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Non-member fees help keep the brakes on membership dues

Sandi Stephenson, Director of Training

Our instructors and assistants continue to do a super job of training people to train their dogs. I love watching all the happy faces as owners have fun watching their dogs learn. We need only one more assistant, for Ed Herdes' 9 p.m. Beginners' Class. If you could even be there some of the nights, Ed would appreciate your help. Please consider it, and thank you.

The situation that remains most desperate, is the need for someone at the welcome table, especially between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Without someone there to collect the fee, non-members can pretty much use the club for free.

If we are not able to find help to collect the fees, we may need to consider eliminating drop-in training for non-members. Why should that matter to you? Because FVDTC derives a great deal of revenue from non-members and that

non-member revenue helps us keep our membership fees low. Without non-member revenue, we could even have to consider raising dues for at least our non-working members. It's not a happy

thought, but a club must do whatever it must to stay sol-

vent. Thirty minutes of your time per week could make all the difference—please help.

Thank you to everyone who does help, as they are able, with instructing and table duties.

Help your dogs stay cool during these hot summer months. You too.

Without non-member revenue, we could even have to consider raising dues...

Donations needed for Fall Obedience Trial Raffle

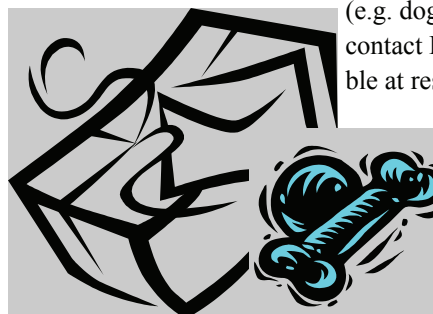
With the November Obedience Trial date quickly approaching, Francine Andresen is looking for donations for the always popular Raffle Table.

If you:

- Have new items around the house to donate;
- Would like to purchase one or more items to donate;

- Would like to donate cash;
- Or have an appropriate service to donate (e.g. dog grooming), contact Francine as soon as possible at rescents@comcast.net or by phone at 630-365-0905.

Thanks for your help!



A well-trained dog is a happy dog!

Are you ready for Rally?

Sandi Stephenson, Match Chair

We have enough judges for the next two matches! Thanks so much everybody.

Loretta and I would like to begin adding Rally in September in conjunction with the regular matches, as there seems to be a growing demand for it. **Provided, we can get enough volunteers to commit to working it.** We will need at least two additional stewards and it would be a lot better if we could recruit four stewards. So, if you would like to see rally at our monthly matches, please let Loretta or I know that you are willing to help.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered so much of your time to help every month. The Club needs the support of all members to be able to do the many things we do to help the doggie community.

Thank you!

Wait, what is Rally?

For those who are new to it, Rally is a fun sport where the dog and handler complete a course of designated skill stations designed by the Rally Judge. The scoring is not as rigorous as in traditional obedience, and handlers are allowed more communication with their dogs.

Depending on the level of competition, there may be between 10-20 stations on the course. Each station will have a sign providing instructions on the skill that is to be performed. The judge will tell the handler to begin, and the team of dog and handler move continuously and relatively briskly through the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side.

There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler, though a perfect "heel position" is not required. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of stations correctly.



Brag & Bravos



Best buddies, Abby and Holly, take a well earned break at the North Shore Dog Training Club event.

- Genevas Lady Holly, owned by Sandy Davis, earned her CD title with a 2nd place finish at the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club show on Monday, July 11th. In addition, Holly's second leg of Novice was earned with a 1st place finish and "Obedience High in Trial" at the LaSalle Brittany Club Specialty Show and Obedience Trial on Saturday, June 17th. Her 1st leg of Novice came by way of a 2nd place finish at the Stone City Kennel Club in Morris Illinois on Sunday, June 4th.

