



WAGGIN' TALES

SPRING 2007 CGC AND TDI GRADUATING CLASS

The results of our May 17, 2007 Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dog International (TDI) tests were excellent. All the dogs participating this month were successful.

Our candidates for the CGC were; Barb Misch & Brisco, Marilyn Clever & Lola, Nancy Einwich & Evergreens Unbridled, Deb Wallace & Jasmin, Francene Andresen with Krista & Toto, Kari Wells & Bruno, Joyce Conway & Murphey, and

Heather Kwitschau & Fezzick. Some of the CGC dogs above also passed the TDI test. In addition, the following dogs successfully passed the TDI test; Francene Andresen & Xanadu, Barb Rask & Calyin, Peggy Seehafer & Kodak, Don Cote & Boomer, Jennifer & Renee Dailey & Boomer, and Helen Borosak & her Golden Retriever (sorry we don't have the dog's name).

Rick Cox did a great job as the Canine Good Citizen evaluator!

Tom Stephenson was fabulous as our Therapy Dog International evaluator. Thanks to both of you.

Our next CGC & TDI tests will be September 27, 2007, on the same night as the match. Sign up early as the tests fill quickly. Please contact Colleen Kent, Canine Good Citizen Coordinator at the FVDTC website and click on the CGC link for sign up and more information.

Colleen Kent



Above: Rick Cox bending over to examine the dogs for the Canine Good Citizen test.
Below: Tom Stephenson using a wheelchair to examine for the Therapy Dog International test.



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Board Meeting Highlights April 13, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:55 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The February Meeting minutes were approved as read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the equipment sale process is being developed. Ed reported that Denny (from Kane County Fairgrounds) will ask their carpenter to look at the condition of the outside shed roof.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) stated that she has contacted a representative from HELP (Homes For Endangered and Lost Pets) regarding a speaker for the September 5th Membership meeting.

In response to Terri's question, Carolyn stated that she would contact Vicki Wilder to provide more No Sniff bandanas in a couple of different sizes. It was also stated that stenciling the "No Sniff" message on the bandana worked better than the iron-in method. It was suggested that we include a note to each bandana purchased that owners still need to pay attention to their own dogs. Carolyn volunteered to verify whether the "House Rules" included information about the purpose of the no sniff bandanas. If there is not, she will update the House Rules with that information.

Terri also reported that she has confirmed Judges for the Wednesday June 27th 4-H Trial. Judging starts at 6:15 pm. However, she still needs volunteers to steward.

Dale Swanson (Treasurer) distributed the financial reports as of April 11, 2007. He also reported that a club member, who is a CPA, is preparing our taxes.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) thanked Sandy Davis for updating the First Aid Kit.

Sandi reported that she was considering having an Instructors Meeting to create a set of standardized homework sheets. These would include multiple instructors' ideas, to present several different ideas and methods. It was suggested that we should include the following statements on the homework sheet: These methods may be different than what was presented in your class. However, the various methods are presented here to provide multiple methods for obtaining the same result. The meeting would be scheduled for a Tuesday or Friday night.

We briefly discussed increasing the ring size for the 7:00 Advanced Beginner's class taught by Sandy Davis.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that the club hosted CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) clinic will be on May 21st. She has agreed to coordinate the appointments. There will be information posted at training and put in the Waggin' Tales.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) stated that Press releases were sent to area newspapers for the club's Agility Trial. She also reported that there were full story articles in the Kane County Chronicle and in the Daily Herald. Additionally, the Beacon News, the Kane County Chronicle and the Chicago Tribune listed the agility trials in their "Upcoming Events" column.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the Spring Agility Trials went well. However, due to the lack of a suitable location, the Fall 2007 will not be held.

Although Taffy Wille (Director at Large) did not attend due to a nasty virus, she reported via e-mail that she scheduled the first meeting for the newly created Award's Restructuring committee consisting of about 13 volunteering club members. The meeting will be at Francene Andresen's house.

Old Business

Rally Ring Equipment Purchase - Carolyn reported that Ronnie Bizer had ordered and received the AKC Rally equipment and it is in the equipment cabinet. In response to Carolyn's question, it was decided that the existing 'non-AKC' Rally equipment would be sold during the equipment sale.

Brochures Status - Carolyn stated that she would search her personal computer to obtain the last version she had received from Margi Stuessy and send it again to the Board for review prior to printing.

Trial Budgets - Ingrid presented the 2007 Tracking Test budget for review. She stated that there were trophies remaining from the 2006 test. The 2007 judges are Pam German and Donna Kircher. Terri Byerly made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Dale Swanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present. Ingrid stated that the Tracking Test committee would start fundraising at training again.

