

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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## Waggin' Tales

### HELP WANTED HELP WANTED HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

**Y**OUR club needs volunteers for the following committee positions. These are just some of the many opportunities to earn work credits. Please consider offering your help for any of the following jobs.

**A**wards Chair – Without some one doing this job, there would be no beautiful awards to hand out at the Annual Dinner. Contact Terri Byerly to get more information.

**H**istorian – This club member keeps together items that represent our activities during the year (newspaper clippings, programs, etc.). Contact Nancy Pederson to get more information.

### OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**A**dditionally, we need volunteers to chair two committees for this year's Obedience and Rally Trial. Both of these positions are income generating opportunities of which we should take full advantage. They help us offset some of the expenses incurred from the trial.

**Booth Chair** – IF you are interested in this position, please contact Barb Moore or Carolyn Pearson.

**Raffle Chair** – Barb Misch and Francene Andresen have kindly volunteered to provide guidance to any one who volunteers for this job. IF you are interested in this position, please feel free to contact either one of them to get more information.

### COME ONE, COME ALL !!!

Mat cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds. The adage of 'many hands making light work' is really true when we clean our mats. The more volunteers, the easier it is to do. Contact Ed Herdes to volunteer. Also, IF you have any of the following, please bring them with you!

Leaf Blowers

Wet/Dry Vacuums

Extra Wide Floor Squeegees

### OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIAL TROPHIES

**D**ue to the lack of a Trophy Chair volunteer prior to the printing of the premium list for this year's trial, there are no special awards being offered this year. **HOWEVER**, we are inviting our club members to donate to the General Trophy Fund. All individuals who donate to the general trophy fund will be listed in the Trial Catalog.

**I**f you are entering the trial, you can send your donation with your entries to Nancy Einwich. **OR** you can give it to Cheryl Hettinger at the Information Table at training or any other club member volunteering at the table, just make sure that you specify that the money is to go to the Trial General Trophy fund and the name you want shown in the catalog.

## OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL PREMIUM LISTS

We are pleased to announce that the Premium List for the November 14, 2010 Obedience and Rally Trials is now available on the club's website ([www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org)). Please NOTE, the premium lists will NOT be mailed to club members. IF you are planning on showing at the trial, you must download the premium list from the website, or pick up a copy at training.

## PLEASE TAKE CARE OF FIDO

Friends:

On Thursday July 22nd, two dogs were observed at Fox Valley Dog Training Club, in a vehicle hanging as far out the windows as possible while the owner was in the building attending class.

We all know that leaving your dog in a closed vehicle is dangerous in summer weather.

However please remember that leaving your dogs loose in your vehicle with the windows wide open is potentially dangerous also.

While your Fido might indeed be well behaved and happily wait for you while you are in the training building, keep in mind that Fido is still a dog and even the most well behaved dogs can make decisions that can potentially be fatal.

This is a situation that we hope we won't see again at our facility.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m.

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

**Ed Herdes (First Vice-President)** reported that our Annual Mat Cleaning event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 25th at Kane County Fairgrounds. We need Power Washers (minimum of 2), Water Hoses, Wet/Dry Vacuums, Brooms, Squeegees and most of all WARM BODIES.

**Jill Hansrote (Second Vice-President)** reported that she is currently attempting to confirm a presentation for the

October 6th Membership Meeting. If the presentation can be confirmed, she will provide details in the Waggin' Tales.

**Dana Weller (Treasurer)** provided the year-to-date Income/Expense Report for the members review. There were no questions.

**Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson**, sent the following report for the Beginner and Puppy classes which began on August 12th. The following is the number of students in each of the classes.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
7:00 p.m.	12	15
8:00 p.m.	n/a	15
9:00 p.m.	n/a	8*

\*after much effort on her part!

Nancy also reported that as of today, there are 5 students signed up for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class which begins on September 30th. The following is the number of students in each of the Beginner and Puppy classes which starts on October 28th.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
7:00 p.m.	0	6
8:00 p.m.	n/a	2
9:00 p.m.	n/a	0

Barb Moore (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent a report indicating that we are still in need of volunteers for the following trial committee positions.

- Booths
- Raffle

Both of these positions are income generating opportunities of which we should take full advantage. Anyone wishing to volunteer for either of those positions should contact Barb Moore, Nancy Einwich or Carolyn Pearson. Barb Misch and Francene Andresen have offered to act as the behind the scenes consultants for the Raffle Chair.

Carolyn reported that due to a lack of a volunteer for the Trophy Chair prior to printing of the premium list, there will be no special trophies awarded this year. HOWEVER, any club member who wishes to donate to the general trophy fund to help offset the cost of the placement awards can send a check to Nancy Einwich or give cash or a check to Cheryl or whoever is sitting at the information table at training.

**Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Secretary)** reported that she is already received 11 entries. The premium list is available on the website. She stated that she has sent the premium list via e-mail to all the individuals who entered the 2009 Obedience / Rally Trial.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of nine applicants previously published in the Waggin' Tales. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

**Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson)** stated that there were 15 entries for the four TDX tracks and 14 entries for the four TD tracks. Although all tracklayer volunteers have been arranged, there is still a need for two or three more volunteer drivers for Sunday, September 12. She reported that Sylvia Schultz, Francene Andresen and Vivienne Hildebrand volunteered to be the "hostesses with the mostest".

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** was not in attendance, however she sent a report indicating that we are still in need of volunteers for the Fall Agility Trial is September 18th and 19th at the SportsPlex on Dean St in St. Charles. Volunteers are needed for the following jobs.

- Leash Runner
- Sheet Runner
- Jump Bar Setters

Previous experience is NOT required – on-the-job training is provided where necessary. Any one wishing to volunteer should contact the Agility trial secretary, Sharon Ehr, via e-mail at smedachs@mc.net. Help is needed morning and afternoon on Saturday and Sunday.

**Ericka Koehn (CGC Test Coordinator)** was not in attendance. Terri Byerly announced that Jill Hansrote has volunteered to be the new CGC Test Coordinator, effective September, 2010. Terri stated that she has recently been asked by several individuals when our next CGC Test would be held. After some discussion it was decided that the club would host at the Christmas party on December 28th. Terri also thanked Ericka for all the hard work done in the past year.

**David Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** reported that the next deadline is Sunday, September 5th for a combined August/September issue. August was rather light on news.

Dave also stated that any club members who are not getting the Waggin' Tales, or are not getting it in the format preferred (i.e. e-mail vs. USPS mail), should contact Sue MacPherson to make sure that all your membership information is accurate.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Jill Hansrote as drawn by club member, Sue MacPherson. In addition to the remaining \$3.00 going to the tracking test fundraising effort, Jill donated her winning to the tracking test fundraising effort.

### Old Business

none

### New Business

Terri stated that she has been asked by the Kane County 4-H program to confirm the club's involvement in the 4-H dog obedience training program for 2011 and the 4-H dog show in June. Prior to confirming our involvement, Terri stated she was seeking feedback from the club members present at the meeting regarding the following two ideas.

- Regardless of the arrangement of using the Extension Center for our meetings in exchange for teaching the 4-H dog obedience training program, do we want to continue teaching the program?
- If we do continue teaching the 4-H dog obedience training program, should we decrease the total number of classes conducted to eight weeks from the 14 weeks we currently teach?

Terri stated that she is suggesting the decrease to 8 weeks due to the instructors and students getting burnt out. Although the 14 week session allows more practice time for the students, the students' motivation level decreases as time passes and it is more work for the club.

Sue MacPherson stated that she thinks that the 4-H program is a valuable asset to the children and the dogs. Nancy Einwich stated that she agrees with Sue and liked the decrease to eight weeks. After additional discussion, it was decided that the club will continue to host the 4-H dog obedience training program and to sponsor the show. Terri stated that she will create a small committee to organize the 2011 4-H dog obedience training program and the show. She also stated that she will need a minimum of two advanced level instructors and two or three beginner instructors.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

## NEWS FROM THE AKC: CELEBRATE RDO ONLINE

The AKC is inviting dog owners to participate in the first "Virtual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days." In addition to the annual live events AKC-affiliated clubs host, individuals can now "share their ideas and tips about how to make the planet a more dog-friendly place" via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr with the goal of inspiring others to become "more responsible dog owners."

To participate in the Virtual AKC RDO Days, share an "Act of Responsible Dog Ownership" through

Excerpted from the AKC Web Site at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4185](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4185) September 30. Post a description, photo or video on:

- Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/americankennelclub>
- Twitter at @akcdoglovers
- E-mail at [communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org)
- YouTube:  
<http://www.youtube.com/AmericanKennelClub>
- Flickr:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/meetthebreeds/>

## AKC's POSITION STATEMENT ON DEBARKING

Excerpted from the ACK Web Site at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4177](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4177)  
The AKC Board of Directors approved an official canine legislation policy position statement on debarking.

*Debarking is a viable veterinary procedure that may allow a dog owner to keep a dog that barks excessively in its loving home rather than to be forced to surrender it to a shelter. Debarking should only be performed by a qualified, licensed veterinarian after other behavioral modification efforts to correct excessive barking have failed. As with other veterinary medical decisions, the decision to debark a dog is best left to individual owners and their veterinarians.*

## SAVE FIDO FROM MOSQUITOS

*Excerpted from "Pause for Poms," the newsletter of the Pomeranian Club of Central Indiana*

**K**ee a spray bottle by the door to spritz you or your pet as you go outside to deter fleas and mosquitos. Lightly spray bedding and outdoor kennels as well.

8 Oz Water  
4-6 Drops of Tea Tree Oil  
4-6 Drops of Lavender Oil

Another good item for mosquitos is "Avon Skin So Soft," liberally applied before going outside.

**S**ome plants will serve double duty – beautifying your yard, and keeping mosquitos away. With all of these plants, the leaves must be crushed to release the aroma. Otherwise mosquitos cannot smell them.