- Abby, owned by Terri Byerly, earned her Rally Novice title at the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club show on Sunday, July 10th and also earned a 4th place on Monday, July 11th (extra leg). In addition, Abby earned her 2nd leg of Rally Novice with a 3rd place finish at the North Shore Dog Training Club in Highland Park on Sunday June 18th. She earned her 1st leg of Rally Novice A at the Stone City Kennel Club in Morris Illinois on Sunday June Sandy and Terri are beginner obedience instructors for FVDTC.
- Rick Cox reports that Willow earned her UCDX this weekend at Smack-Dab in Warrenville. She completed her title while earning two 1st place finishes and one 4th place finish. "Now we're setting our sights on Canadian CDX this fall," Rick says, "if the obedience gods deem it to be a noble quest."
- Sandi Stephenson writes to say that on May 1st, she and Tom became grandparents for the first time. "Our beautiful granddaughter, "Teah" will one day surely save the world. We need to give her a few years, so until then, let's all do our part." Congratulations to the Stephensons are in order on the dog front as well. On June 4 their Rottie Abel (aka "unable, disable") earned his UKC UD to become U-CH,ag1,U-UD Avatar's BearFoot n' Abel, UD, OA, OAJ. "I'm so proud of my boy," said Sandi. "Thank you to all who helped."

Rally, continued

Communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged, and even multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed.

Rally is a good link from basic obedience and Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) preparation to obedience or agility competition, both for dogs and handlers. In addition, rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition.

Volunteers rose to Annual Dinner challenge

Carolyn Pearson, Annual Dinner Chair

Although it seems like years ago, the Annual Dinner was held on March 18th at the Lincoln Inn. I would like to acknowledge the hard work that the committee members put in to host this event. As I have said before, this event is WAY more work to put together than I ever realized. We should all thank the committees that have done it in past years. The dinner would not be anything without the coordinated effort of the Annual Dinner committee and the Awards committee. My hat is off to EVERYONE who has hosted this event in the past.

For the 2006 event, I want to thank the following individuals for all of the help that they offered!

Francene Andresen, who accepted and kept track of all the RSVPs *and* worked with the Lincoln Inn regarding the dinner details.

Ingrid Hamburger, who spent **hours** on the road delivering and picking-up trophies from Kathy Jenkins Trophies *and* picking-up the items that Cindy Rodeback painted *and* picking up the programs from Kwik Kopy. All told, she spent 5-1/2 hours on the road on the Friday before the dinner, with a ton more patience and grace than I could have ever mustered behind the wheel.

Nina Herdes, who created the nut cups on the tables *and* made the much-coveted doggie blankets offered as door prizes *and* did all that while coordinating a huge show at her church that was held the afternoon of our dinner.

Cheryl Hettinger, who made the puppy-chocolate-pups for all dinner attendees to enjoy *and* offered her advice when the committee had questions on how to do things.

Dave Lewis, who took his lunch time to pay the final bill for the dinner when I arrived too late at the Lincoln Inn.

Holly MacPherson, who collected RSVPs and money at training for several weeks *and* created and kept track of the "count 'em" jars.

Sue MacPherson, who single handedly obtained about 80% of the door prizes *and* collected RSVPs and money at training for several weeks.

Jan Schomer, who provided all of the necessary statistics for the awards *and* collected all of the paperwork *and* provided her expertise when I needed help understanding how things with the awards were calculated.

Suzan Scott, who provided a box load of information *and* a wonderful to-do list *and* provided her expertise when I needed help understanding how things with the awards were calculated.

I'd also like to thank our vendors who provided the awards and did so in time for the awards to be presented at the dinner.

Kathy Jenkins – all trophies and engravings

Bill McGuffy – airbrushed items

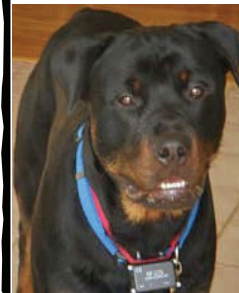
Cindy Rodeback – painted items

Peggy Sue Seehafer – photographs

As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to host this event – **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!** (See page 4 for Awards)

Welcome New Members

Susan & Curt Anderson
601 Stetzer Ave.
Elburn, IL 60119
630-365-0778
Labrador Retriever
Completed Beginners' Class



Richard Meiresonne
41W701 Hunters Hill
Dr.
St. Charles, IL 60175
630-584-7019
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Rottweiler
Completed Beginners
Class

Jean Ann Wear
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60542
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[mejawear](http://mejawear.com)
[@sbcglobal.net](http://sbcglobal.net)
Boston Terriers



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Fall Trial sponsorships still available



According to the Obedience Trial Trophy Committee, there are still classes available for sponsorship. The Trial Invitation (Premium) has already been finalized so it is no longer possible to sponsor specific breed items however. It would be terrific for the Club if each of the classes could be sponsored, so if you're interested, please contact Peggy Sue Seehafer.

