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**American Kennel Club
Canine Good Citizen Test
At This Year's Annual Christmas Party!**



**Test and Party date:
Tuesday, December 28th, 2010 7:30pm**

The A.K.C.'s CGC test is a means of rewarding dogs who are well behaved companions at home and in the community. The goals of the CGC program are, to teach responsible dog ownership and to provide basic training and good manners in dogs. Earning a CGC award shows that your dog is a well respected member of your community.

All dogs, who pass the CGC test receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

More info about the program: www.AKC.org

These are the test items.

Accept a Friendly Stranger	Sit Politely for Petting
Appearance and Grooming	Out for a Walk (loose leash)
Walk Through a Crowd	Sit and Down on Command, Stay
Come when Called	Reaction to Another Dog
Reaction to Distractions	Supervised Separation (3 minutes)

To register for the upcoming test at FVDTC, email
Jill Hansrote at mcdaugherjill@cs.com
Test spots are limited so sign up early!

THERE WILL BE **NO** CLUB AWARDS PRESENTED IN 2011

There will be NO club awards presented in 2011 without an Awards Chairperson. We are in need of someone to take over this task. The Awards Chairperson is responsible for obtaining the awards presented at the Annual Dinner.

The Awards Chairperson obtains information from the Statistician regarding the member's eligibility to receive an award. This position also compiles nominations submitted for the Sally Compton Outstanding Service award. If you would like to volunteer for this job, please email Terri at terribyerly@aol.com

The club would like to sincerely thank Jan Schomer for her years of dedication to the position of Awards Chair!

BORED MIXED BREED?

Do you have a mixed breed at home who gets left behind while you take your purebred dog to shows?

Well now your mixed breed Fido can compete in AKC Companion events too! The American Kennel Club's Canine Partners Program is open to spayed/neutered mixed breed dogs, purebred dogs not eligible for AKC registration or AKC Foundation Stock Service and to dogs not currently enrolled in AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL, formally ILP)

Your mixed breed dog can compete in Rally, Obedience and Agility whenever the event host allows such entries.

For more info visit:

http://www.akc.org/mixedbreeds/listing_benefits.cfm

IT'S OFFICIAL!

I received an email from AKC yesterday stating that I have been approved as a provisional Rally judge. A sincere thank you to all who have helped me in my obedience and rally judging quest.

Rick Cox

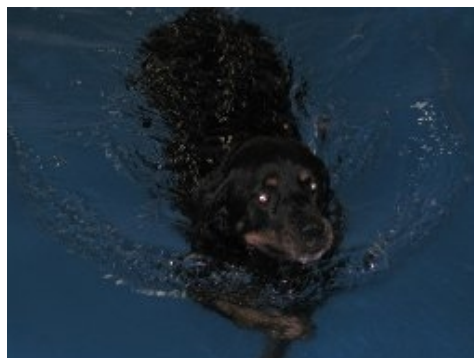


IT WAS A HUGE MONTH FOR THE B GIRLS!!

Rodsden's Breezy of Windya CDX (Rottweiler) is now also an RAE! "Little B" completed leg 7 & 8 at the Kenosha Kennel Club on September 11th & 12th with placing 4th in Advanced B on the 11th. Breezy finished her title with the last two legs at the Forest City Dog Training Club on September 25th & 26th placing 3rd in Rally Excellent B on the 25th. I have promised her that she will NEVER have to "Halt-sit, Come Front-sit, Finish-sit" ever again as Breezy thinks that whole exercise is BORING!!! On to futility in Utility!

Sandi Stephenson gave us a great gift in honor of Bonnie's 9th birthday, which was October 2nd. Under the guise of looking at photos in a magazine of one of the new top conformation Rottweilers, Sandi inserted the 2009 First & Foremost Rating System article from the Sept/Oct issue of the Front & Finish Magazine. To my utter shock instead of seeing the champion male's name listed as I expected- my "Big B"-Bonnie Bell UD RE has been ranked the # 10 Obedience Rottweiler in the Nation for 2009! What an honor for my Novice A dog and what a surprise as we were sad to retire with 7 UDX legs but now this!

Bonnie has now taken up our own sport of "aquatically & obedience" swimming in heel position with circles and left about turns to keep her figure. She is swimming with me twice a week & loving it.



