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FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

ANNUAL GOOD FORTUNE DINNER

(see enclosed for details)

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SPRING INDOOR AGILITY TRIALS

March 29 and 30, 2008

The premium for FVDTC's Spring Agility Trials is now available online at our website. The trials will be held at the SportsPlex in St. Charles. I would encourage all club members to join us for the trials. For those club members who will be showing and want to guarantee their entries, you must complete the **Workers' Form** which is included in the premium. For those club members who will not be showing, I would appreciate your support and assistance in any of the following areas:

- Assisting with judges' and workers' refreshments
- Setting up on Friday starting at about 5 p.m.
- Working at the trial on Saturday
- Working at the trial on Sunday
- Tearing down on Sunday evening about 5 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact me directly at 630-660-3213 or hcastellano@alcatel-lucent.com. I look forward to another spectacular trial!

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson

Good Fortune Can Be Yours at the



FVDTC Good Fortune Annual Dinner

Saturday, April 12

Gen-Hoe Restaurant
537 E. State Street, Geneva

Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.

RSVP no later than March 27

75-Limited seating (first come first booked)

Cheryl Hettinger
46W615 Locust Street
Elburn, IL 60119

630-557-9310
dinner@fvdtc.org

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ **YES, I (we) will attend**
(\$30.00 per person) for reservations for the following people:

_____	_____	_____	_____
(first name)	(last name)	(first name)	(last name)
_____	_____	_____	_____
(first name)	(last name)	(first name)	(last name)

SPECIAL ALERT FROM THE FVDTC ANNUAL DINNER COMMITTEE

Help save our Annual Dinner from going the way of the Chan Dynasty! Come spend an enjoyable, gratifying, and pleasurable evening with your training buddies at the GEN-HOE Chinese Restaurant on Saturday, April 12th.

I know some of you are saying, "But I didn't earn a title last year". My response to that would be, "You are a member of one of the finest and oldest dog training clubs in the area. One of perks of being an essential member in FVDTC is this club's main event! Come on out and share everyone's successes!"

Acknowledging the hard work put in to earn titles is important, but the Annual Dinner is also about all the people like you and me, who contribute to the success of our club and our members. That's what we are celebrating. Everyone who joins us will go home knowing that their contribution was recognized and appreciated! That's what the FVDTC Annual Dinner "Good Fortune" is all about!

Okay, so maybe you're not too familiar with Chinese food...what better way to experiment than to sample a wonderful buffet in one of Chicagoland's top Chinese restaurants, Gen-Hoe! You can eat yourself silly! Gen-Hoe has been serving freshly made Cantonese, Szechwan and Mandarin fare to Fox Valley Chinese-food lovers for more than 35 years, and locals will tell you, it's the best around! I've picked beef, chicken, seafood and vegetarian entrees, so there's something for everyone!

Great food, exciting raffles, camaraderie, and relaxing atmosphere...it'll be a lot of fun! And, it's not like anyone's going to laugh with you, applaud you and give you gifts eating in front of the TV...again.

As Confucius would say, "One must help maintain the fun *feng shui* in the house of FVDTC." So join in our gala celebration of everyone's Good Fortune: the Good Fortune of award recipients *and* the Good Fortune of great friendships!"

To secure your seat at this gala occasion please send your reservation and check of \$30 per person to:

Cheryl Hettinger
Annual Dinner Chair
46W615 Locust Street
Elburn, IL 60119
630-557-9310
dinner@fvdtc.org

Reservation forms are available in Waggin' Tales at www.fvdtc.org.

Or better yet, just bring it with you to the club before March 27th and give it to me, in person, at the front table. If I am not at my table when you come by please just drop it off in the fishbowl on the table. I'll make sure we save you a seat!

Boner Awards Needed for the **Good Fortune** Annual Dinner

We've all seen it....somebody lodges an article in the rafters, trips over their own dog's feet causing an 8 dog/human pile-up, or perhaps even leaves training without Fido in the car.

Now's your chance to offer "Good Fortune" to the people you think pulled the biggest boners this year, by nominating them (or even yourself) for the FVDTC Boner Award!

Nominee forms are available at the front table on training nights, and you can send in your nomination via email to dinner@fvdtc.org or snail mail to me – Cheryl Hettinger, 46W615 Locust Street, Elburn, IL 60119.

Maybe with a little Good Fortune from you, their new year will be "boner-free!"

WARNING!! TO ALL THOSE WHO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITH THEIR DOGS

I belong to a Giant Schnauzer internet discussion group. A few weeks ago a member on the list addressed an issue of serious importance for all of us that travel by air (or any other method) with our dogs.

He reported that in a ten day period, he had noted two instances where people flying with their dogs tried to ship the dogs in a kennel wearing prong collars. Fortunately, Bert notified management and the people were required to go and remove the collars.