Awards for 2005 presented at the Annual Dinner

Congratulations to the following individuals and dogs who earned the following Fox Valley Dog Training Club Awards for 2005. The awards were presented at the Annual Dinner.

Dorothy Diamond Memorial Trophy

Francene Andresen & "Krista"

Kanosak Kennel Award

Penny Breich & "Gracie"

186 187 188

Founders Award

Brenda Rivera & "Jaz" 199 198 198

Debbie Orr Memorial Award

Tracy McMahon

Ed Kneip Award

Brenda Rivera & "Jaz" 197.5 – 197.5

Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award

Barb Misch

Heather Memorial Award

Not awarded

High Qualifying Average Novice A

Not awarded

High Qualifying Average Novice B

Suzan Scott & "Tahoe" 195.65

High Qualifying Average Open

Brenda Rivera & "Jaz" 196.208

High Qualifying Average Utility

Brenda Rivera & "Jaz" 194.958



Francene Andresen receives the Dorothy Diamond Memorial Trophy from Annual Dinner Chairperson, Carolyn Pearson

Dog Days of summer overheat Fox Valley dogs

July is ending with soaring temperatures and oppressive humidity making life outdoors miserable. But it's not just the soft humans who suffer in the heat.

The family dog, which is dependent primarily on panting and radiating a small amount of heat off their skin and the pads of their feet, actually has a less efficient cooling system than its humans. This makes dogs vulnerable to overheating and dehydration. Every year associations like the ASPCA and veterinary offices witness the sad results of even brief lapses of attention that result in a dog becoming overheated, sunburned or dehydrated.

When you take your dog on vacation, or just on errands about town, please do not leave him in your car, even with the windows partially rolled down. The temperature inside your car can rapidly spike to deadly levels and in just minutes a dog can become ill or even die of heat stroke (also called heat exhaustion or prostration).

If you plan to leave your car, then leave your dog at home or take him out of the car with you or have someone else stay with the dog so that the car and air conditioner can be turned on periodically. Also, always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water.

If your dog spends much of its day outside, be sure to provide:

- a cool, shady spot for it to escape the hot summer sun
- plenty of fresh, cool, clean water
- shelter from summer storms

Exercise and play with your dog in the early morning or in the evening when the day begins to cool, but not directly after eating, and don't exercise your dog when the humidity is high.

Don't let your dog stand or walk for long on hot asphalt, where the surface temperature can reach greater than 150°. The heat from the asphalt can burn the dog's paw pads and cause their body to heat quickly.

Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals, as well as those with any medi-

Home alone: The angst of Separation Anxiety

The following article was adapted from an "Ask the Vet" column, written by Carol Getty, DVM, for an English Springer Spaniel newsletter and we are grateful for her permission to let us reprint it here with a few edits to make it more applicable to additional breeds. - editor

Many dog fanciers don't realize that separation anxiety is a clinical syndrome, and describe the dog's antics in terms of endearing personality traits or intentional bad behavior. This article addresses how to recognize signs of separation anxiety and specific things that can be done to minimize it - or avoid it.

Separation anxiety has its roots in the fact that dogs are pack animals. They all experience some degree of anxiety at being left alone. In most cases the level of anxiety is so low we barely notice, but in severely affected dogs, the anxiety level can be so high that the dog may even become an undesirable pet.

Milder signs of separation anxiety include drooling, whining and refusing to eat or drink when their owner is away (often made evident by the dog running to the water or food bowl as soon as the owner arrives home). Dogs that become destructive when left alone and/or soil the house, vocalize loudly, pant, self-traumatize or pace are showing signs of separation anxiety. These behaviors may occur even if the dog thinks she might be left alone.

In order to "treat" separation anxiety, it's important to make sure that you've "diagnosed" it correctly, and not confused it with another emotional or physical state, such as boredom. A bored dog will cheerfully destroy stuff whether she is alone or not, but will not pant, pace, soil the house, drool, etc. Normal developmental stages such as teething can also lead to the destruction of property and should not be confused with anxiety. Soiling the house could be a sign that house training needs to be reinforced, or that there is a medical problem (bladder infection, upset intestinal tract, even a seizure), or even that you are asking a dog to "hold it" beyond her capacity.