New Business

New Letterhead Ideas - Carolyn presented several different ideas for new club letterhead because the current supply of stationary is depleted and must be replenished. With a couple of modifications, one was approved by the Board members present.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Membership Meeting Highlights May 2, 2007

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The March Meeting minutes were approved as read.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) stated that she was working with the Fox River chapter of the American Red Cross to schedule the Pet First Aid class sometime prior to the end of summer.

Terri reported that she has confirmed judges for the Wednesday June 27th 4-H Trial. However, she still needs stewards. The judging begins at 6:15 p.m. The final 4-H Showmanship class is June 21st between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

She is continuing to work with HELP (Homes For Endangered and Lost Pets) regarding a speaker for the September 5th Membership meeting.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) was not at the meeting, but sent the following report.

She needs instructors, primary and assistants, especially assistant instructors for the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Puppy classes.

She also asked for some kind club members to greet guests at the information table, even 30 - 45 minutes would be extremely helpful and appreciated. Without these volunteers, we lose income and opportunities to greet community members.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that judges for the 2008 Obedience Trial have been contacted. The contracts will be sent out after the November 2007 Obedience Trial.

Class	Judges - 2008	Judges - 2009
Novice A and B	Donna Larson	Diane Propst
Open A	Nancy DeFiesta	Randy Capsel*
Open B	Karen Anderson	Shirlee Jacobsen*
Utility A	Nancy DeFiesta	Randy Capsel
Utility B	Kay Lund	Anna Lorenz*
Rally	Julia Simmons	Fred Buroff

* sharing with Car-Dun-AI DTC.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of eight membership applicants. Sue made a motion to accept the list as read. Helen Castellano seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she submitted ACE Award nominations to AKC for Bill Clarke and Tom Stephenson for their work as volunteers for rescue groups and therapy dogs. Both Bill and Tom have received their nomination certification. Selena Larmon sought more information about the different therapy dogs programs in the area. During the discussion about the ACE Awards, it was stated that Sandy's nominations were not done on behalf of the club, but as a club member Sandy could submit her own nominations of fellow club members. If the nominations were provided on behalf of the club, the current board members would need to approve those nominations.

Agility Trial Chairperson - Helen Castellano

Helen stated that the Spring 2007 Agility Trials went well. Although the Fall 2007 Agility Trials were canceled due to the inability to find a suitable location, thanks to Kent Hildebrand, the Fall 2008 Agility Trials will be held outdoors at the Plato Township Park. These trials will be held on September 13 and 14. Helen also reported that the Spring 2008 Agility Trials have been scheduled for March 29 and 30 and are tentatively to be held at the SportsPlex.

Taffy Wille (Director at Large) reported that although a final decision from the Awards Restructuring Committee has not been made, progress is being made.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she needs stewards for the May 17th Correction Clinic. Although the Novice B 'box' was accidentally crossed out on the sign-up poster board, there WILL be a Novice B class in addition to the Novice A and Rally classes.

Margi Stuessy (Publicity). Sandy Davis reported that due to Margi Stuessy's increasingly heavy workload, she has resigned as Publicity Chair. Molly Stadler is considering the position.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the April Waggin' Tales was posted on the club's website as of today.

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Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$3.00 is Selena Larmon as drawn by club member, Peggy Sue Seehafer. The remaining \$3.00 was given to the Tracking Committee to help their fundraising efforts.

Old Business

Sue MacPherson reminded club members that the club is hosting a CERF Eye Clinic on May 10th.

New Business

- Carol Swenson thanked last year's Awards Committee for their work.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that the No-Sniff bandana supply would be replenished shortly by Vicky Wilder. Helen stated that if the club would like to silkscreen the logo on the bandana rather than using the iron-on, she would get information from the individual who does the club's embroidery work.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer announced that she is seeking volunteers to visit Arden Court Assisted Living facility (near Geneva Commons on Randall Road) on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Interested club members should contact Peggy Sue (630-377-3025) to get scheduled.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Highlights August 3, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:56 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The June Meeting minutes were approved as read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the equipment sale process is being developed. Ed also stated that he will contact Denny (from Kane County Fairgrounds) after Denny's return from vacation regarding their carpenter's report on the condition of the outside shed roof.

