



WAGGIN' TALES

2008 TD / TDX TRACKING TEST REPORT
 By Ingrid Hamburger, Test Secretary/Tracking Chairperson

This years' tracking test was held in Memory of Alice Larson, our long-time FVDTC member and tracking enthusiast. Alice was always tracking her dogs and I remember the fun times we had when we met for our Tuesday morning tracking sessions.

FVDTC had another wonderful tracking weekend, Sat. 9-6 and Sun. 9-7, at the Burnidge Forest Preserve. The weather was very nice both days, perfect for tracking.

On Saturday morning we met at 8:00 am for a long day of work lasting until 4:00 pm for some of us. On Sunday morning I was at the F.P. before 6:00 am, and the first tracklayers and Judges came soon after. By around 2:00 pm we had everything packed up and the Judges had finished their paperwork.

Our Judges were Pam German and Donna Kircher.

The tracklayers were Ed Herdes, Cathy Fleury, Kent Hildebrand, Teresa Higgins (Teresa ended up doing double duty by laying 2 TD Tracks), Jeff Beatty, Chris Koth and Donna Wielert. Four of the tracklayers were not FVDTC club members. Cheryl Hettinger and Bob Read were the Cross track-layers.

Other important members of the team were Francene Andresen, Vivienne Hildebrand, Barb Misch, Hermann Hamburger, and Yeanette & Bob Johnston.

Again we had wonderful cooks and bakers donating delicious food for everyone to enjoy on both days. The donators were Jan Schomer, Sylvia Schultz, Francene Andresen, Dorothy Warren, Kristin Cox, Vivienne Hildebrand, Yeanette & John Johnston, Sue MacPherson, and Ingrid Hamburger. Everyone, our judges and team members and trackers, enjoyed the hospitality provided.

I am proud to say that we have six new title holders out of the eight entrants in the test.

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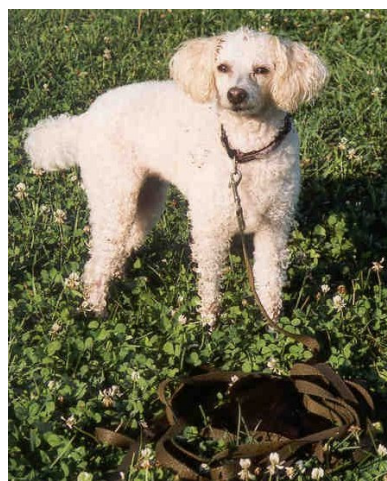
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These tests are held in
 Memory of
ALICE LARSON
 January 1, 1931 - August 17, 2008



Alice was a long-time member of the Fox Valley Dog Training Club
 and
 a great tracking enthusiast.
SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

Scenes from FVDTC AKC Tracking Trial '08 - never too small or too big to use their noses



(Tracking Test Report - Continued from page 1.)

- 1) Dianna Ing and German Shepherd Dog, TD.
- 2) Mary Welpton and Miniature Poodle, TD (They came from Biloxi, MS).
- 3) Sylvia Schultz and Rough Collie, TD.
- 4) Dee Gajda and German Shepherd Dog, TD.
- 5) Jan Plagenz and Miniature Pinscher, TDX.
- 6) Kent Hildebrand (Handler) and Yellow Lab, TDX.

Congratulations to the above. It was great to see so many pass their tests and receive a new title. Sadly an Airdale and German Shepherd Dog did not pass their test.

Again, my "Big Thank You" to all who helped to make this test weekend such a success. I could not have done it without you. It is definitely the teamwork that does make it work. I hope I have not forgotten anyone; but, be assured everyone's help is appreciated.



Updated November Obedience Trial information

Unfortunately we were forced to make some last minute changes to our obedience judging panel due to medical issues. Our judging panel will be:

Novice A & B: Donna Larson

Open A: Tom Masterson

Open B: Karen Anderson

Utility A: Tom Masterson

Utility B: Kathleen Lund

All Rally classes: Julia Simmons

The Premium list is being printed and prepared for delivery. The Premium list is also available on the FVDTC website (www.fvdtc.org).

Thanks,

Rick Cox

November Obedience Trial Chair



EVERYONE LIKES TO WIN...

especially when it's a great raffle item at the trial!! It's that time of year again, and the Raffle Committee is collecting items for the Obedience Trail Raffle! We would gladly accept any new (clean, free of chew marks) item you chose to share. And don't be shy about veering away from specifically dog-related items. Gift cards to area stores (like Panera and Meijer) are always well received! Home decorations are good too...use your imagination! If you like it, chances are someone else will too!