A good indication that your dog has separation anxiety is if she has any of the symptoms - plus is hyper-attached to at least one owner. We can all be flattered that our dog loves us enough to follow us everywhere, but it does not help the dog if we encourage this behavior. Extreme following behavior and wanting to always be touching the owner are signs that may be evident before any of the destructive signs. This is a good time to help the dog learn some independence before she has a full blown case of separation anxiety.



ration anxiety.

Resist the temptation to put your hands on the dog every time she solicits attention. Be aloof when you arrive home. You should be the one initiating contact with the dog. Have the dog settle down at least three-feet away from where you are sitting. If you can verbally reward the dog for settling further away, do so, but avoid praise encouraging the dog to settle closer. Have the dog sleep in her own bed, not on your bed.

If possible, divide care of the dog among family members so that no one person is seen as the great provider. Provide toys that encourage independent play, like buster cubes and Kong toys.

To help a dog avoid separation anxiety, or to start helping one who already exhibits it, try to make the environment that the dog stays in as happy as possible.

A comfortable place to stay is important. If crated, the dog should have enough room to move about a bit, with comfortable bedding (within reason based on the dog's destruction tendency).

Special food treats and/or special toys should be provided when the dog is placed in their "alone environment."

Most people have a radio or TV on much of the time, and dogs get used to the background noise, so leaving a radio or TV on when you leave can provide the most consistent environment for them. The background noise can actually become a classically conditioned cue that will help improve the dog's level of comfort.

A newer idea is to provide a DAP diffuser. This is "dog appeasement pheromone" and is delivered through a plug-in scent-releasing device. DAP is the pheromone secreted by mother dogs to send the message to their puppies that all is well. The diffuser delivers a continuous level of DAP to help sooth the anxious dog.

If you have a dog who already is experiencing separation anxiety, additional steps can be

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Katrina bills still weigh heavily on volunteers

Nadine Conner, Public Education Liaison

Last September and again in October, I traveled with a group to New Orleans to help with animal rescue efforts. We brought nearly three tons of animal food and supplies to the area, and we returned to Illinois with **32 puppies/dogs and six cats/kittens**.

All of these animals were given a full round of preventative antibiotics, 5-way shots, flea/tick treatment, heartworm testing, kennel cough immunization, wormings, spaying/neutering and were vaccinated for rabies. Nine of the dogs tested positive for heartworm, but they were all successfully treated.

You can imagine the immense bill for all of this treatment, even with Dr. Kresse's wonderful "rescue discount" for those poor Katrina victims. We had many donations at the time of the trips, which helped pay for the supplies and the vet bills, but there is still an outstanding amount with Dr. Kresse. He has been gracious and accepted the small payments I personally can afford.

But now, **I am asking you** to search your heart and pocket book and send Dr. Kresse a check on the behalf of the Katrina animals that he treated. Any amount would help. I know that Hurricane Katrina is all but forgotten in the news world, but help is still needed and your help can be given here close to home.

All of the cats have been **successfully adopted**, as have 31 of the dogs. Stormy is still with us. He WAS an "untrainable" farm dog until he was placed in Uncle Jerry D'Aprile's hands several weeks ago. He is already housebroken, crate trained and comes when called. Jerry and I will continue to train Stormy and socialize him. He will be available for adoption as soon as he passes beginner obedience, you may have seen him at training already.

If you can find it in your heart to help please send a check to:

Virgil Veterinary Clinic
47W651 I.C. Trail
Maple Park, IL 60151

And please put "Katrina Dogs" on the memo portion.

Thank you so much for even considering this. If you have any questions, please call me at: 630-772-1396.

The following items, used in the Katrina animal rescue, are available for the price of a donation to Doc. Kresse.

- 6 airline dog crates of various sizes,
- 1 wood dog house large and deep green in color,
- 1 igloo dog house large,
- 60' of 6' high chain link fencing for a dog run with door.

All are in fair to good shape.

Call Nadine at 630-772-1396 for more information.