I had a personal experience with prong collars and crates. I always take off the dogs' collars prior to them jumping into their crates in the van. On one occasion, things did not go well. Xan had just jumped into his crate after I had taken off his collar. Krista was sitting next to me anxious to get in her crate. Very competitive with Xan. As I started to turn to take Krista's collar off, she got too impatient and leapt in before I could grab her. One of those split second situations you wish you could take back. As she was turning in the crate to face me (and I could reach in and get the collar off) her neck skimmed the side of the crate. The collar became caught in the wire on the side.

She was in quite a predicament. It was so tightly caught I couldn't get her unstuck and I couldn't unhook the collar. My greatest fear was that she would start to panic given she was in mid turn and looking like a horseshoe with her head facing her tail.

Luckily, I have a command I use when I need the dogs to stay still. I quietly (frantically in my mind) climbed in as far as I could with her and with force and speed barely managed to get the collar removed. It was sheer adrenaline that enabled me to get it off. I seriously was considering the possibility of having to use the wire cutters that I carry in the car. But, feared I didn't have that much time before she would be seriously injured.

It still boggles my mind how she was able to hook on to the side the way she did. A shocking reminder of how fast an incident can happen.

Even though it happened by mistake, it was certainly a confirmation regarding collars and crates.

NEVER ALLOW YOUR DOG TO WEAR A PRONG COLLAR IN ANY CRATE AT ANY TIME.

Francene Andresen
Editor, Waggin' Tales

ATTENTION ALL FOX VALLEY MEMEBERS

Below are items of extreme importance to our club. We truly need your help. In these times of tight schedules and multiple demands on your time it is a difficult task to ask you to give time to your club. Many of you have already stepped up and are doing a variety of jobs. Thank you so much. Your donation of time and energy and good humor are truly appreciated by those whom are the recipients of your kindness.

Unfortunately, even with those that have volunteered, we are still missing help in critical areas of our club's functions.

The plea is for those who really can give a little time each week to step forward and help the club. Give yourself a chance to do something for others that gives you a positive feeling of accomplishment and helps to provide a service that keeps this club viable.

Sometimes there is fear that only people with experience can do the job. In these situations this is not true. You will not be alone. Members who have done these jobs before or have helped with them before are always willing to give you additional help and support. It can be a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Come on, you can do it! Try it - you'll like it!

HELP WANTED

Friends,

As of the March 2008 printing of WT, we still have the following important positions to fill.

Public Education Coordinator (Board position)

An AKC required position / coordinating (with AKC's assistance), a couple of educational related events.

Obedience Trial Secretary

Without a trial secretary, we will have no trial. You won't be alone. There will be help to show you how it is done. So, don't be afraid to try it

Demonstrations

This is about coordinating a group of folks to do demos.

Librarian

Just keeping tabs on the club's copies of various publications.

Please contact Terri at president@fvdtc.org if you are interested in getting more information about these positions.

An Assistant is needed for the 8 p.m. Beginner Class with Dale. Please contact Sandi Stevenson if you can help with this class at (630) 231-8828.

Assistants Needed for 4H Classes



Classes are conducted on regular training nights at 6 p.m. Come and help teach youngsters about dog care and training. Please e-mail Terri at president@fvdtc.org if you can help.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Do you sometimes have a question about the dog world that you would like to have explained more thoroughly? Here is your chance. If you have any suggestions for a topic or program that you would like to see presented at a membership meeting, please e-mail PS@K9Prints.com or call Peggy Sue at (630) 584-1595.

FROM RICK COX, OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAIR, TO YOU

Following is a list of positions available for the November 9th Obedience Trial. I would encourage our members to act quickly and volunteer for the position of their choice as they are going fast! (Right!)

Trial secretary - responsible for preparing and mailing premium lists, taking entries, preparing and mailing entry information to handlers, and completion of AKC required documentation.

Booth chairperson - responsible for Vendor booth space.

Ring Steward Chairperson - responsible for arranging stewards for obedience and rally ring.

Scoring - responsible for tracking and recording scores the day of the trial.

Kitchen Chairperson - responsible for obtaining and organizing help for the kitchen, and for breakfast and lunch preparation, and any kitchen details.

There will be several committees that need help as well as the chairpersons described above. **There will be something for everyone!**

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

You can contact me at obedience@fvdtc.org

BECAUSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Sandi Stephenson, our terrific Director of Training, has **NO CONTROL OVER THE PARK LOT SITUATION**. Only the Kane County Fairground people have control over the parking lot.

DO NOT PARK AT THE DOORS - you can unload quickly and then go park your car in the appropriate areas. This applies to everyone. It is the Fire Code.

HANDICAP SIGNS FOR PARKING AREAS ARE FOR LEGALLY HANDICAPPED FOLKS USE ONLY. We have members who need these areas to be available to them so they can come to classes and functions of the club. So, when you see these signs out please be respectful and keep the area open so they can use them without difficulty. Your consideration will be appreciated by everyone.