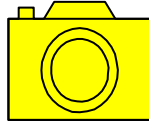
Please bring your donations to the club on any training night, and place them in the box by the front table. And, don't forget to sign in when you do so we know from where the generosity came!

Thanks!

Barb & Francene

Raffle Co-Chairs, November Trial

“SO YOU WANT TO SHOOT YOUR DOG!”



During our October Membership Meeting Peggy Sue Seehafer will discuss photographing your dog. She will cover things that will help you get better images of your pet.

You may bring a couple of images that you may have questions about why they worked and did not work for you. Be prepared for a critique on the images you bring.

Currently a show of glass works by Peggy Sue is being shown at the St. Charles Public Library through the month of September.

www.k9prints.com
www.varietyinart.com



FVDTC AGILITY'S CHAIR WILL BE MISSED

Friends,

Our fabulous Agility Trial Chair, Helen Castellano will be passing the agility baton at the end of this year. Here's what Helen has to say...

I regret to inform you that I will be relinquishing my position as Agility Trial Chairperson and Board member at the end of this year. I have taken this early opportunity to inform you so that the search for a replacement can begin immediately. As you know, our 2009 agility trials will take place on March 31 and April 1. There are a number of details which must be taken care of approximately six months before the trials. At this point, I have not completed the AKC application, nor have I contracted for the site, trial secretary services, or the equipment for these shows. I can tell you that I have secured judges with signed contracts for all of our agility trials through 2010. I have enjoyed working with all of you. If you have any questions, please let me know. Sincerely, Helen

I've spoken at length with Helen on this matter and on behalf of the board expressed our gratitude for all her hard work for the club. We wish Helen and her family all the best in their new home (which is very far away, so we sadly don't get to see Helen on training nights).

Helen has advised me that now is the time to act on preparing for our spring trial and that she will be happy to help in an advisory capacity. If you have an interest in getting involved in the prep and organization of the agility trials, you can contact either Helen or myself. hcastellano@alcatel-lucent.com or terribyerly@aol.com.

Thank you so much Helen, for your dedication to both the club and the sport of agility!

Terri Byerly
President, FVDTC

Membership Meeting Highlights September 3, 2008

Peggy Sue introduced Rick Cox who presented the very informative "Novice Showing from a Judge's Point of View" program.

Meeting brought to order at 8:27 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the Mat Cleaning was done on Saturday, August 23rd. ALL mats used weekly were cleaned. AND, thanks to the tremendous number of volunteers, we were able to clean an additional 40 mats from the outside shed. Those mats are used for the Rally ring at the trial. No one can remember the last time they were cleaned, so the time was well overdue.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) thanked Rick for tonight's program. Peggy also reported that the program to be presented at the October meeting will be "So you want to Shoot your Dog....Photography of your pet" and she will be the presenter. Peg stated that members can bring up to two pictures to be critiqued.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) stated that 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class is being taught by Kristen Anderson as the Primary Instructor and Ed Herdes as the Assistant Instructor. Additionally, Barb Misch is now assisting Vera Nyberg in the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class.

Nancy Pederson sent the following report via e-mail.

- The 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginner classes, which began on August 5th, were filled. There were no students for the 9:00 p.m. class. The Puppy class was slightly over half filled.
- There is currently one student signed up for each of the following classes starting on October 2nd: 7:00 p.m. Beginner class, 8:00 p.m. Beginner class and 8:00 p.m. Puppy class.
- Nancy also reported that initial contact by Woof-line and the web-site has been decreasing recently.

Loretta Lazzara / Joan Mazat (Assistant Director of Training). Loretta Lazzara stated that she is happy that the open and utility training are being used by club members.

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) announced that premium lists are ready to send. Additionally, Rick stated that due to Edree Olson's impending surgery and recovery time, our judge for the Open A and Utility A classes is Tom Masterson.

Peggy Sue reported that all trophies have been sponsored for the Rally Trial. However, there were still a couple of trophies remaining to be sponsored for the Obedience Trial.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of the 16 applicants which were published in the June and August Waggin' Tales. Barb Runkle was present at the meeting. Sandi Stephenson made a motion to accept the applications as read. Peggy seconded the motion. Without any discussion the motion was approved by all members present.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the tracking test weekend is here! She stated that she is organized and hopeful that all helpers who volunteered will be there. She reported that she had two track-layers who were unable to help as planned, however new volunteers have been obtained. Additionally there was one withdrawal each in the TD and TDX tests, which made the Alternates #1 very happy. Ingrid is still seeking some food donations or the "greenies" to do some more shopping for food.

