

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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## Waggin' Tales

### PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE

*To be discussed and voted on at the May 15th Membership Meeting*

It is extremely important to know that the goal for this change is to encourage club members to volunteer; it is not a way of collecting additional money. We want elbow grease, not cash.

- Lifetime and Honorary membership dues - **No changes.**
- Active and Non-Training membership dues - **No changes.**
- Active and Training membership dues would be impacted.
  - **NEW:** 2 levels of membership dues.
    - \$90.00 with 3 Work Credits (only 1 may be from attending a membership meeting)
    - \$180.00 without 3 Work Credits.
  - Work credits must be earned in the calendar prior to renewing membership.
- New Members who join mid-year:
  - Dues will be pro-rated as they are today. **No Change**
  - **NEW:** New members would be asked to earn 1 credit in that first year.

#### Work Credit Details:

- Work Credits that apply to the membership dues may also be applied to the Award Requirements. With the exception that only 1 work credit from attending membership meetings may be used towards reducing membership dues.
- There are NO changes to the Work Credits for Awards Requirements (still need to earn 10 work credits).
- The Work Credits list dated January 2012 identifies the work credits which are available to volunteers.
- All family members are eligible to earn the 3 work credits.

#### Example:

2013 (current)	Active	Lifetime	Honorary
Training	\$90	\$45	\$0
Non-Training	\$45	\$ 0	\$0
2014 (proposed)	Active	Lifetime	Honorary
Training with 3 credits*	\$90	\$45	\$0
Training without 3 credits	\$180	\$0	\$0
Non-training	\$45	\$0	\$0

For Comparison: Drop-in for 40 weeks is \$200

\*only 1 credit may come from attending membership meetings

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER:

Membership dues are due in July. As our membership year is changing to start in January the renewal this July will be for only six months. Dues will be cut in half for this six month period. We will renew again in January as we finish the transition to the fiscal year change. Renewal forms will be available shortly.

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Hello everyone! Well the sun is shining and they are forecasting 70 degrees today. Dare we hope that Spring is finally here?

This past month has been so busy at the club it is almost impossible to know where to begin. We had our first CGC test in quite some time due to the hard work of Willie Santiago. He organized and advertised the test with great results. Everyone passed including so many of our club members. A huge thank you to Willie and to Terri Byerly and David Thornell for doing judging and assisting during the test.

The Award Dinner team (Cheryl Hettinger, Barb Runkle, Candy Ellis, Ingrid Hamburger, Vera Nyberg, and Francene Andresen) pulled off yet another fun night. (where do they come up with those cool ideas?). We had great food, fun games and wonderful door prizes. It was a joy to celebrate the many successes of our club members this past year. Titles, titles and more titles were earned. A huge thank you to the Dinner Committee for their hard work.

To go along with the dinner we also had, of course, the Awards. Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich did an outstanding job of pulling together the awards for the year. This function had passed from hand to hand and they had quite a job finding the many pieces. We owe them a debt of gratitude to figuring it all out, and even adding some very nice awards. Thank you Carol and Nancy!!

A big congratulations also to Terri Byerly as our new Sally Compton award winner. This award recognizes someone who has done much for the club and Terri certainly earned it. I also thank you for voting me in as Rookie of the Year. Thank you for that recognition – it meant a lot.

We also had our Spring Agility trial this past month. The team of Cathy Fleury, Vera Nyberg, Taffy Wille and myself are the committee, although the bulk of the work is taken care of by Cathy and Vera. These trials take a ton of people (you should be there on setup on Friday night!) but Cathy and Vera make it look like nothing. The agility trials are much fun and are a money maker for our club. Thank you committee for all you do!

At our last membership meeting Sandi Stephenson offered a talk on how to deal with an aggressive dog. It was quite interesting and helpful to talk about how to handle these situations, especially as it relates to our training nights. Thank you Sandi for sharing your expertise!

Whew! What a month. So much happening but that just means our club is active and vital. I don't think any of us would want it any other way.

Donna Bihner

### **Wanted Publicity Chair – Can someone help?** **If so, please contact Donna at [President@fvdtc.org](mailto:President@fvdtc.org)**

To bring new individuals into the club we must get our name out to the public whenever and wherever possible. The Publicity Chairperson will:

1. Print brochures for local distribution (i.e. vets offices, pet shops, etc.)
2. Be responsible for distribution of club brochures, posters, and cards and replenish supplies when needed.
3. Manage the e-mail communication system to communicate blasts and announcements to our club members and other individuals who participate in events hosted by the club.