Ed reported that the next mat cleaning is scheduled for Saturday September 29 at 8:00 a.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Ed at 630-232-9191.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) reported that as of August 1st, she regrettably canceled the Pet First Aid Class offered to FVDTC members and students, courtesy of the American Red Cross, due to lack of registrations. Great interest was initially expressed, but... She stated that she was grateful that her contact at the American Red Cross is understanding and willing to schedule another class for FVDTC. Perhaps again in the winter when folks have less to do.

Terri also reported that she had spoken to Margi Stuessy regarding changes to the FVDTC brochure. Margi stated at that time that she would attempt to make those changes on her mother's computer as hers was inoperable. As of this week, however Terri has not received any updates to the brochure. Terri is seeking anyone else willing and able to take the file and make the changes.

Terri also stated that she was working with Dave Lewis and Sandi Stephenson on a draft proposal regarding work credits and possible membership discounts, in order to encourage members to participate more actively within the club. The goal is to make volunteering for the club more desirable. Once the proposal is more concrete, it will be presented to the board members.

Terri also stated that Nancy Pederson (our wonderful Class Registrar) asked her to ask the Board to consider adding a 6:00 p.m. Beginners' class. The previous attempt in April 2005 was discussed. The original plan was to provide a 6:00 p.m. Beginner class to be held during the 2nd and 3rd session of 2005. Following the introduction of the 6:00 p.m. class, a small number of club members presented a petition to the Board asking that we maintain no fewer than two training rings between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on training nights. At that time, the Board felt that the additional revenue was not worth the divisiveness it caused between the competitive trainers and the recreational trainers. It was thought that perhaps the idea could be considered again.

Although Dale Swanson (Treasurer) was unable attend the Board Meeting due to his attendance at the "Keeping the Peace with Fluffy and Fido: New Pets, Reactive Pets, and Multiple Pet Issues" seminar at the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine, he sent the following report via e-mail.

The taxes were filed within the timeframe that the extension allowed. The extension was necessary to reconcile the discrepancy with last years numbers provided to CPA, Ingrid Weihe, who prepared the tax forms. It appeared as though the accounts were short by \$4,000. Dale stated that he was shocked and unnerved by this issue because as the club's treasurer he is accountable and could not say, "We're \$4,000 short, sorry; I don't know where it is..." Dale reported that he and Ingrid spent two evenings to determine the cause of the shortage. They were able to finally determine that new subcategories created in the Microsoft Money application are not included in the reports until they are checked-in the reporting substructure. Once the subcategories were checked-in, the accounts balanced.

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The bill from Ingrid was \$200, which included traveling to my house twice and spending about eight hours in review, filing of the extension, review of documents and tax preparation. Dale suggested that we make it a club policy to have our books professionally reviewed annually.

Ingrid did not charge the club for traveling to Dale's house twice and spending about eight hours in review of documents. Ronnie made a motion to send a plant as an expression of the club's thanks. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. All approved.

Copies of the Financial report as of 7/3/1/2007 were distributed at the Board meeting. During the discussion of the report, Taffy questioned whether the expenses shown in Category 50-Obedience Trial Expenses should actually be in Category 40-Agility Trial Expenses. Dave stated that he would verify that information with Dale.

Secretary's note: Dale later verified that the expenses should have been applied to the agility trial.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) reported that although Cheryl Lewis would not be able to assist for the 7:00 Puppy class during the next session, she was planning to return for the next session. Sandi also reported that Kristen Anderson, 7:00 Beginner class Assistant Instructor, would also be taking a break. Taffy stated that she would be able to return to teaching at the end of October.

Sandi reported that the following are the class instructors for the next session.

Time	Class	Primary Instructor	Assistant Instructor	Current Student Count
7:00	Puppy	Joan Mazat	Mary Russell (?)	12
7:00	Beginner	Terri Byerly	Selena Larmon	15
8:00	Beginner	Dale Swanson	Bill Clarke	15
9:00	Beginner	Ed Herdes	Carol Pace (?)	3

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she will send reminder letters to the lifetime members who have not yet sent in their renewal forms. Following that, she will print the roster.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report via e-mail:

Sandy assisted at the Tuesday July 10, Risk Watch Program hosted by the Geneva Police Department. The session discusses responsible dog ownership as well as pet safety with pre-first and pre-second graders. The police department is using reproducible handouts and coloring pages that are provided by AKC via the Canine Ambassador program. Their curriculum is written in accordance with AKC's "Safety Around Dogs, Your Safety Begins with You" program.

Sandy has the following future *Dog Safety and Responsible Dog Ownership* events planned.