On Thursday, June 19th FVDTC will be hosting a Sanctioned OB Match. (OB = Obedience B) AKC recognizes several different types of Sanctioned matches (A, B, and C) but the "B" match satisfies most requirements with the least effort and is therefore the most common. A "B" match can have both breed and obedience whereas "OB" is just for obedience. Instead of our regular Correction Clinic in June we will be holding a Sanctioned Match. There will probably be some questions regarding the switch. Hopefully this article will answer those questions.

WHAT IS A SANCTIONED OB MATCH?

AKC defines a Sanctioned OB Obedience Match as an informal event at which dog clubs, judges, stewards, and exhibitors and their dogs gain experience needed for licensed events. AKC obedience regulations apply at Sanctioned Matches. Dog and handler teams will be scored as in an AKC Obedience Trial, however, no points or credit toward an Obedience Title are awarded. Approval from AKC is required to hold an OB Sanctioned Match and the Club will designate a Match Secretary who will assume the duties as a Trial Secretary.

WHY HOLD AN AKC SANCTIONED MATCH?

As mentioned previously it gives the handler and dog, club, stewards and judges the opportunity to gain valuable ring experience. Typically, handlers and dogs are more relaxed in this type of atmosphere than in an actual Trial. It gives them the opportunity to be evaluated and judged against other competitors without the pressures of an actual Trial.

Any person wishing to become an AKC Obedience Judge is required to judge a minimum of 5) novice classes at AKC sanctioned matches prior to submitting their application. A provisional Obedience Judge wishing to move up to the next class is required to judge a minimum of 5) Sanctioned Matches in the class that they are applying for. Sanctioned Matches are necessary in order for the sport to train and obtain new Judges.

AKC has a list of requirements for Clubs to hold future Dog Shows. In order to be licensed to hold a Dog Show the Club must satisfy a minimum of 3 requirements. Hosting an AKC Sanctioned Obedience Match satisfies one of those requirements.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER A SANCTIONED MATCH?

Dogs must be AKC registered and be at least 6 months of age. Dogs with a CDX title may be entered in the Open B class but may not compete for any awards in that class. A dog with a CDX title may compete for awards in a Utility class. Dogs with a UD title may be entered in the Open B and/or Utility classes but may not compete for any awards in these classes. The Match Secretary, and the match judges and immediate household and family members are not eligible to participate.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CORRECTION CLINIC AND A SANCTIONED MATCH?

A Correction Clinic is held to allow a handler to train their dog and make suitable corrections as necessary. The Judge of a Correction Clinic may work with the handler on a specific issue, sometimes allowing the team to repeat or modify an exercise.

A Sanctioned Match is held to gain ring experience. Because AKC regulations apply at Sanctioned Matches corrections are not allowed. A person that corrects their dog at a Sanctioned Match will receive an NQ for that exercise as in a Trial and may be excused.

HOW DO I ENTER A SANCTIONED MATCH?

Entry to an AKC Sanctioned Match is made by submitting a completed Official Entry Form to the Match Secretary of the Club hosting the event with the proper fee. The Entry Form could be an existing printed form for any AKC Obedience Trial or is available for download from AKC at <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/AEN999.pdf>. The entry must be complete and include the dog's AKC registration number. Pre-entries are strongly encouraged. Entry may be available until the Sanctioned Match begins providing the classes have not filled or otherwise published.

Hopefully this explains the need and basic rules for Sanctioned Matches. If you have any questions the pamphlet "Match Regulations" is available for download from the AKC website or email obedience@FVDTC.org with your questions.

Membership Meeting Highlights March 5, 2008

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes were approved as with the following correction:

Taffy announced the following are the 2008 Obedience Trial Judges and she has received signed contracts from each of them.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Incorrect Name</u>	<u>Correct Name</u>
Utility B	Kay Lunz	Kay Lund
Rally	Julie Simmons	Julia Simmons

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) stated that she having some difficulty securing people for the programs she has planned. As of this time, Peggy is planning a program called "So you want to shoot your dog?" She stated that the program would be discussing how to photograph their dog. She also will encourage club members who would like suggestions to improve the quality of their photography, to bring in photographs that they have taken of their dogs. She would also like to find an individual who could speak about feeding dogs the RAW diet.

Peggy also sought ideas from club members of who or what other programs she should pursue. Sandi Stephenson suggested that Peggy Sue contact Dianne Allen to discuss ring tips. Sandi stated that she heard Dianne, who is an AKC Judge and a top exhibitor, speak a couple of years ago and found it very informative.

Terri stated that she would get the contact information to Peggy Sue after it was suggested that Peggy contact the individual from HELP who was unable to speak due to illness at the September 2007 membership meeting. It was also suggested that in conjunction with a future American Red Cross Canine First Aid class to be conducted for club members we could have the class instructor speak at the May membership meeting to provide us with an overview of the class. Terri and Peggy will coordinate with the speaker and the class dates.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) reported that other than the misperception that she has control over the condition of the parking lot, things are going wonderfully. She stated that she only has control of the training, NOT the parking lot. Sandi asked that trainers remember that parking by the door is not allowed, unloading only.