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taken to help desensitize her to being left alone. You can easily accidentally teach the dog to recognize cues that mean that you will be leaving the house soon. This builds the anxiety level.

The trick is to remove the association between the cues and you leaving. You can randomly go through "leaving rituals" (putting on shoes, picking up keys, putting on certain clothes, going outside, locking the door, etc.). If you do these things frequently, but randomly, and don't actually go anywhere, the dog will decrease her association of the human behaviors with being left alone.

Downplay departures as well. Don't make a big deal out of saying good-bye. Don't punish the dog for destructive behavior that occurred because of anxiety. Adding punishment will certainly increase the anxiety and escalate the behavior. Plus, unless you actually catch the dog in the act, she won't connect punishment with the destructive behavior.

For extreme cases, drugs can be used as an adjunct to the above ideas. Drugs alone won't satisfactorily fix separation anxiety. The only FDA-approved drug for separation anxiety at this time is Clomipramine (Clomicalm). Several other drugs are used off-label to help with anxiety as well. Most of the drugs, including Clomipramine, are serotonin reuptake inhibitors (meaning they increase the levels of serotonin in the brain). Serotonin is the neurotransmitter associated with pleasant, relaxed sensations. Usually, a low dose is used at first, and the level may be increased as needed. Some people notice improvement right away, but usually it takes 4-6 weeks for improvement to be noted.

The best way to avoid separation anxiety in your dog is to give your puppy a good start by crate training, de-emphasizing departures and arrivals, providing a secure, pleasant environment for when the dog is alone, and using breeding stock that doesn't exhibit significant separation anxiety. If a problem exists, start using behavior modification techniques as soon as possible and consider adding a DAP diffuser and Clomipramine if needed.



Pup & People Pool Party

You are invited to join fellow FVDTC club members and dog lovers at poolside for a great time! Guests are invited too!

- When:** Saturday, September 9th
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$10.00 per dog*
* You can bring a maximum of 2 dogs per person.
- Where:** Prairie Oaks Family Aquatics Center at Reed-Keppler Park

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

- Toys that can go in the water
- Towels for you and your dogs
- Plastic bags for poop-patrol

Just a couple of rules and reminders:

- Please bring only dogs who enjoy the company of other dogs and people
- Please do NOT allow dogs or kids on the rocks or the slides.

Please complete the form below and return it with your check by September 1st to Peggy Sue Seehafer or Carolyn Pearson at training or by mailing it to one of the following addresses.

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

Carolyn Pearson
3N161 Timberline Drive
West Chicago IL 60185



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

Pup & People Pool Party Reservation

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Dogs attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

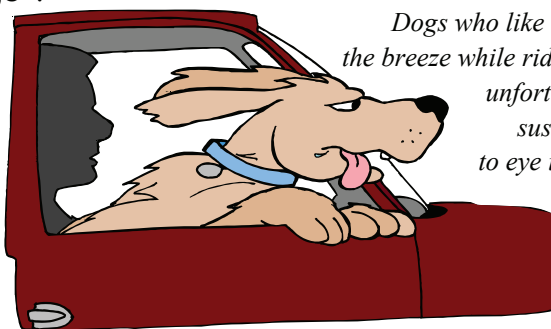
7 (\$10 per dog)

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cal conditions such as heart or lung diseases and keep them cool as much as possible. Likewise, brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Staying on top of your dog's grooming, can also help keep your dog cooler and it can help prevent summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length helps prevent overheating, but never shave down to the skin.

While a trip to the beach may sound refreshing, skip it unless you can be sure you'll find a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for your



Dogs who like to catch the breeze while riding are, unfortunately, susceptible to eye injuries.

companion. Rinse any sand and, particularly, salt from your dog's coat.

Finally, as you celebrate the wind down days of summer, at the backyard barbecue remember to keep your dog away from more than the steaks. Matches, lighter fluid, citronella candles and insect coils can all be hazardous.

AKC launches Veterinary Network Program

Program offers free first vet visit to newly registered AKC puppies

The American Kennel Club has launched a Veterinary Network Certificate Program that offers all puppies newly registered with the AKC® a complimentary first veterinary office visit with one of the 2,000 practices enrolled in the program.