Kane County Safe Kids Fair at Mooseheart on Saturday August 25, 2007

This event promotes safety for kids by hospitals, fire departments, police departments, veterinarians, pool & recreational dealers as well as animal shelter/rescue groups and the such. FVDTC will have a booth to promote dog safety, dog training and responsible dog ownership. Sandy will obtain additional AKC handouts for this event but for our own event in September. Sandy has asked some club members with their dogs to participate.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day at Petco (Geneva Store), tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 8, 2007

Sandy is working with the Petco store manager to promote Responsible Pet Ownership Day that incorporates some of the items that AKC suggests on their web site.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day/Open House at FVDTC

Sandy will contact Barb Misch to learn how she conducted the Open House events in the past, in the hopes of scheduling an Open House.

Delnor's Therapy Dog Program

Sandy reported that she has been actively involved in getting the current state ruling from the Illinois Dept of Public Health was written in October 1981 updated to allow dogs in the patient care rooms at hospitals.

Delnor appreciates all the support from the 18 dogs/handler teams from the club already participating in the program. Delnor looks very highly on the training that each handler brings to both programs; their professionalism, their willingness to talk about their dogs and their breed, what one has to do for therapy dog training, as well as their own individual training program and accomplishments and where they go to for training. It is a positive reflection of our club.

The program also includes visits to Delnor Glen (senior housing) where we currently have four dogs visiting. Those dogs do not have to be therapy dogs but do need to have written documentation showing that the dog participated in obedience classes. There are currently four dogs from the Advanced Beginner's class visiting Delnor Glen.

Any club members interested in getting involved in either of Delnor's programs at the hospital, which will be expanding their evening sessions and adding afternoon visits as well, or visiting Delnor Glen, should download the volunteer application from Delnor Hospital's website and attend the next volunteer orientation in August.

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Ronnie Bizer (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported the following are the committee chairs for the 2007 Obedience Trial.

Committee	Chair
Ring Stewards	Cathy Fleury
Trophy Chairperson	Peggy Sue Seehafer
Catalog Ads	Bill Clarke
Equipment	Ed Herdes
Grounds	Kent Hildebrand
Hospitality	Carolyn Pearson
Publicity	Kent Hildebrand
Scoring	Taffy Wille
Kitchen	Mary and Mike Szureck and Loretta Lazzara
Booths	Bev Nicholson
Tear Down	Ed Herdes
Raffle	Francene Andresen and Barb Misch

Ronnie stated that she is excited about the new set-up and about hosting our first Rally Trial. She also stated that Car-Dun-Al will also be using the same building set-up. Ronnie extended thanks to Rick Cox, who electronically created the building layout and allowed verification that the new set-up was feasible.

Ronnie also extended thanks to Peggy Sue Seehafer for all of her hard work as the Trophy Chair.

Taffy Wille reported that the premium list is currently being proofread and will be sent to the printers very shortly.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that she has already received three TDX test entries. Ingrid also reported that the catalog is almost complete. She stated that she will need food and other types of goodies on September 8th and 9th for the workers and judges.

Ingrid also announced that Heike has been selected to participate in the 2007 AKC National Tracking Invitational at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC on September 23.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) did not attend the meeting, she reported, via e-mail, that AKC has approved our agility trials on March 29 and 30 of 2008 to be held indoors at the SportsPlex in St. Charles and our agility trials on September 13 and 14 of 2008 to be held outdoors at Plato Township Park in Plato Center.

Old Business

None

New Business

Work Credits for Front Table Workers

Sandi Stephenson made a motion to change the work credits earned by individuals working at the front table. A club member working the front table for an 8-week class session for one hour each week (such as from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.) would be given the same benefits as a primary instructor which would be 3 work credits plus 1/4 off of their membership dues, to a maximum of four annually. Ronnie seconded. Taffy asked whether this would be a problem with the assistant instructors who do not receive the reduction in membership fees unless they are capable of instructing class. Terri stated that she does not think it is going to – don't discount the work that the assistant instructors. Sue MacPherson asked whether this proposal would actually cost the club more money than we earn for guest training fees. Club members working the front table for the 8-week session that are unable to work during their time **must** find their own substitutes. The motion passed by majority vote. This new policy is effective October 25, 2007 (final 2007 session).

Awards Restructuring Committee's Report

Taffy reported that as of January 2009 there will be two new AKC obedience titles which will be based on the score not the placement. These titles will probably be in the OTCH/UDX level and can be earned in multiples such as the UDX can be. Including these titles in the club's awards categories will need to be discussed at some time in the future. The final Awards Restructuring Committee's report will be printed in the next WT. During the membership meeting that the awards are discussed, the board will recommend this structure PLUS the addition of a "maximum of one title earned for the OTCH/UDX/MACH level" can be earned per dog.