**Horsemint** grows wild in most of the Eastern U.S. From Texas to Minnesota and Vermont. It has a scent that is similar to citronella.

**Rosemary** likes hot, dry weather and well-drained soil. It is hardy and must be grown in pots in colder climates.

**Marigolds** are used by organic gardeners to keep aphids away, but work with mosquitos as well.

**Ageterium** is a bedding plant used in the perfume industry and in some commercial mosquito repellents.

**Catnip** has been tested to be ten times more effective than DEET at repelling mosquitos. It is a short-lived perennial that grows throughout most of the United States.

## THE TOP PET-OWNER MISTAKES

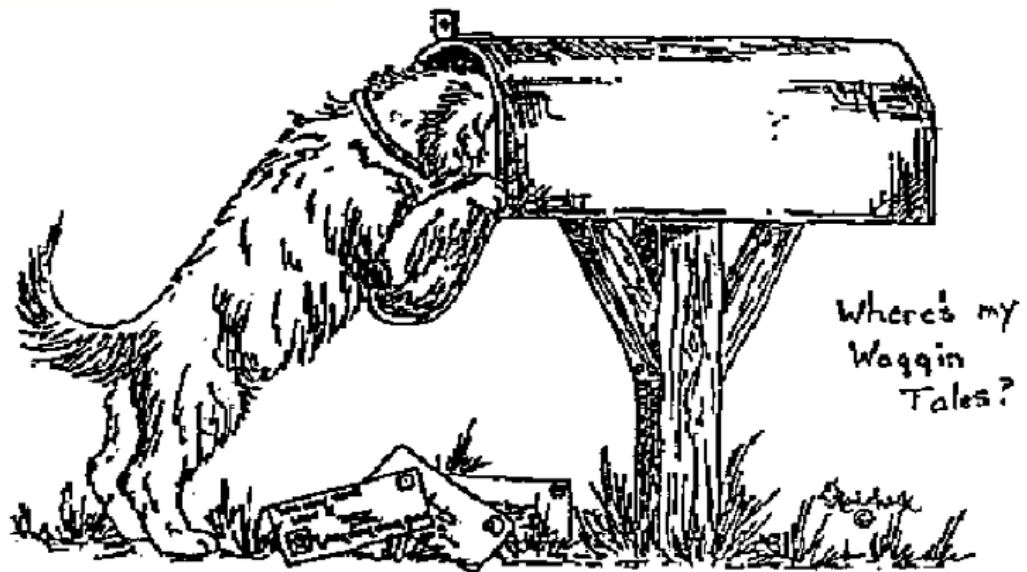
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Avoid common errors and keep your four-legged pal healthy and well-behaved.

1. **B**uying a Pet Spontaneously  
That doggie in the window may be darling, but he may not be the right fit for your family or lifestyle. Fully inform yourself before you bring home a pet. Every pet has its own needs, some of which are specific to the breed. Go to a breeder you trust.
2. **S**kiping Obedience Training  
Bad habits can be difficult to train out of a pet, so get the help of an experienced trainer.
3. **B**eing Inconsistent With the Rules  
If one child lets Fido on the bed and another punishes him for it, the animal will be confused. Make sure everyone in your household knows the rules and follows them consistently. Pets thrive on a sense of order.
4. **D**ispensing Too Many Free Treats  
Think of treats as a reward for good behavior, but it's important not to pay off good behavior all the time. That way your dog will always hope he might get that piece of bologna and he'll eventually perform without seeing a treat.
5. **N**eglecting to Socialize Your Pet  
Pets that aren't exposed to a variety of animals and people at a very young age can develop fears and aggressive behavior. Introduce your pets to adults, kids, animals and environments so he'll take every novelty in stride.
6. **S**kiping on Exercise  
Pets have pent-up energy that needs to be unleashed through physical activity. Otherwise it will be channelled into barking jumping or even hostile behavior.
7. **L**eaving a Pet Alone for Too Long  
A lack of proper companionship can lead to separation anxiety and destructive behavior.

THE REASON A DOG HAS SO MANY FRIENDS IS THAT  
HE WAGS HIS TAIL INSTEAD OF HIS TONGUE

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### September 2010

- 1 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 2 Thursday Regular Training
- 5 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 9 Thursday Regular Training
- 11 Saturday Tracking Trial Setup
- 12 Sunday Tracking Trial
- 16 Thursday Regular Training
- 17 Friday Fall Agility Trial Setup
- 18 Saturday Fall Agility Trial
- 19 Sunday Fall Agility Trial
- 23 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 25 Saturday Annual Mat Cleaning
- 30 Thursday Regular Training  
Start Puppy Session

### October 2010

- 6 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 7 Thursday Regular Training
- 10 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 14 Thursday Regular Training  
End Puppy Session  
End Beginner Session
- 21 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 28 Thursday Regular Training  
Start Puppy Session  
Start Beginner Session

### November 2010

- 3 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 4 Thursday Regular Training
- 11 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 14 Sunday Obedience Trial
- 18 Thursday Regular Training
- 21 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 23 Tuesday Regular Training

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