Both the online and hard-copy versions of the AKC Registration Application will have information about the offer, and certificates for the complimentary office visit will be sent to new puppy owners when they submit the appli-

cation and provide an email address. The certificate, as well as a list of participating veterinarians in the registrant's area, will be emailed to the dog owner shortly afterwards.

Veterinarians participating in AKC's Veterinary Network program receive the latest infor-

mation on purebred dogs and canine health research from the AKC.

"This program enables us to make new dog owners' lives a bit easier from the start and to emphasize the importance of routine veterinary care throughout a dog's lifetime," said Debra Bonfond, Director of the AKC Veterinary Outreach Program.

To search for vets registered in the program, visit the new [health](#) section of the AKC website (at www.akc.org).

An initial search by the editor indicated that there are only a few Fox Valley veterinarians currently signed up for the program. But look it over and if you're interested, perhaps your vet will consider joining the program.

Did You Know?

According to the ASPCA website, tea tree oil, which is one of the latest "hot" remedies in alternative medicine and has also been promoted for flea control, has the potential to be toxic to dogs.

Tea tree oil is extracted from the leaves of *Melaleuca alternifolia*, a native tree of New South Wales and has an odor similar to eucalyptus.

According to the ASPCA website, the "clinical effects that may occur following dermal exposure to significant amounts of tea tree oil include loss of coordination, muscle weakness, depression, and possibly even a severe drop in body temperature, collapse and liver damage. If the oil is ingested, potential effects include vomiting, diarrhea and, in some cases, seizures. If inhalation of the oil occurs, aspiration pneumonia is possible."

Talk to your vet before trying any remedies, natural or otherwise, out on your beloved pet.



Life with dogs: Priceless

Company was coming and the last thing that needed to be done was the floor. Most hostesses would just vacuum and wash theirs. Not me. My home is about 120 years old. Some of it looks pretty good, and then there are those parts that truly show their age. The upstairs hallway floors showed not only their age, but the multiple layers of paint that had been added and then worn and chipped away over the 120 years. So painting it needed to be done I remembered...noticed...at about 10:00pm. the night before company was due as I walked up the newly varnished stairs into that hallway.

So, dressed in my jammies, I locked the two dogs in my upstairs bedroom and grabbed the can of white, high gloss latex paint. I started at the top of the stairs. I knelt down on all fours and carefully brushed a smooth layer of this stunning, clean looking color across the floor. Backing up, I slowly made my way toward the end of the hall where my bedroom and the bathroom are located. An hour later, nearing my bedroom and the completion of the job, I opened the door (the one that was keeping the dogs off the wet paint) and reminded the dogs to "stay."

I stood (which was no easy feat after spending the past hour on all fours and having recently celebrated the 7th anniversary of my 39th birthday), with can and brush in hand and gazed with wonder at the hallway. Both dogs stood next to me, and I swear they were admiring the floor as much as I was. It was as beautiful as the first fallen snow: clean, pristine, untouched.

Then my eyes gaze dropped to the paintbrush and can. And to the paint on my hands. And on the front of my jammies, a perfectly round circle that matched the can of paint. I'd picked that up when I'd bent over said can to reach that one far spot on the floor.

Well, I thought, it's nothing a little soap and water won't fix. And that soap and water was right there, yep, right there in the bathroom. Yep, right there, 4 ½ feet away across that clean, pristine, untouched painted floor. I stood there knowing that a leap of 4 ½ feet is nothing. Well, nothing for a kid, or maybe a person of youth. After three false back-ups and starts, saying "stay" to the dogs each time, I made the leap! I made it, I cleared the floor. I hit the bathroom, grabbed the sink and laughed. I cleaned up the paintbrush, can, my hands and the front of the jammies as best I could. I felt like I had conquered the world. I reminded the dogs to "stay" and leapt back into the bedroom. Giggling, I yelled "Yes!" as I hit the floor with a solid bang.

Wrong! The Lab, hearing the bang, the giggling and the release word, "yes," jumped up and ran through the door! "No!" I screamed. Not a good idea. Do not scream "No" to a dog that is excited and running. She picked up speed, rounded the corner at the top of the stairs and slid on the wet paint on to her side. I came flying out of the bedroom on to the same wet floor. She, now thinking

that we were playing a wonderful game of chase, scrambled to her feet and bounded down

those newly varnished stairs across the tile floor and the carpeted floor and slammed her paint covered side into the wood front door. I was right behind her, across that floor wet with paint, down those newly varnished stairs, jumping over the tile floor and running over the carpeting. Why?

