

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

Save These Dates:

November 15th & 16th

FVDTC Obedience / Rally Trials

Regular Obedience and Optional Titling Classes Offered

All Regular Rally Classes

Start Planning Your Entries Now!

NEW TITLE RIBBONS PRESENTED

A LETTER FROM THE PREZ!

So much is happening at the Club right now it is almost impossible to keep up! Well you can never accuse us of resting on our laurels.

If it is Fall, then it is Trial/Test time. So far we have conducted our Tracking Test and Agility Trial with great success. Next up is the Obedience/Rally two day trial in November. This trial is what our Thursday night training is all about, have you put in your entry yet? Premiums are now on our web site!

Every event has a committee and needs an army of volunteers to help make it a success. Ingrid Hamburger and Cathy Fleury have kept our Tracking and Agility events organized for years. In 2014, we again owe them our thanks. There are so many other people who have helped that it is impossible to name them all – but to each of you, a huge thanks for a job well done.

Speaking of training nights, there are changes coming there as well. As of October 30th we are adding a 6pm Junior class. This class is for students from 8-18 who want to learn more about obedience. It was inspired by a group of 4H students who asked for more training. Since we knew they would prefer to be with people their own age a new class was born. Thanks to David Thornell and Terri Byerly for spearheading this idea.

On to other topics, and a question for you. Have you looked at the web site lately? And have you logged into the Members Only section? Dave Lewis has created some very valuable

tools for us, and I hope you are taking advantage of them. This section is controlled and you must login to access it. Later in the newsletter are instructions on how to sign in if you have never done it. Once there you will find an up to date Roster, searchable by either person or dog's name. There is a tool where you can update your own Roster information as well. Another neat feature is "The Winner Is" where you can enter 'brags' about new titles, or accomplishments. Everything entered in "The Winner Is" section is also printed monthly in the Waggin Tales. There is more to be found so please take a few minutes and check it out. Much time was put into making this available and I hope you find it valuable.

I'm going to end with the same message I sent last month – Have you finished your work credits for 2014 so that you don't have a fee increase for 2015? Members who joined previous to this calendar year must earn 3 credits, those that joined between January and September of this year must earn 1. A full list of work credit options can be found later in the newsletter or in the Members Only section of the web site. If you have not finished yours please consider helping at the Obedience Trial. Much help is needed!

Enjoy this fantastic weather and happy training!

Donna Bihner
President FVDTC

Help Wanted!

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

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

| Date | Event | Location | Further Information | Work Credit |
|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|-------------|
| 11/13/14 | Correction Clinic | Kane County Fairgrounds | Stewards: on-line sign up or contact Ingrid Hamburger http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014 Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers! | 1 |
| 11/15/14 & 11/16/14 | Obedience Trial | Kane County Fairgrounds | LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES Cindy Pakenas for kitchen help obedience@fvdtc.org Cathy Fleury/Loretta Lazzara for stewarding agility@fvdtc.org Barb Misch for grounds crew scholarship@fvdtc.org Ed Herdes for setup/take-down vp1@fvdtc.org | 1-4 |
| 11/19/14 | Membership Meeting | U of I Extension office on Randall Road | Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues) | 1 |
| 12/30/14 | Holiday Party | Kane County Fairgrounds | See Candy Ellis to offer your help. | 1 |

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

HOW DO YOU ACCESS THE MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF THE WEB SITE?

Step 1: go to www.fvdtc.org

Step 2: Click on the *Members Only* section on the right side of the screen in the red bar



Step 3: A new pop-up window will appear. If you have never used the system click on *I Need a New Password*.

Member Login

Email:

Password:

I Need a New Password

Go

Step 4: Enter your email address and click *Go*. The system will send you a new password! When you receive it, come back to the web site, click on *Members Only* and enter your email and password.

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CGC TEST—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Nine dog/handler teams received CGC certification upon successfully completing the CGC evaluation hosted by FVDTC on September 23rd.