Motion to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

NEW AWARDS STRUCTURE PROPOSAL

NEW AWARDS STRUCTURE - effective for 2007 provided accepted by membership at the September meeting.

The Award Restructuring Committee has met and has successfully restructured awards for Fox Valley Dog Training Club in a fair and cost efficient way. The committee has added the Rally titles and the new Agility FAST titles to the awards offered.

Awards will continue to be offered similar to the past except that Rally and Agility FAST titles will be added to appropriate levels, and Canadian titles will be removed. Canadian titles will now be recognized with a title plate. All titles earned by a working, training member will be

acknowledged with engraved titles plates for a plaque; this includes titles earned in other registries. All AKC titles will receive a patch. Both the title plates and patches are optional and should be requested specifically. A blank plaque for the title plates per dog will be provided as needed for those members that fill one up.

A member will now be limited to receiving one award (picture, wood item, etc) per level of titles received. The exception to this will be anyone who receives a title at the highest level in the same year (for example, OTCH and a MACH).

An example of the levels and their corresponding titles is as follows:

Level 1 -

AKC Champion, RN

Level 2 -

CD, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP, RA

Level 3 -

CDX, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFP, RE, TD

Level 4 -

UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP, RAE, TDX

Level 5 -

UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MFP, VST

Level 6 -

OTCH, MACH, FTC, FTCP

Submitted by Committee Chair: **Taffy Willie**

REMEMBER: Voting on this important issue will take place at the September Membership meeting, Wed. 9-5-07.

NOTICE

OUR **SEPTEMBER MATCH**
HAD TO BE MOVED FROM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
TO
SEPTEMBER 27TH,
DUE TO A CHANGE FROM THE FAIR GROUND
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

Jan Schomer
Match Chair

November Obedience Trial & Miscellaneous Information

Need Ring Stewards

Dear Members:

We are still in need of Ring Stewards for our November Trial.

There are 5 Obedience Rings and also the Rally Ring needing stewards.

Please contact **Cathy Fleury** at (847) 464-5909 to get additional information and sign up to help.

Kitchen Information

Help is needed in the following areas:

6 a.m. set up
Breakfast service
Lunch service
After trial clean up

Please note that you do not have to serve all day. Just helping a couple of hours or any time you can donate will be greatly appreciated. We can even work around your showing or personal schedule.

Fox Valley was noted for the Cinnamon Coffee Cake, in previous years. We would like to resurrect the coffee cake. So if anyone is able to make the coffee cake for donation we would be thankful.

Also, any food or cash donations will be most helpful to the success of the kitchen.

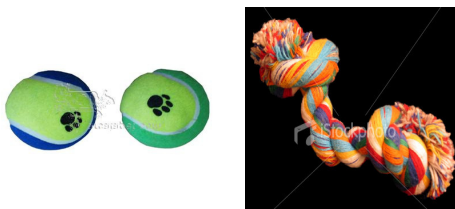
Please notify Loretta Lazzara at driftwoodsheltys@aol.com for any donations or questions.

Raffle

Believe it or not, our Obedience Trial is not that far away. So, we're asking that the next time you're stocking up on goodies for your own dog, you pick up one extra item for the raffle....balls, tug toys, and treats are all great. But, humans like stuff too, so think about note cards, gift cards, or other new items you yourself would like to win. And, if you're creative or an artist, what better way for you to show off your skills than donating a sample of your craft!

Francene Andresen at (rescents@comcast.net) and **Barb Misch** at (ItsAllAboutTheDog@hotmail.com) are both ready to accept your donations!

Please be sure to put your name on the items.



Awards

Dear Members,

The fall trial is underway in the planning department. As Trophy person, I would like to request you let me know if you will be sponsoring the classes you sponsored in the past. Or maybe you might like to sponsor a different class. That would be great too.

I will keep the fees the same as they were last year and as you may know that pricing has not changed in many years past. So that is a good thing.

If you are offering an award that you are purchasing, please inform me as we have to list that item. If you want the prize to be cash, you need to inform me of that.