*Thank You,
Joan Mazat*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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New member Bernie Ziegler's World's Best Brace "Ivana & Ivana" earned 126 Best in Show's, 1994 thru 2004

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER 06, 2010

Meeting brought to order at 7:42 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the club's mats are beautiful!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks go to the following workers: Hermann Hamburger, Cheryl Hettinger, Cindy and Ron Davis (Cheryl's sister and brother-in-law), Carolyn and Scott Pearson, and Paul. Thanks also to Brian Ruppert for the use of his power washer, who was unable to attend due to a funeral, and to Bill Clarke for the use of his wet vacuum.

Ed also reported that Denny Beallis, Kane County Fairgrounds Superintendent is retiring at the end of this year. The new Superintendent is Jack Anderson who is already working with Denny at this time.

Barb Moore (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the Trial will be upon us soon!

Ed reported that due to Car-Dun-Al using their own training building for their November 13 trial we will need a lot more volunteers to do the pre-trial set-up. In addition to setting up the ring signs we will also need to tape down the mats, set-up the Rally ring and cover the windows with paper, etc. Due to the expectation that club members will be showing at Car-Dun-Al's trial, the set-up will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

In response to Marian's question, Ed stated that he will check with Denny about getting access to the kitchen on

Friday to allow her to put the purchased food directly in the refrigerator. Marian reported that we will be serving Lasagna and Roast Beef. Marian will also need volunteers to set up the tables in the kitchen.

It was also decided that ONLY the volunteers who set-up will be allowed to set up their crates on Saturday night. There will be NO exceptions.

Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Secretary) was not in attendance, however it was reported that she has been receiving entries.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 8 applicants who were published in the September WT. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Ingrid 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) reported that they had a wonderful tracking test, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and the perfect weather! Ingrid reported that all four of the Tracking Test exhibitors went home with their TX titles and the passing rate for the Tracking Excellent Test was 75%. Overall, a GREAT passing rate. Additionally, Ingrid reported that there was great variety of breeds participating. Ingrid also thanked Rick Runkle for the donation of his handcrafted pawprint clock as the prize for a fundraising raffle. He also provided small handcrafted wooden pawprints which were given to

the exhibitors to identify their track number. Ingrid stated that Francene was the lucky winner of the clock.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent the following report: She offered a special thank you to the following people:

- Vera Nyberg - (Agility co-chair) and Ribbon/Label table volunteer.
- Kent Hildebrand - Jumpers Ring Captain
- Shelly Kellums - Standard Ring Captain
- Ingrid & Herman Hamburger, who graciously keep our electronic timers, help set up and tear down. Additionally, Ingrid who was there both days and filled in wherever we had worker spots open.

She also thanked the Fox Valley members who come out regularly to help at the event. Additionally we do rely heavily on the exhibitors as volunteers, so they also deserve our thanks. There were no incidents to report.

Congratulations to the four exhibitors who earned their MACHs over the weekend and were given MACH bars. One was a team that started new to the sport, from Novice A to MACH.

Cathy stated that Barb Palm kept everyone fed with her homemade meals, including breakfast. We all appreciated her wonderful food. Cathy also stated that there were a few cases of soda that she will give to Marian Lazzara, Obedience Trial Kitchen Chair.

Cathy reported that she is currently in the process of submitting the applications for the Spring 2011 events.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that she needs "mega" stewards for October 21st correction clinic. As of last week, there were only three stewards signed up. Ingrid expressed concern that without a sufficient number of volunteers, the club MAY need to reduce the number of entries we accept.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, October 10th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$2.00 is Francene Andresen as drawn by club member, Carolyn Pearson. In addition to the remaining \$2.00 going to the tracking test fundraising effort, Francene donated her winning to the tracking test fundraising effort.

Old Business

none

New Business

Terri reported that it is not too early to start volunteering to help plan the club's annual Christmas party. In response to Terri's question, Ed stated that he would check with Nina to see if she would be willing to once again organize the PHENOMINAL food table. Anyone else who would like to help with the party should contact Terri at president@fvdtc.org, at (630) 553-2363 or at training.

Additionally we discussed way of how we can encourage club members to volunteer for the many jobs which need to be done to keep the club functioning. This needs to be done without driving potential club members away by forcing club members with such strong rules, such as you MUST work "x" number of hours to be a club member. Terri stated that she wanted to start a committee to start working on this issue. In addition to Terri, the committee members are: Francene Andresen, Ingrid Hamburger, Marian Lazzara, Loretta Lazzara, Sue MacPherson and Carolyn Pearson. The following is a brief list of the activities 'assigned' to several of the committee members.