Congratulations to:

Mona Persson with Trace (Australian Shepherd)
Thomas Kmiolek with Eddie (All American Dog)
Kathie Driesbach with Rafer (Rhodesian Ridgeback)
Nancy Lee with Payton (Rottweiler)
Jill Young Ramsey with Gillie (Labrador Retriever)
Nancy Zak with Brooke (English Cocker Spaniel)
Rachel Innis with Jingle (Bernese Mountain Dog)
Debora Conley with Guinness (Boxer)
Cindy Lochmann with Miaya (Boxer)

The items tested in the CGC, demonstrate that the dog has acquired many skills that will allow him/her to be a well behaved member of your family and your community. Those who wish to make this an official AKC title, may do that through AKC after successfully completing the test.

We will probably be hosting another test in the spring, so some of you may want to begin preparing for the next event. Below, you will find the items that are tested with a description of each item.

Training/Testing: CGC Test Items (developed by the AKC)

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others. After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the test include:

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal

tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the CGC test.

As of November 4, 2010, body harnesses may be used in the CGC test. The evaluator should check to make sure the harness is not of a type that completely restricts the dog's movement such that it could not pull or jump up if it tried.

We recognize that special training collars such as head collars and no-jump harnesses may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to equipment that allows the evaluator to see that the dog has been trained.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures – Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

The next CGC Test will be posted on the home page of our web site and on our Facebook page in early 2015.



AND THE WINNER IS

| Dog | Handler | Trial | |
|--|----------------|--|---|
| Autumn Papillon | Vera Nyberg | FVDTC Agility Trial (09/13/ 2014) Standard Novice Preferred, Leg 1 and 2, First | Autumn placed first on both Saturday and Sunday in Standard and she placed first in Jumpers and weaves on Sunday. She also earned her CGC at Kanosak on Sept 8. |
| Pockets Cardigan Welsh Corgi | Sally Boeke | Forest City Dog Training Club (09/14/2014) Rally excellent, 1st leg | |
| | | Forest City Dog Training Club (09/20/2014) Rally Excellent, 2nd leg | |
| Chase Golden Retriever | Nancy Pederson | Land O' Lincoln GRC (10/03/2014) RAE2, 8, RE 2nd Place / RA 3rd Place | |
| Parker Golden Retriever | Donna Bihner | Land of Lincoln (10/03/2014) Rally Advanced, Second, Second Beginner Novice, First, First | |
| Tamise' Silver Standard Poodle | Terri Sidell | Racine KC (08/10/2014) Bred-By Exhibitor, Best of Breed & Best Owner Handler in Variety, Group 3 from Owner Handler in Non-Sporting Group | Tamise' went BOB the next day, and Best Of Opposite Sex too |
| | | Northern Illinois Bouvier Club (07/19/2014) Champion Class, BEST IN SHOW, 4 Group 1st | Tamise' went Best In Multi-Breed Show with Rick showing her. He rarely shows the dogs,so this was exceptionally nice win!!! |
| | | Mid-Lakes AU.Sheperd Club (06/22/2014) Bred-By Exhibitor, New Champion, 2-Group 1,Group 2,Group 3, & Group 4 | U.CH.Terrifick Slvr Tamise' RN finished her U.Championship in 5 shows from Group wins. |
| Ellie Golden Retriever | Donna Bhiner | GRCI (10/12/2014) TD, Passed | Also earned VCD2 |

MEMBERS! VOLUNTEER AT THE TRIAL

Members, you now have an opportunity to earn 4 work credits and a raffle prize by volunteering to steward at our 63rd annual Obedience/Rally Trial on November 15 and 16. Please see Lorreta Lazzara at training to sign up, Cathy Fleury at Kanosak, or sign up online. (<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=obed2014>)

Raffle items and dessert donations would also be VERY much appreciated. Raffle items may be placed in the white or red tubs at training or you may contact Vicki Wilder. Dessert donators may sign up by contacting Cindy Pakenas or by dropping off your sweets Saturday or Sunday morning.