Thanks for all your continued support of this organization. It is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sue
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630-377-3025



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by **SUE MACPHERSON**

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Sheltie
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41W026 Dillonfield Dr
Elburn, IL 60119
630-208-7332
Portugese Water dog
Completed Beginners class
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38W144 Beckman Tr.
Elgin, IL 60124
847-741-1326
Irish Setter
Completed Beginners class
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Bridget Starks

11N715 Russell Rd.
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Labrador Retriever
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Brittany Spaniel
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Congratulations to a few new Lifers:

Marian & Loretta Lazzara
Taffy Wille
Marietta Huber
Barbara Dellenback



The Siberian Husky

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING REPORT

Summer is flying by! Not that the dogs mind if it's going to remain this hot and humid, yuck! It's like living in the tropics, only we still get winter. Just keep those dogs cool. Give plenty of water and only have short training sessions. I do just a little heeling and use this type of heat to practice lots of long downs. Most dogs are happy to be cooperative about staying in place in these temps, so we get to reward more often. Even the most insecure pup can learn this is a great exercise!

I would like to remind our instructors that if they are unable to teach the next session of classes, please let me know ASAP, and Thank you! (It seems to make more sense than my having to ask every individual at every start, "are you?, are you not?, etc).

Tuesday, Aug 7, we began a new training session. Cheryl Lewis is unable to assist Joan Mazat in the 7 p.m. puppy class, but we thank her for her past help.

Good luck at your new teaching position, Cheryl!

If anyone can help Joan at 7 p.m., FVDTC would be most appreciative. Joan has a large class of newbies and their adorable pups. We want to give as much good advice possible so everyone gets the very best start. This is not so difficult with enough instructors helping. We accept any time you are able to give, it does not have to be every week if you have other commitments.

I also thank Kristin Anderson for assisting Terri in the 7 p.m. beginner class.

Enjoy your well earned time off Kristin, and having the opportunity to train your own dogs.

Big thanks to Selena Larmon for stepping up and assisting Terri this session. You ladies will do an awesome job - and have fun too I suspect!

Bill Clarke, well, he did it again. Said YES, bless him, again assisting Dale Swanson in the 8 p.m. Beginners class. You guys do make a great team, and I hear laughter and learning coming from that ring too.

Poor Vera continues to do a very good job - all by herself - instructing the 8 p.m. puppy class. I'm not beyond pushing guilt buttons to ask for help for these wonderful, consistent volunteers. We could give up our beginner/puppy classes, but remember, these are the ones that pay our rent.

Imagine if all of our members would help out just one session a year! But, I will be happy to accept any time that anyone can give.

Huge Thanks to Barb Misch who filled in for both puppy classes several times this past session.

Ed Herdes and Carol Pace continue doing great at the 9 p.m. beginners, but sometimes subs are needed. If your name is not on the substitute list, please consider getting it there, simply by giving me a call or email.

The biggest issue of all this year has been lack of help at the front table. We may as well have hung a sign on the door that said, "Free Training! Walk on in"! (Thank you Mr. President, Barb, Sue McPherson and others who have jumped in when able.) Since signs and blatant begging haven't done much, the Board approved a new motion that I am hoping will help to resolve the situation.

It basically gives the person at the table the same benefits as instructors

receive, other than seminar reimbursement. In other words, if a member signs up for a full 8-week session, he will receive 1/4 off his yearly dues PER SESSION worked, (up to 4 sessions, equaling free dues!) plus 3 work credits. WOW! But - you do have to find your own replacement if you cannot be there on a given night. Still, pretty generous, right?

So, I'll expect to see several dozen or so new faces behind that table on the 23rd. Just remember, first come - first served, so let me know ASAP which shift you prefer, the 6:45-7:45 or the 7:45-8:45.

Didn't mean to neglect thanking all our instructors, we need those advanced classes and conformation too. Our club rocks with all we offer, and it's all because of the generosity of our caring members.

Just a little downside here, but....Anybody else noticed bigger dogs handled by smaller people, accompanied by some growling and grumbling? I need to know when "stuff" happens, or nearly happens, especially if it is done by the same dog(s).

If you have one of these "talkers" in your class, explain to the handler that the club is not a behavioral facility. They can and should talk to me.

By evaluating potential problem dogs, we may be able to prevent an ugly incident. Most of all, as members we need to set a good example of having our own dogs under complete control at all times.

Think cool, hug your dogs,

Sandi,
DOT

WAGGIN' TALES BULLETIN BOARD

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB TRACKING TRIAL SEPTEMBER 9, 2007 AT BURNIDGE FOREST PRESERVE IN ELGIN

Have you ever seen your dogs with their noses to the ground furiously sniffing, walking along, and you can't figure out what they are so intent on?