She also reported that the Dale will need an assistant for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class starting on March 13. Bill Clarke is now instructing the 4-H classes and will no longer be able to assist Dale. Sandi stated that Vera Nyberg still needs an assistant for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class.

Terri Byerly reported that Ericka is still assisting for the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class while Selena Larmon cares for her current litter of Labrador Retriever puppies. Terri Byerly also reported that she and Dale will swap the time that they instruct for one session for the session starting on May 29. Dale will teach at 7:00 p.m. and Terri will teach the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class.

Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, send the following report for the beginner and puppy classes beginning on March 13th.

<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Puppy</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
7:00 p.m.	Almost full, with applications still out	Full
8:00 p.m.	Starts April 24th	Full
9:00 p.m.	n/a	Three students, with applications still out

Carolyn reported that due to a cancellation of a previously scheduled event at the fairgrounds, the training date move from April 24th to April 22nd was no longer necessary. Therefore the calendar has been updated. Carolyn will send an announcement to Francene to put in the Waggin' Tales to pick up an updated calendar at training. The updates will also be posted on the club web site.

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that he has contacted Trial Superintendents, Roy Jones Dog Shows Inc. and Onofrio Dog Shows, to request a quote. The quote is for the following services the superintendent would provide as part of their "Packaged Trial".

Sending the premium lists

Receiving the entries

Sending documentation to handlers

Printing catalogs

Although Roy Jones has provided their quote, Rick was waiting to receive the Onofrio quote prior to announcing any information. Rick stated that he feels that hiring a superintendent would be a wise decision. However, we still NEED a Trial Secretary to do recording at the trial and filing of scores to AKC. Rick stated that Superintendents will also perform the Secretary's job as well, however it is very expensive! He said that he is unable to hire a superintendent until the Secretary's position has been filled. Rick said that he would contact Jean Munger, Car-Dun-Al's Trial Secretary, when it was suggested that he see if she would be interested in being hired as the superintendent.

Rick also reported that he has the Kane County Fairgrounds contract and must return it signed with a deposit check.

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Rick also stated that although he has the following committee positions filled, he still is awaiting replies from several individuals.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
TRIAL SECRETARY	available
BOOTHS	available
CATALOG ADVERTISING	Bill Clarke
EQUIPMENT	Ed Herdes
GROUNDS	Cheryl Hettinger
HOSPITALITY	Carolyn Pearson
KITCHEN	Position is tentatively filled
PUBLICITY	Kent Hildebrand
RAFFLE	Francene Andresen & Barb Misch
RALLY	Kent Hildebrand
RING STEWARDS	Position is tentatively filled
SCORING	available
TEAR DOWN	Ed Herdes
TROPHY CHAIRPERSON	Peggy Sue Seehafer

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of three new applicants who were published in recent Waggin' Tales. None were present at the meeting. Peggy Sue made a motion to approve the list as read. Francene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

It was also announced that Joe Stetina had just submitted his membership application to Sue. Francene made a motion to waive the requirement to publish an applicant's name prior to the meeting. Peggy Sue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. Francene made a motion to accept Joe Stetina's application for membership. Cheryl Hettinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report with Francene Andresen. Ingrid has received written approval for the tracking test location by the Kane County Forest Preserve. Ingrid also has commitment from the judges and AKC approval. She will contact workers once she returns from her trip. Ingrid reported that "we are all set to have the doggies put their noses to the ground."

Public Education Coordinator – VACANT

Terri stated that this VERY important club position is the liaison between the club, AKC and the general dog-owning public. She also stated that AKC does a tremendous job of supporting this position by providing information. Terri stated that we NEED to get this AKC required position filled.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that as of tonight, there are 25 attendees who have paid for the Annual Dinner at Gen-Ho. She will verify that Gen-Ho does not have a minimum amount of attendees required. She stated that IF she is the chairperson next year, she might consider sending out individual invitations, in addition to putting the information in the Waggin' Tales.

She also stated that this event is NOT just to receive awards for titles earned, it is also a wonderful opportunity to get together with other club members in a social environment. Cheryl said that Rick Cox has graciously volunteered to be the emcee for the evening. Cheryl also thanked Francene and Ingrid who volunteered to assist in the set-up for the dinner and Sue for assisting her by assembling a list of new members. Cheryl stated that she will accept any and all help between now and the dinner.

Cheryl stated that she is extending the RSVP date to Thursday, March 27th.

Carolyn extended a huge **thank you** to Cheryl for accepting the invitation to be the Annual Dinner Chair!

Colleen Kent (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) was not in attendance. However it was reported that the next scheduled CGC / TDI Test is on March 20th. The TDI test judge is Tom Stephenson. The CGC test judge is Sandi Stephenson.

Demonstrations – VACANT

Terri reported that this position is still open. This position is the club's contact for other organizations to contact the club for demonstrations. The individual contacts the club members who have previously volunteered to participate in demonstrations and coordinates the participants and the event.