# Help Wanted!

**\*No Experience Required, (in most cases)\***

*Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn....Support your Club!*

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
Thursdays	Training Night	Kane County Fairgrounds	Fill in at the front table on nights Cheryl must be absent. Assist folks as they come into the building. Cheryl will train you! Contact Cheryl Hettinger	1
05/16/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
06/20/13	Sanctioned Match	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1

*If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)*

## LEARN ABOUT THERAPY DOG CERTIFICATION AND OPPORTUNITIES!

DOES YOUR FRIENDLY FURRY FRIEND LOVE TO VISIT WITH OTHER PEOPLE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OTHERS AND THE COMMUNITY WHILE HAVING PERSONAL REWARDING EXPERIENCES THEN YOU AND YOUR DOG MAYBE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A PERFECT THERAPY DOG TEAM!!!

Come to Fox Valley Dog Training Club's May 15th Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM to learn more. We have guest speakers Lisa Smith, a Therapy Dog Evaluator with Pet Partners, (formerly called Delta Society), and Diane Everson, a Therapy Dog Evaluator with Therapy Dog International (TDI). They will talk about what kind of dog and handler makes a perfect Therapy Dog Team. In addition, they will discuss the Therapy Dog test that is required for both of these well known organizations and the process for registering as a Therapy Dog Team. Come learn about the rewarding work you and your dog can do as a registered Therapy Dog Team! Questions are welcomed!

## TEACHING IS NOT THE SAME AS TRAINING

On Sunday, April 14th Terry Byerly, FVDTC Director of Training presented a workshop entitled "Teaching is Not the Same as Training" at the FVDTC meeting facility.

The workshop, which was targeted to instructors and assistants was well attended and included some instructors from neighboring clubs.

Topics of discussion included: making students feel comfortable during the initial orientation and during exercise execution; understanding that students have different personalities and that what works for one student may not work for another; coming to an understanding about the goals that the student and the instructor want to achieve (they may be different); understanding that there are different theories of training that can be just as good or more effective for a given situation; understanding the things that can turn off a student; examining dog behaviors that may make a student feel like giving up (shy, timid, energetic, aggressive, etc.); ensuring that instructors refrain from exaggerating encouragement of students ( no bs'ing.); and creating a respectful atmosphere among instructors and assistants.

The workshop was very informative and the instruction contained communication and observation techniques between the instructor, student and the dog that is essential to helping the student and dog achieve agreed upon goals.

The class discussion was lively and was also informative with participants expressing their techniques for achieving goals and objectives with the students in their classes.

The feedback to this workshop was excellent and there is a possibility that it may be offered again sometime in the future.

For further information contact Terry Byerly, Director of Training, FVDTC

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### Welcome Loyal Friends Pet Owners.

We here at Seasons Hospice are an organization that wants to bring many hours of joy to our patients, their family members and staff members of Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care. We designed this program to improve the quality of life to our patients. We need Volunteers to join us with their trained four legged companions to visit and entertain our patients with their tricks and "unconditional love". If your dog is trained with Pet Partners or Therapy Dog International (TDI) they can service our patients. Please do not hesitate to contact our office, for more information or upcoming volunteer training dates. Contact Terri Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator: [TJackson@seasons.org](mailto:TJackson@seasons.org) or phone us: (630)789-7278



## FROM THE AKC

The AKC is extremely disappointed that The Today Show was given all of the information below but chose not to include any of it in their segment this morning. We met with the producers for an hour prior to the taped interview — which also lasted nearly an hour — and we provided them with supporting documentation, and they chose only to include less than 1 minute of airtime for AKC. They disregarded important facts that should have been told. In fact, we requested to receive a copy of the tape of the entire, unedited interview with Jeff Rossen so that we could show you all of the information we gave them, but their lawyers refused to provide the footage to us.