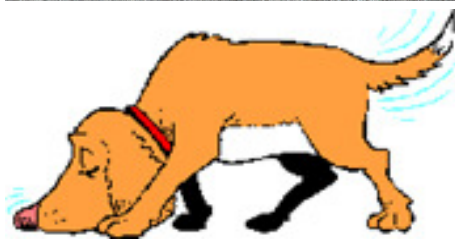
Have you ever wondered how tracking dogs work?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to have a dog track a human scent?

Have you wanted to ask questions about tracking but not known who to talk to?

Well, here is your chance to learn the answers to your questions.

The tracking committee invites you to come out to the Tracking Trial



We start the beginning tracking dogs' tests at 7 a.m.. The advanced dogs begin their tests at 8:45 a.m..

Yes, this is an early morning sport for the most part. Most of the time all the dogs are finished running their track by around the noon hour or thereabout.

It is the perfect opportunity for you to see our dogs working. You can follow behind the judges and see how the dogs are tested and judged.

We also have a pot luck lunch. Any offer to help is greatly appreciated. Check with Ingrid Hamburger if you have any questions or want more information.

IT'S MAT TIME AGAIN

That's right. It is Mat Cleaning time again and your help is needed.

The date is September 29, 2007, 8:00 a.m.. No experience is needed, just warm bodies. Have any questions?

Please call Ed Herdes at (630) 232-9191 for more information.

HONEY DEW ICE DOG TREATS by BARB MISCH

3 lbs. honeydew melon
1/3 C. water
1/4 C. pure honey
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

Discard rind from melon and cut the fruit into 1-inch chunks.

Combine melon, water, honey and juice in blender. Puree.

Pour mixture into ice cube trays. Freeze until solid.

Transfer cubes to zippered plastic bags.

To serve, place a few cubes in

another plastic bag and crush with a mallet or hammer. (This eliminates the choking hazard of larger chunks.)

Set out in your dog's bowl.

If your dog is a cruncher, I'd imagine its likely they'll crunch these.

BRAGS AND WAGS

Rumba earned her NJS in Nadac with a 1st place.

She is now:

CH Bearfoot's Dance To The Beat, VCD1, TDX, RA, NJS, CGC, GABOC, HOF

Tracy McMahon

We are proud to announce that Pally has received his RAE title at the DeKalb shows, in July.

We are also excited that Heike has been invited and drawn the #10 entry at the 2007 AKC National Tracking Invitational, in September. She is the first and currently the only Giant Schnauzer Champion Tracker in the U.S. and the first to attend the Invitational.

Ingrid/Hermann Hamburger

Riesenrad's Special Wheel, VCDI TDX AXP AJP RAE
CT Riesenrad's Heike In Motion VCD1 UDX RE



The Giant Schnauzer

On July 9th Abbey and I earned Therapy Dogs International's Working Title and are proud to be adding the letters TDIA after Abbey's name.

Priscilla Pisarski

Krista came off of her medical leave and received her Rally Excellent title at the DeKalb shows. That's my girl!

Xanadu came out of retirement a month before the shows and took second place in Rally Novice. This was his first time out after being away from the show scene for 5 years. He was loving every minute. It was fun for me seeing his enthusiasm to work again.

Francene Andresen
Sonnenschein Dazzlin Krista Amer/Can CD, RE, TDI, CGC

Sonnenschein Xanadu
Amer/Can CD, TDI, CGC

**A WELL TRAINED
DOG IS A HAPPY
DOG.**

Genevas Lady Holly took first place in Rally Advance with a score of 97 points at the LaSalle Brittany Club trial on June 16, 2007. At DeKalb she qualified for the 2nd leg of her Rally Advance title a score of 94.

Tuckmans Forrest Gump earned 2 legs toward his CD at the DeKalb Kennel Club shows.
Sandy Davis

"First timers" in the Rally Ring *Sonnenschein Xanadu CD*, owned by Francene Andresen and *Tuckmans Forrest Gump*, owned by Sandy Davis went neck and neck during the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club trials in July. Both dogs earned the first 2 legs of their Rally Novice title. On July 8th, both dogs tied for 2nd with a score of 99. Xan ended up taking 2nd place with a quicker time of 1:09. Tucker took third place with a time of 1:15. Tucker hoped to overtake Xan on the 2nd day of the trials but in the end Xan beat out Tucker with a score of 96 points to Tuck's 95 points. Could it be that Fox Valley has some friendly spirited rivalry going on? We'll have to see if this competition continues. Actually, the oldster is letting the punk kid know that he still has some tricks up his furnishings (that's leg hair for those who don't know).

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2007

DUES FOR THE 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2007.