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Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report, which was read by Terri Byerly. The graduation for the first session went well. There were a few minor changes to what has been done in the past. In addition to the Beginner's class graduation certificate, she generated certificates for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class. Vera generates her own certificates for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class. Barb reported that she is generating the Beginners Graduation Certificates a week or two prior to the graduation and giving the instructors some pink graduation ribbons. In the event that any instructor wishes to generate their own graduation certificates, Barb asks that they contact her to prevent a duplication of effort.

Additionally, she took pictures for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy and 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Beginners classes and posted them on her Wal-Mart photo account in the event anyone wants copies from their class. Barb sends an e-mail message to any students for whom she has an e-mail address after graduation to alert them to their availability.

Barb also included a plea for a volunteer to any club member with a digital camera who would be interested in taking photographs of the different classes on two separate training nights during the second session. Volunteers can contact Barb via e-mail at graduation@fvdtc.org or at 630-761-0823. According to Barb "It's probably the easiest job you'd ever have!"

Terri Byerly announced that Mary Szczurek has accepted the invitation to be the new Librarian.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that the club is hosting a Sanctioned Match on June 19th. Sandi stated that Penny Brcich has volunteered to be the Match Secretary, however Penny has asked for a volunteer to act as the Match Chairperson. Anyone interested in that position should contact Penny or Sandi. The Match Chairperson would submit the paperwork to AKC and perform any other AKC required activities necessary to host a sanctioned match.

In addition to Rick Cox judging a class, he will contact other local individuals who must judge at a AKC sanctioned match to fulfill one of the requirements to apply to the AKC to become a judge. Once he has compiled a list of individuals, he will provide that information to the Match Committee. It was agreed that because one of the main reasons that we are hosting the sanctioned match is to assist the potential AKC judge, we would give those individuals priority to select the class they must judge. Sandi volunteered to work with Rick and then contact the club members who might have already signed up to judge for that particular class at the match.

Rick also agreed to submit an article to Waggin' Tales providing a brief description of what a sanctioned match entails.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report with Francene Andresen. Francene stated that stewards are needed for the Match 20th correction clinic. Any volunteers from the meeting can see Francene after the meeting to sign up. She also reported that Ingrid is unable to send out the monthly e-mail reminder. If anyone needs information regarding the Match 20th (only the March match) contact Francene Andresen at 630-365-0905 or via e-mail at rescents@yahoo.com.

Buffy Cramer-Hamman (Publicity) was unable to attend the meeting due to her work schedule, but sent the following report with Carolyn. She is currently working on the first draft of the new club brochure to present to the Board for review and approval. Following that, the new brochure will be distributed to the public.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next two deadlines are March 9th and April 6th.

Francene asked club members to submit articles in a Microsoft Word Document attached to an e-mail message, whenever possible to help eliminate the problems she has with copying information straight from an e-mail into the Publisher application used to create Waggin' Tales. Additionally, she would appreciate it if the documents did not include tables (Carolyn stated that tabs should be used in place of tables). Following these suggestions will eliminate many hours of reformatting the information to display correctly in the Waggin' Tales.

Additionally, Francene stated that articles and Brags from club members are always welcomed and she personally really enjoys learning how other members are doing and looks forward to reading about training tips and new information. Even a review of old information is good as a refresher. We have some very talented people in our club who could share valuable tips from their years of experience and knowledge and the newsletter is a good source in which to connect with new trainers and those just getting into the sport.

Additionally, Francene stated that Waggin' Tales is a wonderful way for club members to share the following:

Information about training treats and their uses

Introducing their dog to new experiences.

Safety issues, such as the warnings to members to be aware of their surrounding as the coyotes are out and about, even in the fairgrounds area. A side note to this is that Fermi Lab is reporting about 50 coyotes on their campus. Francene heard many coyotes singing in the distance Saturday night when at an industrial park just east of Kirk Road off Fabyan Pkwy. She was amazed to hear so many at one time.

Food recalls

Francene stated that another example is one she is addressing in the March issue regarding collars. That's her promotional tease to read the next issue. It is also the end of her report.

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Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Rick Cox. In addition to the other \$4.00 from the dollar bucket that was given to the Tracking Committee, Rick donated the money he won.

Old Business

Carolyn reminded the members that AKC is still seeking feedback for a huge list of suggested changes to obedience rules. Everyone involved in obedience should review the suggestions and provide their feedback. Even if you are relatively new to the sport, your opinion is important!

According to the AKC website the 2007 Obedience Advisory Committee (OAC) and AKC staff have compiled a list of recommendations of changes to the obedience regulations. These items were submitted by the fancy during the solicitation period in 2006. At this time, the OAC is seeking the our input, thoughts and suggestions for the changes.