I'm not sure what I was planning to do.

I picked her up, washed off her paws and side in the kitchen sink and then stood at the bottom of the stairs that now had dozens of white paw prints and too many human footprints scampering down them.

Throughout the entire downstairs fiasco, I was yelling "stay" to the remaining dog in the upper bedroom. That dog stayed. That was the only thing that went right. I trudged back up the stairs with my 45 pound Lab in arms, back across the floor that had lost it's pristine look. I deposited her back in my room, praised the remaining dog, stepped out onto the wet paint and shut the door.

I spent the next hour, trying to figure out how to best wash the front door, carpet, tile floor and newly varnished stairs with the least amount of additional tracks on to the painted floor. Add into this, my own personal foot washing every time I walked across the wet paint.

It was nearly 1:00am, when I quietly leapt back to my room for the last time of the night and turned to gaze at the floor. Gone was the clean, pristine, untouched look. I now saw a 120 year old floor that was simply painted. Not painted well, not painted evenly, but painted. With just a couple of faint doggie paw prints left in it, paw prints that would always remind me that some things just aren't worth doing unless done with the help of a dog.

- By Nadine Conner

Do you have a "priceless" story to share? If so, send it to Waggin' Tales and we'll consider it for future issues as space permits.

Open invitation to air your thoughts

Terri Byerly, 2nd Vice President

Dear Club Members,

I'd like to remind you that if you have any questions or issues that you would like brought up before the Board of Directors, but perhaps you aren't sure who to approach, please feel free to contact me and I will present any topics you wish to the Board in a clear and non bias manner. This can also be done, within reason, in an anonymous manner if you prefer. Whatever you need done to get your ideas, thoughts, issues, complaints and compliments presented to the Board, I am here to help you. You can contact me via email terribyerly@aol.com or by phone (630) 553-2363 Thanks!

Presidential Pups Rule White House

From George Washington's Foxhounds to George W. Bush's Barney, presidential purebred pups are as traditional as baseball and apple pie. Dog fanciers say that canines are a proven stress reliever because they give unconditional love. So it's no surprise that throughout our nation's history, presidents have opened up the White House to these eager to please constituents.

The American Kennel Club took a look back at some of Washington D.C.'s most famous four-legged residents to determine who's really in charge at the nation's most famous address.

- **George Washington**, the father of our nation, is also the father of American Foxhounds. In 1770, Washington imported a number of hounds from England and in 1785, he received a number of French foxhounds from the Marquis de Lafayette. These hounds, carefully bred and maintained by Washington, are the founders of today's American Foxhound.

- **Thomas Jefferson** became interested in Briards while serving as minister to France. He purchased a pregnant female named Buzzy and started his breeding program.

- **James Buchanan's** large Newfoundland, Lara, was a celebrity around the White House because she would lay motionless for hours with one eye opened and one eye closed, always sure to keep an eye on her owner.

- **Ulysses Grant's** son, Jesse, owned a Newfoundland named Faithful. President Grant, having observed his son's heartbreak over the untimely deaths of several of his previous dogs, told his White House staff, "If this dog dies, every employee in the White House will be at once discharged."

- **Theodore Roosevelt** owned a St. Bernard named Rollo, a Pekingese named Manchu, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Sailor Boy, a Manchester Terrier named Blackjack, and a Bull Terrier named Pete, who ripped the pants of a French Ambassador.

- **Warren Harding** owned a Bulldog named Oh Boy and an Airedale Terrier named Laddie Boy. Laddie Boy not only had his own hand-carved cabinet chair to oversee high-level meetings, but also invited all the

neighborhood dogs to the White House for his birthday party, where they dined on dog biscuit birthday cake. Laddie Boy is immortalized with a statue in the Smithsonian.

- **Calvin Coolidge** owned three Collies, Prudence Prim, Rob Roy and Ruby Rough, an Airedale Terrier named Paul Pry, two Chow Chows named Blackberry and Tiny Tim, a Bulldog named Boston Beans, an Old English Sheepdog named Calamity Jane and a Wire Fox Terrier named Peter Pan.