The committee is hoping for very good weather on Saturday for the plotting day and on Sunday for the Tracking day. Good weather is cool, not too windy, no rain or thunder, no mosquitoes and ticks - is that too much to ask? Francene asked for dew. Regardless of the weather, we hope for all entrants to pass their test.

The TD/TDX test on Sunday is being held in Memory of ALICE LARSON, a long-time member of FVDTC and a great tracking enthusiast. Ingrid reported that she started her tracking career with Alice many, many years ago and they sure had lots of fun doing it. Alice's interest in tracking remained with her even though her illness prevented her from participating in it. She will be missed sorely. Continued on page 6.

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Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not present at the meeting. Terri reported that she will put the agility trial ribbons in the outside shed. Terri became their keeper following the Spring 2008 Agility Trial.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that she is seeking help to set the date for the next annual dinner, in March or April 2009. Several individuals mentioned that the Louisville cluster is in March and that there is a huge show in DeKalb the first weekend in April, and our spring Agility Trial is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2009. Cheryl announced that Ingrid Hamburger and Francene Andresen have volunteered to be on the Annual Dinner Committee. Additionally, Cheryl stated that she is attempting to keep costs down and provided the following ideas as some ways of doing that.

- Have the dinner as a pot-luck event
- Have pizzas / chicken / beef
- Have it catered. Carolyn stated that she knew of someone that was trying to open a catering business and she would contact her.

Cheryl stated that she would love to hear from club members regarding these suggestions or any other ideas about the dinner. She can be reached at dinner@fvdtc.org or at the information table on training nights.

Jan Schomer (Awards Chairperson) reported she has nothing to report. She also stated that she has not 'accepted' the Awards Chairperson position for the year.

Colleen Kent (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, but sent the following report via e-mail. The next CGC/TDI tests will be in 2009 on January 15th, March 19th and May 21st. She reported that it is never too soon to register because the TDI test is always a big draw.

Shelly Kellums (Demonstrations) reported that the Elgin open gym demonstration, as reported in the August Waggin' Tales, was a success. She also stated that if any club member would like to participate in any upcoming demonstrations, they can contact her.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: Everything is going well. She is currently working with the Board to receive approval to order more graduation ribbons.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that stewards are needed for the next correction clinic on September 21.

Jan Schomer (Statistician) asked that the names of those who helped at the Mat Cleaning event be sent to her. Carolyn stated that she would do that shortly.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, September 7th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.50 is Francene Andresen as drawn by new club member, Barb Runkle. Francene donated her winnings to the Tracking Chair for the upcoming tracking test.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Parking Lot & Door Usage** – now that the driveway on the West side of the Building is paved, we can now return to using the regular doors!!!!!! Thanks to everyone who patiently adjusted during the time that the parking lot was torn up.
- **Chicago's Mandatory Spay Neuter Ordinance**

In deference to the time, Carolyn stated that the following would be included in the minutes and should be read when published in the Waggin' Tales:

As stated in the August 1, 2008 Board Meeting highlights that were published in the August Waggin' Tales, a letter was sent to the sponsors of Chicago's Mandatory Spay & Neuter resolution. The letter was sent on behalf of the Board to avoid the possibility of misrepresenting any club members who might support the ordinance.

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To summarize the issue: Ald. Ed Burke, Ald. Virginia Rugai and Ald. Eugene Schuller are co-sponsoring a Mandatory Spay/Neuter (MSN) ordinance in the Chicago City Council. This ordinance will require that all dogs, cats and over the age of six months be spayed or neutered unless they qualify for one of the stated exemptions. A copy of the ordinance is available, if you would like to see the actual wording. The Chicago ordinance was modeled after the California AB 1634 bill.

The ordinance was initially presented at a joint hearing of the Committee on License and Consumer Protection and the Chicago City Council Committee on Finance held on July 29th. The meeting was attended by Bob Barker (retired game show host) and Judy Mancuso (co-sponsor of the California AB 1634), who supports the ordinance and those who oppose the ordinance, such as the local dog clubs, professional veterinary associations (ISVMA and CVMA). The vote was postponed due to the large number individuals who were unable to give testimony. The next meeting date has not been announced as of today. The local organizers, listed below, are watching the legislative announcements on the city hall site at www.chicityclerk.com/calendar.php. However, by law, they only need to post the meeting notice on the wall at city hall and that is considered the official meeting announcement.