You will have until March 15, 2008 to submit your comments. Comments must be submitted electronically to: OBE-Dadv@akc.org

The recommendations are incorporated within the Obedience Regulations rule book and displayed as **bolded, underlined text** within the document. Although, only the chapters and sections affected by the changes are listed, the document is still 31 pages, so please be prepared to spend a little bit of time reviewing the document. You can use the following link to see the new recommendations: http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience_advisory_committee.cfm

If you are not intimately familiar with the current regulations, you can view them at the following link: <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

New Business

Terri Byerly asked whether club members were interested attending an American Red Cross Pet First Aid class set up specifically for us. Terri and Peggy Sue both said that the class was WELL worth the minimal amount of money and the time spent. Terri stated that she will call her contact at the American Red Cross about a date and the cost after many club members expressed interest in attending the class.

Terri also stated that one more assistant is needed for the 4-H classes. PLEASE consider donating less than one hour of your time on regular training nights to the program.

Terri reminded committee members and board members to review the items posted on the bulletin board and to feel free to post their own club-related items on the board.

Sandi Stephenson reported that she received an e-mail message from some Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club (GABOC) club members who are participating in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser. They were seeking permission to sell homemade dog treats at FVDTC on correction clinic nights. Since the event is in June, it was agreed that we would help this endeavor at the March, April and May correction clinics. In response to Peggy Sue's concern about dog allergies, Sandi stated that she would ask that a list of the ingredients be made available with the treats.

Joan Mazat stated that this event is to honor current GABOC club member (and former FVDTC club member), Candy Heide-man as she battles cancer.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting



Looking For Therapy Dog Teams

Delnor Community Hospital is looking for therapy dog teams to be a part of their Dog Rx Program. This program falls under Delnor's Volunteer Department.

Interested parties please go to Delnor's website www.delnor.com and select "Volunteers" under Services. Handlers must attend the 1 hour volunteer meeting (meeting dates are on the web page) in which confidentiality and rules/regulations of the hospitals are discussed. A free TB test and Rubella test is also given.

Unlike a few hospitals that charge handlers to participate, Delnor **DOES NOT CHARGE** handlers to participate in their program. Delnor also offers other "perks" for their volunteers which is also listed on the volunteer web page.

For more information, find Sandy Davis (Dog RX Program Coordinator) either before or after the 7pm Advance Beginner Class.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

Gregory & Barbara Moore
222 South Jefferson St
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(630)761-3404
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Dan & Nettie Lambert
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Alaskan Malamute
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Nancy Cornelison
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Joe & Carol Stetina
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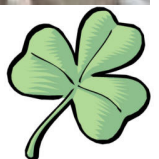


HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Left to Right
Kim Griffin and Maggie
Sandy Davis and Tucker
John Burke (with son) and Rex

"AKC Rare Breed Irish Red and White Setters were represented March 8th at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Charles. John Burke with his IRWS Rex (AKC Affinity I've Got Rhythm) along with Sandy Davis and her IRWS Tucker (AKC Tuckmans Forrest Gump) are club members. The Griffin family of Geneva are looking forward to putting their IRWS Maggie into Beginner Basics with the club this spring."



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 7-10-08***

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below.

Make checks payable to:

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

(630) 584-1002	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 4N791 Chaffield Dr St. Charles, IL 60175	membership@fvdtc.org
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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2008

DUES FOR THE 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2008.

Your name will be omitted from the 2008-2009 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-08

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 |

# FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EFFECTIVE 3/5/08**

| Date     |    | Day       | Training Type     | Classes Held       | Special Events                           |
|----------|----|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| January  | 2  | Wednesday |                   |                    | Membership Meeting – with elections      |
|          | 3  | Thursday  | Regular Training  | Start Session 1    | Puppy (7:00) & Beginner                  |
|          | 6  | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 10 | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 17 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic |                    | CGC & TDI Tests                          |
|          | 24 | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 31 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | End Puppy (8:00)   |                                          |
| February | 1  | Friday    |                   |                    | Board Meeting                            |
|          | 3  | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 7  | Thursday  | Regular Training  | Start Puppy (8:00) |                                          |
|          | 14 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | 4-H Classes Start  |                                          |
|          | 21 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic |                    | Correction Clinic                        |
|          | 28 | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
| March    | 4  | Tuesday   | Regular Training  | End Session 1      | Puppy (7:00) & Beginner<br>Health Clinic |
|          | 5  | Wednesday |                   |                    | Membership Meeting                       |
|          | 9  | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 13 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | Start Session 2    | Puppy (7:00) & Beginner                  |
|          | 20 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic |                    | CGC & TDI Tests                          |
|          | 27 | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    | Health Clinic                            |
|          | 28 | Friday    |                   |                    | Spring Agility Trial Set-up              |
|          | 29 | Saturday  |                   |                    | Spring Agility Trial                     |
|          | 30 | Sunday    |                   |                    | Spring Agility Trial                     |
| April    | 3  | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 4  | Friday    |                   |                    | Board Meeting                            |
|          | 6  | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 10 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | End Puppy (8:00)   |                                          |
|          | 12 | Saturday  |                   |                    | Annual Dinner                            |
|          | 17 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic |                    | Correction Clinic                        |
|          | 24 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | Start Puppy (8:00) |                                          |
| May      | 1  | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 7  | Wednesday |                   |                    | Membership Meeting                       |
|          | 8  | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 11 | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 15 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic |                    | CGC & TDI Tests                          |
|          | 20 | Tuesday   | Regular Training  | End Session 2      | Puppy (7:00) & Beginner                  |
|          | 29 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | Start Session 3    | Puppy (7:00) & Beginner                  |
| June     | 5  | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 6  | Friday    |                   |                    | Board Meeting                            |
|          | 8  | Sunday    |                   |                    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                   |
|          | 12 | Thursday  | Regular Training  |                    |                                          |
|          | 19 | Thursday  | Sanctioned Match  |                    | Sanctioned Match                         |
|          | 25 | Wednesday |                   | 4-H Classes End    |                                          |
|          | 26 | Thursday  | Regular Training  | End Puppy (8:00)   |                                          |

# FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EFFECTIVE 3/5/08**

| Date      |    | Day              | Training Type            | Classes Held                | Special Events                                    |
|-----------|----|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| July      | 3  | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Start Puppy (8:00)</b>   |                                                   |
|           | 8  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 11 | <b>Friday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Board Meeting</b>                              |
|           | 13 | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                     |
|           | 17 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>NO Training</b>       | <b>NO Classes</b>           | <b>Kane County Fair</b>                           |
|           | 24 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 31 | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Graduation Session 3</b> | <b>Puppy (7:00) &amp; Beginner</b>                |
| August    | 1  | <b>Friday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Board Meeting</b>                              |
|           | 3  | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                     |
|           | 5  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         | <b>Start Session 4</b>      | <b>Puppy (7:00) &amp; Beginner</b>                |
|           | 14 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 21 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Correction Clinic</b> |                             | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                          |
|           | 28 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
| September | 3  | <b>Wednesday</b> |                          |                             | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                         |
|           | 4  | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>End Puppy (8:00)</b>     |                                                   |
|           | 6  | <b>Saturday</b>  |                          |                             | <b>Tracking Test Set-up</b>                       |
|           | 7  | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Tracking Test &amp; Waggin' Tales Deadline</b> |
|           | 11 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 12 | <b>Friday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Fall Agility Trial Set-up</b>                  |
|           | 13 | <b>Saturday</b>  |                          |                             | <b>Fall Agility Trial</b>                         |
|           | 14 | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Fall Agility Trial</b>                         |
|           | 18 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>NO Training</b>       | <b>NO Classes</b>           | <b>St. Peter's Barn Sale</b>                      |
|           | 25 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Correction Clinic</b> |                             | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                          |
| October   | 1  | <b>Wednesday</b> |                          |                             | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                         |
|           | 2  | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Start Puppy (8:00)</b>   |                                                   |
|           | 5  | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                     |
|           | 9  | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 14 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         | <b>Graduation Session 4</b> | <b>Puppy (7:00) &amp; Beginner</b>                |
|           | 23 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Correction Clinic</b> |                             | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                          |
|           | 30 | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Start Session 5</b>      | <b>Puppy (7:00) &amp; Beginner</b>                |
| November  | 5  | <b>Wednesday</b> |                          |                             | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                         |
|           | 6  | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 9  | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>FVDTC Obedience Trial</b>                      |
|           | 13 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 16 | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                     |
|           | 18 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 20 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Correction Clinic</b> |                             | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                          |
|           | 25 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         | <b>End Puppy (8:00)</b>     |                                                   |
| December  | 4  | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Start Puppy (8:00)</b>   |                                                   |
|           | 5  | <b>Friday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Board Meeting</b>                              |
|           | 7  | <b>Sunday</b>    |                          |                             | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                     |
|           | 11 | Thursday         | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 18 | Thursday         | Regular Training         | <b>Graduation Session 5</b> | <b>Puppy (7:00) &amp; Beginner</b>                |
|           | 23 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training         |                             |                                                   |
|           | 30 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Christmas Party</b>   | <b>No classes</b>           |                                                   |



## BRAGS AND WAGS

In Nov. many of our Poodles earned titles. [U.CD.CH.](#)G'Day Terrifick Slvr Huntabt CD completed his UKC CD. Good thing Opalton qualified at the 1st show, because a little white dog attracted his sole attention in the 2nd show, leaving me to do a nice heel all by myself.

Below is a photo taken by Kent Hildebrand of his Daughters-Terrifick Slvr Tantalate RN, 6yrs. old & Terrifick Platine' RN, 12mo. old, completing their Novice Rally title.

And [Kaia-U.CD.CH.](#) Terrifick Silber Saphir CD, RE, AX, AXJ, NF, RL2, AGII completed her 16th title before she & Opalton became proud parents of an all Silver litter in December. After pups were weaned, Kaia went back out and earned her 17th title RL2. We have some nice performance pups available.

Terrifick Standard Poodles - Terri Sidell - 630-543-8403



Terrifick Slvr Tantalate RN & Terrifick Platine' RN



Here's a cute photo of our Cupids. The Floral piece the little boy is sniffing was made by Nina Herdes.