- **Herbert Hoover** owned two Fox Terriers named Big Ben and Sonnie, a Norwegian Elkhound named Weeje, an Irish Wolfhound named Patrick, and a German Shepherd named King Tut.

- **Franklin D. Roosevelt's** Scottish Terrier, "Fala," reportedly received more fan mail than many presidents. FDR also had a Bullmastiff named "Blaze," two Irish Setters named "Jack" and "Jill," a Bulldog named "Pal," an English Setter named "Winks," another Scottish Terrier named "Meggie," a German Shepherd Dog named "Major," and a Great Dane named "President," which made things confusing in the White House.

- **John F. Kennedy** owned a Welsh Terrier named "Charlie," an Irish Wolfhound aptly named "Wolf," a German Shepherd Dog named "Clipper," and an English Cocker Spaniel named "Shannon."

- **Lyndon B. Johnson** owned three Beagles named "Him," "Her," and "Edgar." (Both "Him" and "Her" appeared on the cover of Life magazine.) He also shared the White House with "Blanco" the Collie.

- **Ronald Reagan** owned a Bouvier des Flandres named "Lucky," and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named "Rex."

- **George Bush** owned an English Springer Spaniel named "Millie," who is the author of a "dogobiography," Millie's Book.

- **Bill Clinton** owned a Chocolate Labrador Retriever named "Buddy."

- **George W. Bush** owned an English Springer Spaniel named "Spot" (daughter to Millie, owned by the first President Bush) and now owns two Scottish Terriers, "Barney" and "Miss Beazley." Written by Niki Marshall

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August through October 2006

RING LAYOUT

**FOX
VALLEY
DOG
TRAINING
CLUB**

6-9 p.m.

**KANE
COUNTY
FAIR-
GROUNDS**

**ST.
CHARLES,
ILLINOIS**

RING #5

6:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE
7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU
8:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE
9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE

RING #4

6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE
7:00 – RING READY CLASS
8:00 – CONFORMATION
9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE

RING #6

6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE
7:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS
8:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS
9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE

RING #3

6:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE
7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU
8:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU
9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE

RING #2

6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE
7:00 – PUPPY CLASS
8:00 – PUPPY CLASS
9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE

RING #7

6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE
7:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS
8:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS
9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE

RING #1

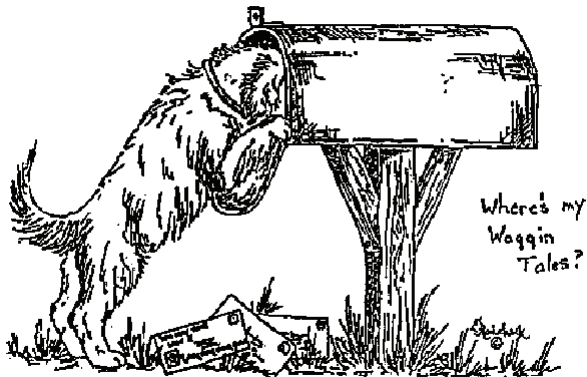
6:00 – OPEN PRACTICE
7:00 – OPEN RUN THRU
8:00 – OPEN CLASS
9:00 – OPEN PRACTICE

RING #8

6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE
7:00 – BEGINNER CLASS
8:00 – BEGINNER CLASS
9:00 – BEGINNER CLASS

**NOTE!
ALL
GUEST
TRAINERS
MUST
REGISTER
AT THE
INFORMATION
DESK**

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2006 Calendar of Events

August

3	Thursday	Regular Training Puppy & Beginner/ Session 3 Graduation
4	Friday	Board Meeting
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
8	Tuesday	Regular Training Start Session 4/ Puppy & Beginner
17	Thursday	Correction Clinic
24	Thursday	Regular Training
31	Thursday	Regular Training

September

6	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
7	Thursday	Regular Training
9	Saturday	Tracking Test Set-up
10	Sunday	Tracking Test Waggin' Tales Deadline
14	Thursday	CGC Test Correction Clinic
15	Friday	Fall Agility Trial Set-up
16-17	Sat-Sunday	Fall Agility Trial
19	Tuesday	Regular Training