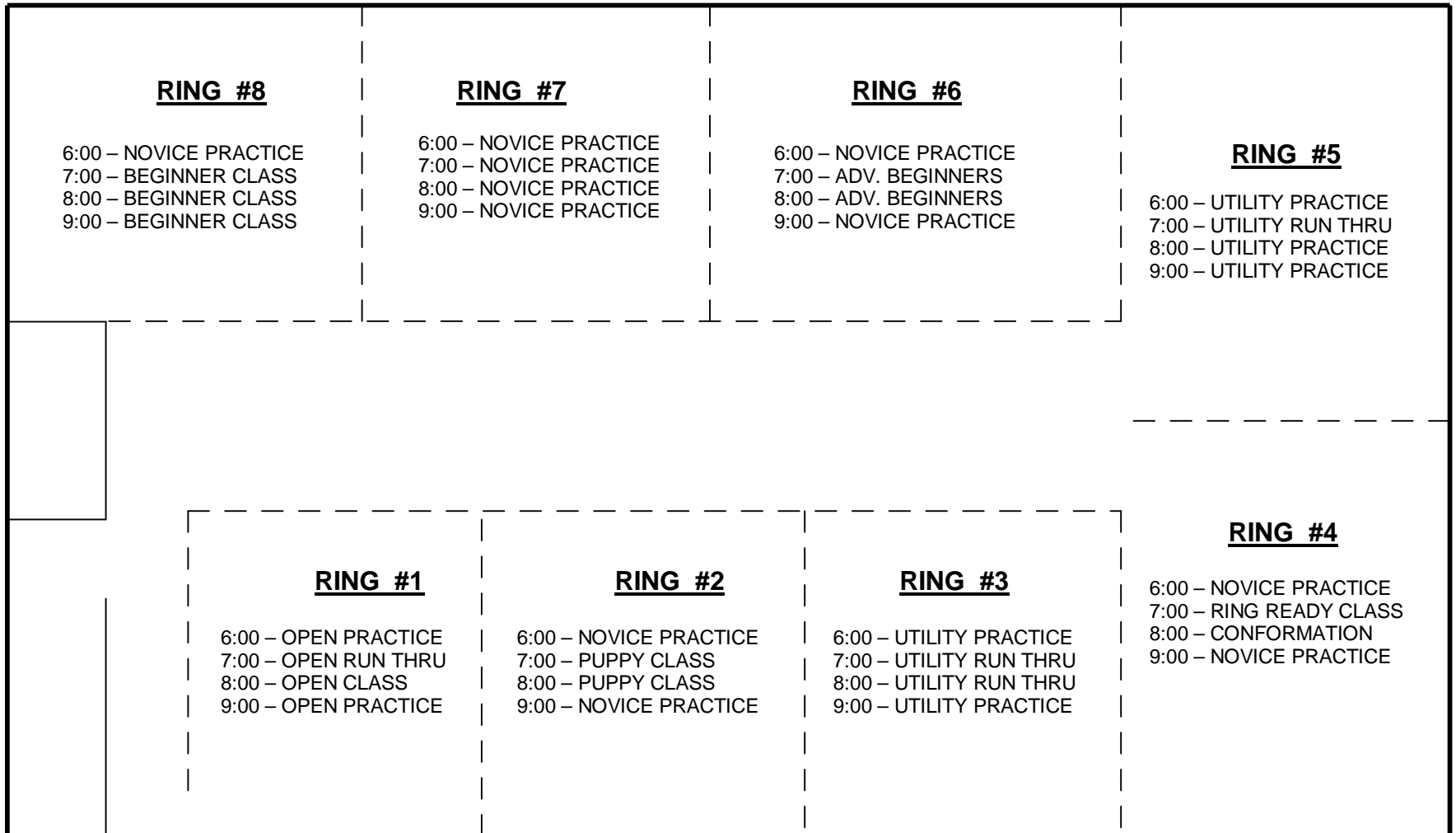
Cindy Pakenas made a motion to spend a maximum of \$80.00 for supplies for an upcoming, but unscheduled instructors picnic. Sue MacPherson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting. No one opposed the motion or abstained from the vote.

#### **Presidents Dinner**

Dave asked all the Board members to send to him a list of available Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from now until the end of year to allow the dinner to be scheduled.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

**AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER 2005 RING LAYOUT**



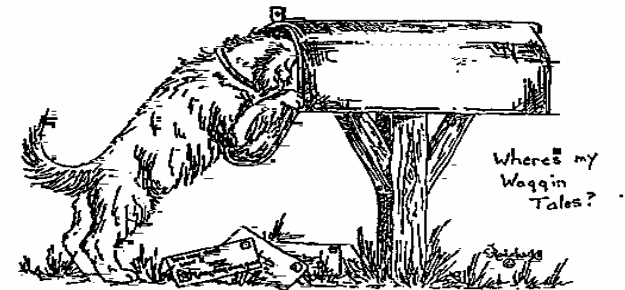
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## August 2005

3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	Thursday	Regular Training

## September 2005

1	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
8	Thursday	Regular Training
11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC Test
17-18	Saturday/ Sunday	Agility Trail
22	Thursday	Regular Training
25	Sunday	Track Testing
29	Thursday	Regular Training