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations goes out to the following club members: Tom Stephenson, Bill Clarke, Sandy Davis, Francene Andresen, Ingrid Hamburger, Jean Ann Wear, Bev Galvani, Taffy Wille, Kristin Anderson, Denise Nuehring and Linda Franciskovic and their respective canines, for earning an American Red Cross Hometown Hero Nomination as part of Delnor's Dog RX Therapy Dog Program in the category of Community Impact. The Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross will announce winners at the end of the month.

### STEWARDS NEEDED FOR OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

For the

**FOX RIVER VALLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOW**

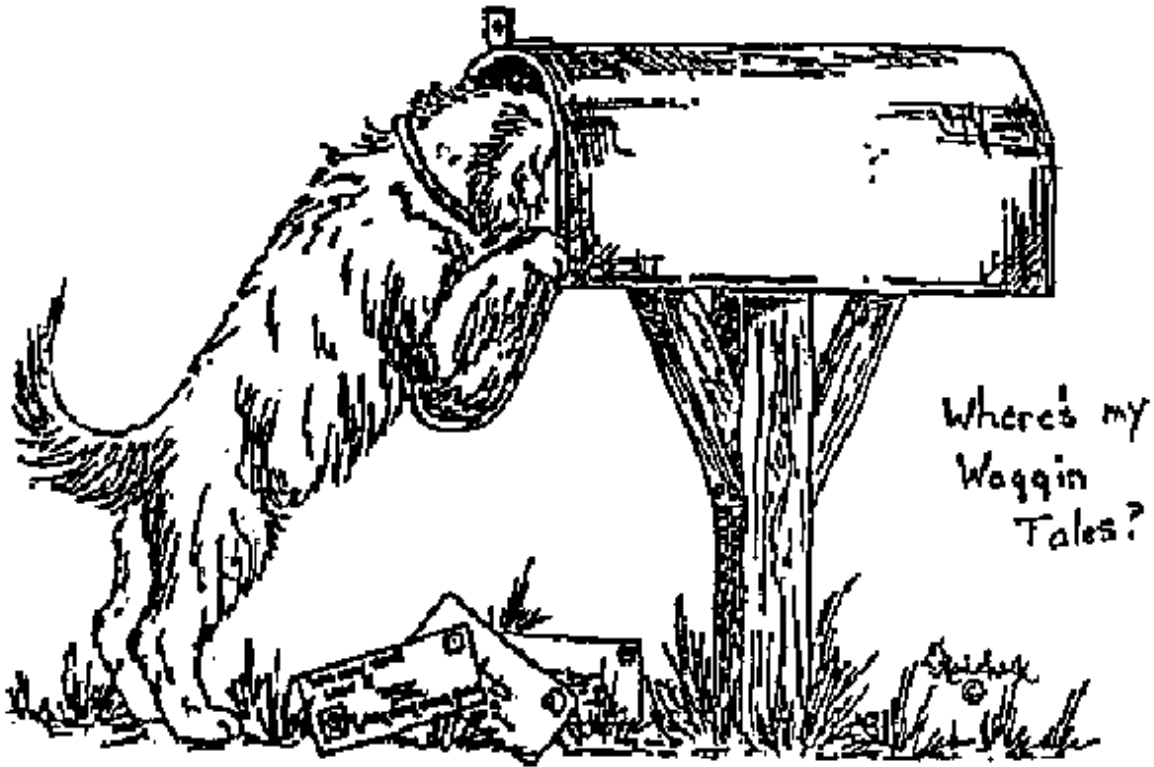
McHenry County Fairgrounds

Woodstock, IL

On

MAY 30 & 31, 2008

Contact: Marian Lazzara for more information  
(630) 762-1772 or driftwoodpoms@aol.com



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| <b>MARCH</b> | <b>APRIL</b> |
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| <b>4</b>  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Regular Training</b><br><b>End Session 1 Puppy 7pm</b><br><b>&amp; Beginner &amp;</b><br><b>Health Clinic</b> |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Regular Training</b><br><b>Start Session 2</b><br><b>Puppy 7pm &amp; Beginner</b>                             |
| <b>20</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Correction Clinic</b><br><b>CGC &amp; TDI Tests</b>                                                           |
| <b>27</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Regular Training &amp;</b><br><b>Health Clinic</b><br><b>Dinner RSVP Deadline</b>                             |
| <b>28</b> | <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Spring Agility Trial Setup</b>                                                                                |
| <b>29</b> | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Spring Agility Trial</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>30</b> | <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Spring Agility Trial</b>                                                                                      |

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Regular Training</b>                                          |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                             |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                                    |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Regular Training &amp;</b><br><b>End Puppy Class 8 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>12</b> | <b>SATURDAY</b> | <b>ANNUAL DINNER</b>                                             |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                                         |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Regular Training &amp;</b><br><b>Start Puppy Class 8 p.m.</b> |