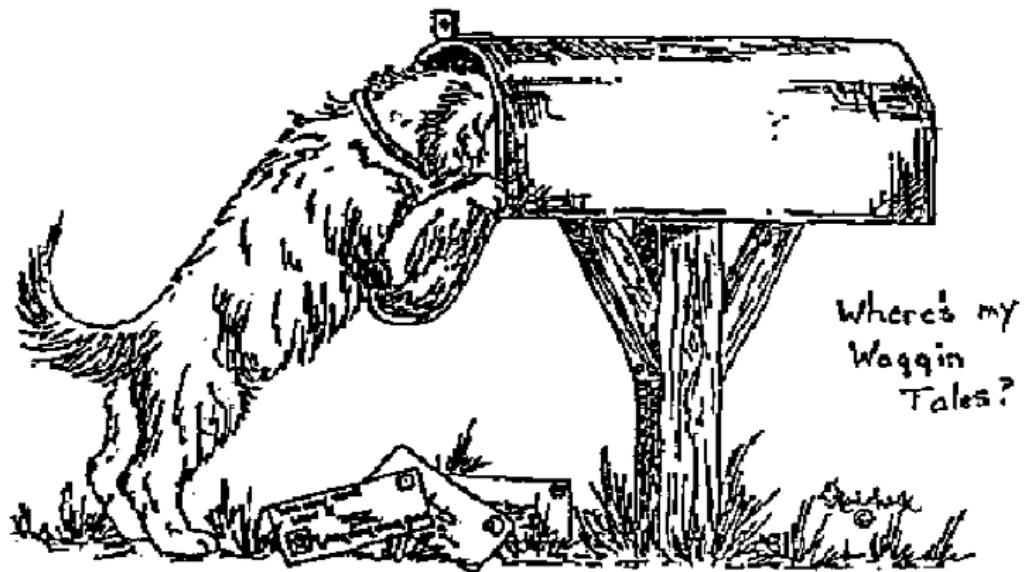
Here are some top facts that The Today Show didn't tell you:

1. They didn't tell you that no other organization does more to protect dogs than the AKC and that "being the dog's champion" means, among other things, donating more than \$24 million to canine health research, conducting kennel inspections, and offering more educational programs for responsible dog owners than any other organization.
2. They didn't tell you that when an AKC inspector finds substandard kennel conditions they must immediately report it to the appropriate federal, state and local authorities to take action.
3. They didn't tell you that, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.
4. They didn't tell you that, as we explained to Jeff Rossen and his producers numerous times, there are no "AKC Registered Operations" or "AKC Registered Breeders" and that breeders use AKC services voluntarily.
5. They didn't tell you that less than 5% of AKC's registration revenue comes from commercial breeders or that the AKC is a not-for-profit organization whose total revenues are less than the total marketing budget of the HSUS.
6. They didn't tell you that AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when we instituted an inspections program. We did it anyway, even though it affected our bottom line negatively, because it was the right thing to do for dogs. And, more breeders left when we began DNA testing.
7. They didn't tell you that when AKC has concerns with legislation, it publicly puts legislative alerts on its website where anyone can learn about how a bill may potentially affect responsible breeders and dog owners' rights and not do anything to protect dogs.
8. They didn't tell you that AKC works to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act. As a result, AKC has a productive working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA.
9. They didn't tell you that AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.
10. They didn't tell you that the purebred rescue groups they referenced are actually AKC breed parent club groups and affiliates that make up the largest dog rescue group network in the country.
11. They didn't tell you that The Today Show's Natalie Morales made a TV public service announcement in conjunction with the Ad Council and the HSUS.

Please send your comments directly to the Producer of the Today Show Don Nash ([don.nash@nbcuni.com](mailto:don.nash@nbcuni.com)) and the President of NBC News Phil Griffin ([phil.griffin@nbcuni.com](mailto:phil.griffin@nbcuni.com)).

Watch the segment on the Today Show website and then go to Rossen Rports and Today.com and NBCNews.com to post your comments in support of AKC and all the responsible dog owners and breeders in this country.

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### May 2013

- 2 Thursday Regular Training  
8:00pm Puppy Class Starts
- 9 Thursday Regular Training  
Erin O'Connor Chiropractic
- 15 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 16 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 23 Thursday Regular Training
- 30 Thursday Regular Training  
7:00 Puppy Begins  
7:00, 8:00 Beginner Begins  
7:00 Beginner 2 Begins

### June 2013

- 6 Thursday Regular Training
- 13 Thursday Regular Training  
Erin O'Connor Chiropractic
- 19 Wednesday Board Meeting
- 20 Thursday Sanctioned Match
- 23 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 26 Wednesday 4-H Classes End
- 27 Thursday Regular Training

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