Several club members have been receiving information from the local organizers who are working to defeat this ordinance. Jan Schomer has been forwarding those e-mail updates to club members who have provided her an e-mail address. The local organizers are Karen Perry (ouilmette4@sbcglobal.net), Margo Milde (mrm1206@yahoo.com) and Michele Smith (msmith@cmscrescue.com). IF any club member does not wish to continue to receive these updates, simply send Jan an e-mail message asking her to please remove your name from her list. Conversely, IF you have not received any of these updates and would like updates, please send an e-mail message to Jan to add your name to her list. Additionally, we will work to get all of the messages put onto our web-site, so you can personally read the information.

We will also put together a packet of information that can be distributed at training to all club members and to our Beginner's and Puppy class students.

Additionally, we would provide letters to the club members who wished to support the opposition of this ordinance, but who were unsure what to say in a letter. There will be several different versions of the letter available to the club members from which to choose. According to research, personalized snail mail letters are most effective at being read, the next most effective were faxes with the least effective being e-mail messages. Although it was agreed that personally written letters were best, sending any letter is better than doing nothing at all.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



THANK YOU THANK YOU!

On Saturday, August 23 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds ALL mats used weekly were cleaned. Thanks to the tremendous number of volunteers, we were able to clean an additional 40 mats from the outside shed. Those mats are used for the Rally ring at the trial. No one can remember the last time they were cleaned, so the time was well overdue.

The adage of 'many hands making light work' was really true.

So as you are training, please be sure to thank the following individuals who gave up 4 hours of their Saturday to provide everyone with clean mats on which to train!

- Ed "the boss man" Herdes
- Morgan Lewis
- Erin Lewis
- Rebekkah Lewis
- Joshua Lewis
- Dave Lewis
- Bob Read
- Cheryl Hettinger & Friend
- Herman Hamburger
- Joan Mazat
- Kathie Driesbach
- Peggy Sue Seehafer
- Rich Seehafer
- Rick Cox
- Tom Stephenson

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FOR SALE

Airline crate for sale. Large Airline crate used one time to bring dog to America last year. Asking \$95.00 will negotiate 630-440-3395. Dimensions are 32"x 22"x23", perfect condition.

Submitted by Cheryl Hettinger



ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS DOG TOY

PLEASE READ ON

The following was received by Carolyn Pearson from Mary Russell. Perhaps you will be interested in checking out the link below to learn about a potentially harmful toy for our pets.

Hi,
This is for all my "Dog" friends -
Just heard about this on one of my lists.....
You can read the story and not watch the video – the video made me cry – I am too sensitive about anyone suffering I guess.
But you should know about the toy!
Knowledge is power and we have to be powerful to protect our babies!!!

Please go look at this:

<http://www.thechaistory.blogspot.com/>



Note from the President...

Friends,

A gentle reminder to those questioning the publishing dates of Waggin Tails. WT Deadline does not reflect the date of publication and/or mailing; it is the last date folks have to submit items for inclusion in the next issue.

Kudos to Francene Andresen for keeping our monthly publication on track and published in a timely manner after the deadline. It's a big job and she has done a super job of it this year!

Terri Byerly
President

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 |

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

**THE NEW MEMBER LIST BELOW WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON  
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

I have an oops from last month. The correct email address for  
Kristine Schaefer is: [kdschae45@comcast.net](mailto:kdschae45@comcast.net).

Megan Crawford  
703 Wingfoot Dr  
North Aurora, IL 60542  
(312)208-1516  
Completed Beginners class  
Australian Shepherd  
e-mail: [mportr1@yahoo.com](mailto:mportr1@yahoo.com)

Yeanette & John Johnson  
2436 Deerfield Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630)618-7891  
Completed Beginners class  
Giant Schnauzer  
e-mail: [btbwarbler@comcast.net](mailto:btbwarbler@comcast.net)

Diana Kroning  
615 Maple Lane  
Geneva, IL 60134  
(630)232-1706  
Completed Beginners class  
King Charles Cavalier

Donna Smith  
307 Eastview Rd.  
North Aurora, IL 60542  
(630)897-7818  
Completed Beginners class  
Yellow Lab Mix  
e-mail: [donna@smithhikers.net](mailto:donna@smithhikers.net)



### MEMORIAL

**RICCO VOM STEFFEN HAUS, TD, AM/CAN CD**

APRIL 16, 1995 - May 10, 2008

Our Ricco gave us 13 years of love and loyalty.

Happiest days tracking in the fields.