- Terri Byerly will review the results from a past survey results.
- Carolyn Pearson will assemble the communications from past Membership and Board meetings.
- Loretta will search for GABOC's membership information at home.

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

THE EMERGENCY SIT: A LIFE SAVING TIP

William Short

What is the worst thing that you can think of that could happen to any dog of any age? The worst one that I can think of is for my dog to get loose in an unsafe place, and he doesn't yet have a reliable recall. Or whatever he sees is just too stimulating for him to pay attention to your frantic cries for his return.

Now I really try hard to never put my dog in that kind of situation, but accidents happen. Ian Dunbar suggests that a possible life saving tool for your dog is the EMERGENCY SIT. You want your dog to respond to this command and sit right there until you can come to get him. Ian adds that this command is not one that is to be spoken quietly or only one time. You repeat the command and use whatever voice that you need to get your dog to comply. Once he does sit,

your job is to carefully and quietly collect your dog, put him on his lead, and walk him calmly to a safe place. Of course, if he is on lead and with you, he should be safe. It's especially important not to yell at him, physically correct him. If you slip, the next time he escapes, he will be much less likely to sit and wait for you. Just imagine that scenario.

Ian likes the emergency sit as opposed to the emergency recall simply because a recall might put your dog in more danger than just sitting and waiting. There are probably many ways to train this behavior. I like to do random sits and rewards when my dog and I are together--on lead or off lead in a safe spot. The more you practice, the more stable and confident the both of you will become.



**A THREE-LEGGED DOG WALKS INTO A SALOON IN THE OLD WEST. HE SLIDES UP TO THE BAR AND ANNOUNCES:
"I'M LOOKING FOR THE MAN WHO SHOT MY PAW."**

*"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down."
-- Robert Benchley*

*"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."
-- Dereke Bruce*

*"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs."
-- Aldous Huxley*

*"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."
-- Groucho Marx*

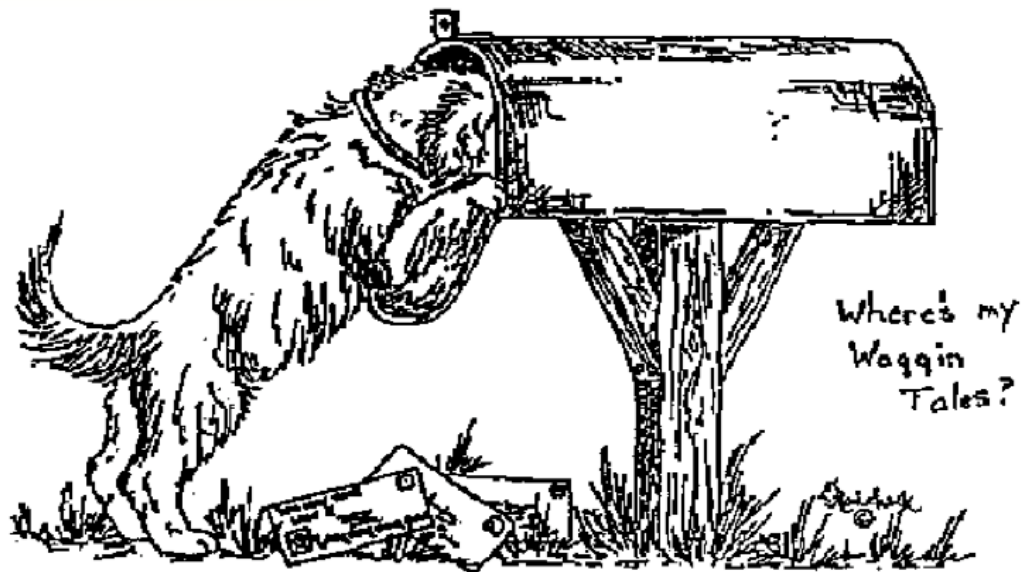
*"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."
--Andrew A. Rooney*

*"Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant."
-- Unknown*

Life lessons learned from a dog

- If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
- Don't go out without ID.
- Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
- When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged shamefully out from under the bed).
- If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

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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

December 2010

- 2 Thursday Regular Training
8:00pm Puppy Graduation
- 3 Friday Board Meeting
- 5 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 9 Thursday Regular Training
Start 8:00pm Puppy Session
- 16 Thursday Regular Training
- 21 **Tuesday** Regular Training
Graduation Session 5
- 28 **Tuesday** **Christmas Party!**

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