Thanks - we know FVDTC members can be counted upon to make our first 2-day trial a success.

THE ONE-QUESTION SURVEY

By the time you read this, we will be featuring our 41st One-Question Survey on FVDTC's web site. In that time, we have learned that 71% of you wrap presents for your dogs, 16% of you have 4 or more dogs in your home, 64% of you have driven more than 300 miles to a trial, 25% of you are White Sox fans, 20% of you put a costume on your dog, and 64% of you put both socks on before you put your shoes on.

Now you have an opportunity to participate even more by asking any question you like. Just send your ideas to Dave Lewis, and he will use the best of them on the web site.



COME TO THE NOVEMBER 19Th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 7:00 PM

KANE COUNTY EXTENSION BUILDING
535 RANDALL ROAD,
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Annora Sheehan Gaerig DVM, MPH, DACVO

From *Eye Care for Animals* located in St Charles
will be speaking about Eye Health for our Dogs.



She will discuss topics such as:

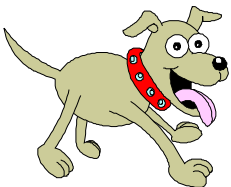


"What do Dogs See?" and "Common Eye Problems"

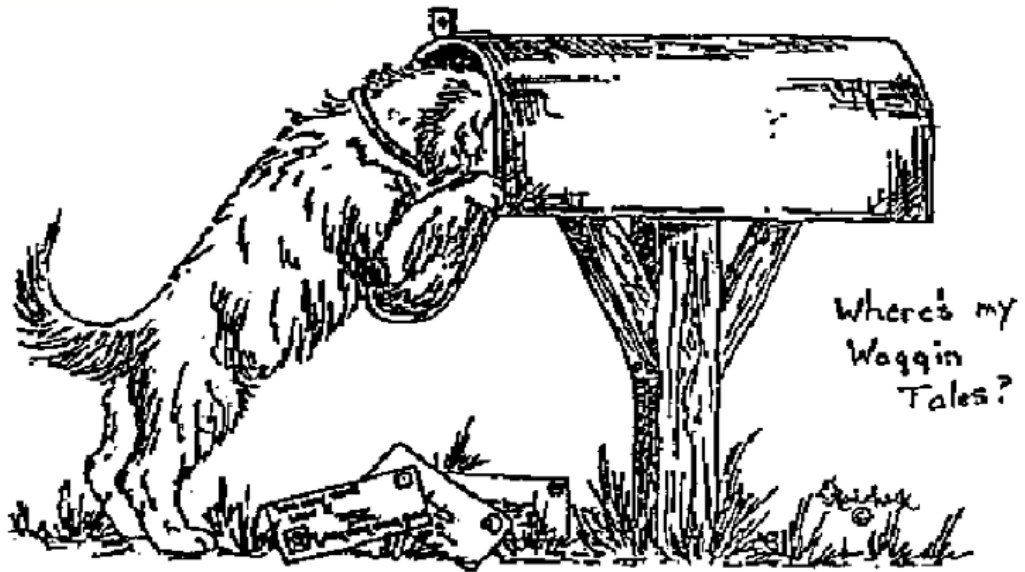
These topics will include depth perception issues, which can effect a dogs ability to see things clearly in various performance events.



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November 2014

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| 06 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 11 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 13 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 15 | Saturday | Obedience Trial |
| 16 | Sunday | Obedience Trial |
| 19 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 20 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 25 | Tuesday | Regular Training Puppy Class Ends (8:00pm) |

December 2014

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| 04 | Thursday | Regular Training Chiropractic Animal Puppy Class Begins (8:00pm) |
| 10 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 11 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 18 | Thursday | Regular Training Beginner Class Ends (6:00,7:00,8:00,9:00pm) Junior Handler Ends |
| 23 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 30 | Tuesday | Christmas Party |

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