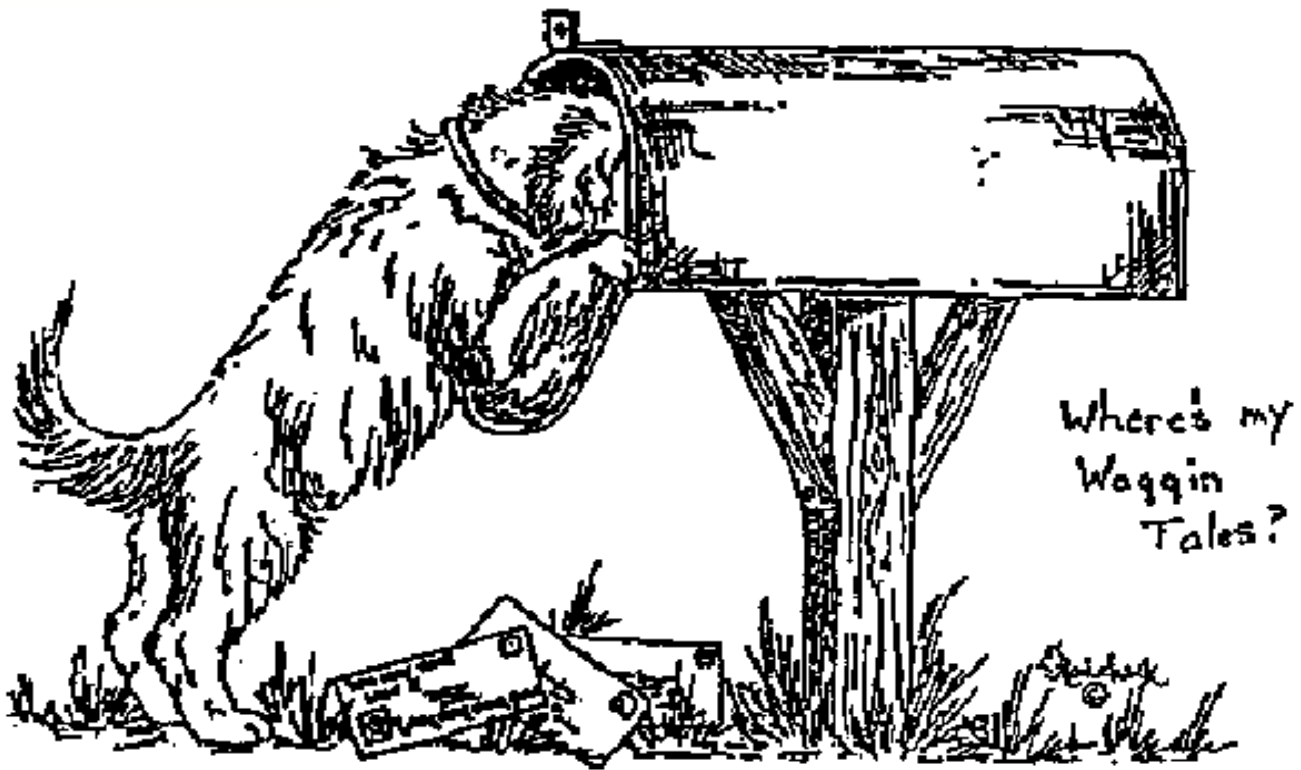
After his first leg in Open his hips were diagnosed as dysplastic, and this ended his participation in obedience.

We have wonderful memories that will remain.

We miss you Ricco.

Heidy and Lewis Terlizzi  
Tina and Tommy, The Poodles





| SEPTEMBER |           |                                             |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 3         | Wednesday | Membership Meeting                          |
| 4         | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>End Puppy (8:00 p.m.)   |
| 6         | SATURDAY  | Tracking Test Set-Up                        |
| 7         | SUNDAY    | AKC Tracking Test<br>Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 11        | Thursday  | Regular Training                            |
| 12        | FRIDAY    | Fall Agility Trial Set-Up                   |
| 13        | SATURDAY  | Fall AKC Agility Trial                      |
| 14        | SUNDAY    | Fall AKC Agility Trial                      |
| 18        | Thursday  | NO TRAINING/CLASS<br>St. Peter's Barn Sale  |
| 25        | Thursday  | Correction Clinic                           |

| OCTOBER |           |                                                                        |
|---------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Wednesday | Membership Meeting                                                     |
| 2       | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy (8:00)                                 |
| 5       | SUNDAY    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                                 |
| 9       | Thursday  | Regular Training                                                       |
| 14      | TUESDAY   | Regular Training<br>Graduation Session 4<br>Puppy (7:00) &<br>Beginner |
| 23      | Thursday  | Correction Clinic                                                      |
| 30      | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Start Session 5<br>Puppy (7:00) &<br>Beginner      |