Your name will be omitted from the 2007-2008 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-074

Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

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

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

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

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "Via e-mail" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house \_\_\_\_\_ Via e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Do not want to get at all \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |
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| <b>I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.</b> |                    |
| _____<br>Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | _____<br>Signature |

**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:

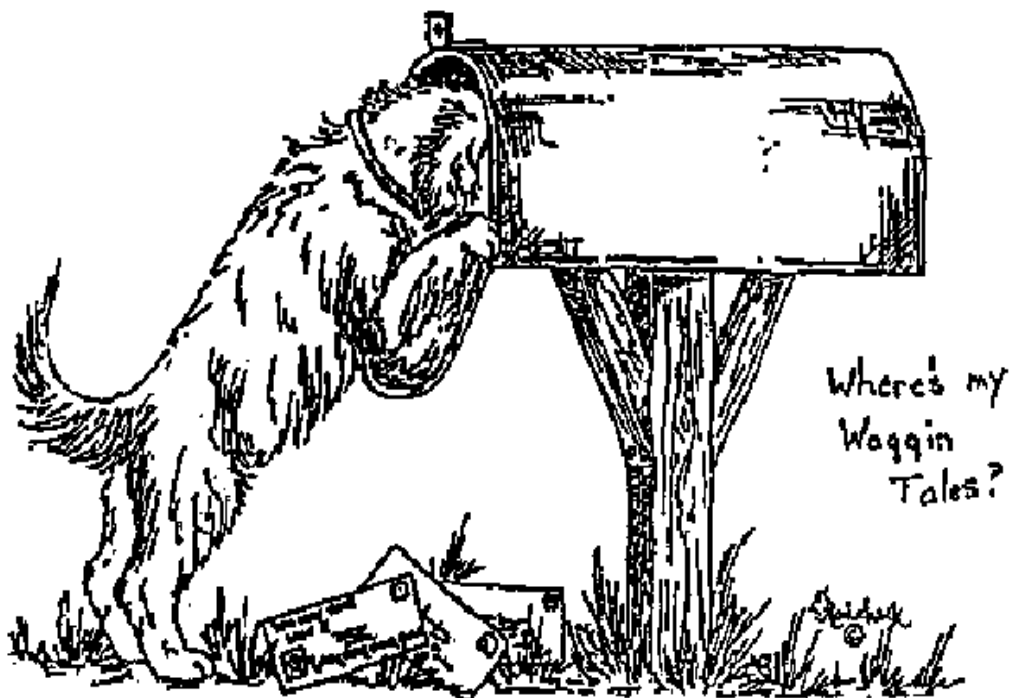
**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

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**MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTION MATCH & TRAINING SCENES**

| JUNE |          |                                                         | JULY |          |                                           |
|------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 7    | Thursday | Regular Training                                        | 5    | Thursday | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy 8:00      |
| 14   | Thursday | Regular Training                                        | 6    | Friday   | Board Meeting                             |
| 15   | Friday   | Board Meeting                                           | 8    | Sunday   | Waggin' Tales<br>Deadline                 |
| 17   | Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                  | 10   | Tuesday  | Regular Training                          |
| 21   | Thursday | Correction Clinic                                       | 19   | Thursday | No Training<br>No Classes<br>KANE CO FAIR |
| 28   | Thursday | Regular Training<br>4-H Classes End & End Puppy<br>8:00 | 26   | Thursday | Regular Training                          |



| AUGUST |          |                                                                      | SEPTEMBER |                        |                                           |
|--------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2      | Thursday | Regular Training<br>Graduation Session 3<br>Puppy (7:00) & Beginner  | 5         | ATTENTION<br>WEDNESDAY | Membership Meeting                        |
| 3      | Friday   | Board Meeting                                                        | 6         | Thursday               | Regular Training<br>End Puppy (8:00)      |
| 5      | Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                               | 8         | Saturday               | Tracking Test Set-up                      |
| 7      | TUESDAY  | Regular Training<br>Start Session 4<br>Start Puppy (7:00) & Beginner | 9         | ATTENTION<br>SUNDAY    | TRACKING TEST &<br>Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 16     | THURSDAY | CORRECTION CLINIC                                                    | 11        | ATTENTION<br>TUESDAY   | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy (8:00)    |
| 23     | Thursday | Regular Training                                                     | 18        | ATTENTION<br>TUESDAY   | Regular Training                          |
| 30     | Thursday | Regular Training                                                     | 27        | ATTENTION<br>THURSDAY  | Correction Clinic &<br>CGC & TDI Tests    |
|        |          |                                                                      | 29        | SATURDAY               | Mat Cleaning<br>8:00 a.m.                 |