

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Holiday Greetings to you!

Another December has come and with it always time for reflection It seems like yesterday that Ellie was a puppy and I started on my dog training/showing journey – and it has been almost five years! Amazing what one ball of fluff can do to change your life. But then you all have dogs and you certainly know that concept.

One of the things I know I said many times five years ago (and am so eating these words) "I like to train but I'm not into showing." Dog showing (of any kind) was a very foreign and scary proposition. I knew nothing; in fact at my first show I had my arm band on the wrong arm and that first Rally Novice class – a debacle and thankfully not filmed. However, this is where the Club can make a difference. It was club members who kept me going, who taught me the ropes and who laughed with me, teased me and helped celebrate when it finally all came together. I tell you this story because if you have ANY thought of going into that ring, there are folks to help you. Reach out and ask. People who show dogs love to see someone join the fun.

There is one rule however of the dog training/show world that is of vital importance and frankly one that I think is tough for new folks to fully comprehend, doggie personal space. Making sure your dog doesn't put their nose where it doesn't belong has to be one of the hardest things to do. Your attention strays for a split second and they take advantage and try to greet their neighbor. A neighbor who may or may not want that attention! I beg you to always be on the lookout – most especially in the aisles and in the parking lot. We had someone get bit last week in the parking lot because dogs were allowed to get too close. No one wants bad things to happen but the only way to avoid this is to give each dog their space. Please take heed as we want no one else to be harmed.

In closing I want to reflect on this past year for the Club. We have had a record number of new members, we have added several new classes, went from a one day to a two day obedience trial, added several new therapy dogs to the community and so much more. We are a strong vital club and should be very proud. I am impressed at every event and at every training night. Thank you all, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

See you at training,

Donna Bihner

President FVDTC

MEMBERS! SAVE THE DATE: FVDTC ANNUAL MEETING

FVDTC Members:

The club's Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21, at the Extension Center on Randall Road in St. Charles. (Right next door to the Fairgrounds; you can't miss it). Please don't miss this important event.

Per the club's by-laws, the annual meeting will also be the occasion of the 2015 elections for the Board of Directors. Thank you to the nominating committee for putting together next year's slate of nominees:

President	Donna Bihner	Obedience Trial Chair	Cindy Pakenas
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes	Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick	Membership	Sue MacPherson
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson	Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Treasurer	Phil Nuger	Tracking Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director of Training	Will Short	Director At Large	David Lewis

YOUR DOG'S WAGGIN' TALE:

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Your dog's wagging tail may very well be one of your most favorite things, but it serves a purpose far beyond bringing you joy. Animal tails are, in fact, incredibly useful for many reasons. After you read through 10 of their most amazing uses below, you might even wish you had one yourself!

1. For Attack

Many animals use their tails for self-defense, but for the scorpion the tail is also used as a weapon for attack. In addition to defense, when a scorpion catches prey in its front pincers, it then uses its tail to deliver a deadly dose of poison to its victim.

2. Grasping/Holding

What's the difference between a monkey and an ape? Monkeys have tails, apes don't. Some monkeys have what are called prehensile tails, which function as an extra limb allowing the monkey to hold and grasp objects. Monkeys' prehensile tails are used to swing from branches and hold onto food. (Anteaters and opossums also have prehensile tails.)

3. Flight

A bird's tail is made up of feathers called rectrices. These are used for stability and control, as birds use their tails as rudders to help them steer.

4. Courtship

Peacocks use their tails to help attract a mate. Interestingly, each peacock's tail is unique, like a fingerprint.

5. To Swat Pests

Animals that have long tails with tufts of hair on the end or throughout (like cows, horses, and zebras) use their tails to swat away flies and other insect pests.

6. Marking Territory

Many animals spread feces to mark their territory, but the hippopotamus can twirl its tail like a propeller while it poops, which allows its feces to be spread far and wide.

7. Defense

Tails help animals escape predators in a number of amazing ways. Rattlesnakes use their tails to sound an audible warning, while certain lizards have tails that detach from their bodies so they can escape even after they're caught. Three-banded armadillos can even fit their head and tail together like a puzzle, rolling into an armored ball.

8. Locomotion

Fish and marine mammals use their tails to move through the water. Fish tails move side to side while marine mammals' tails

move up and down, which allows them to propel themselves out of the water when they need to breathe air.

9. Balance

Many animals use their tails to help them balance. Your cat is one of them, as are squirrels – both examples of animals that have an amazing ability to navigate perilous terrain.

10. Communication

Animals also use their tails to communicate, and this includes your dog and cat. Cats' tails, for instance, can display many emotions, such as fear, excitement, and irritation. Your dog's tail wags can indicate happiness or friendliness, and they also help your dog communicate with other dogs.

Recent research suggests that when dogs feel stress, they tend to wag their tails to the left as a reflection of what's happening in the brain. Activation of the left-brain causes the tail to wag to the right; activation of the right brain produces a wag to the left.

The research shows that dogs wag to the right side when they encounter something pleasant. When they see something threatening, for example, a strange dog exhibiting dominant behaviors, they wag more to the left side.

These results suggest that dogs notice another dog's tail wagging and use the information to decide whether the dog with the wagging tail is friend or foe. What do other tail positions mean (among dogs, at least)?

- A tail held high is a sign of dominance. The dog will release more of their scent from their anal glands this way, thus making their presence known
- A tail held high and wagging is often a sign of happiness
- A tail held horizontal to the ground means your dog is exploring
- A low-wagging tail is a sign of worry or insecurity
- A tail tucked between the legs is a sign of fear or submission (this position also prevents his scent from being released)

And Two Bonus Tail Uses...

Some animals, such as foxes, use their tails to keep warm during the winter. Others, like alligators, use them to store fat.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Nancy Gadd

Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Golden Retrievers

FVDTC CALENDAR 2015

January

- 08 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 15 Correction Clinic
- 21 Annual Meeting
- 22 Regular Training
- 29 Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

February

- 05 Regular Training
- 12 Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 19 Correction Clinic
- 26 Regular Training

March

- 05 Regular Training
- 12 Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Ends (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 18 Membership Meeting
- 19 Correction Clinic
- 26 Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins
Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
- 27 Agility Trial Setup
- 28 Agility Trial
- 29 Agility Trial

April

- 02 Regular Training
- 09 Regular Training
- 11 Annual Dinner
- 16 Correction Clinic
- 22 Board Meeting
- 23 Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 30 Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

May

- 07 Regular Training
- 14 Regular Training
- 20 Membership Meeting
- 21 Sanction Match & Correction Clinic
- 28 Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Ends (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

June

- 04 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 18 Correction Clinic
- 24 4-H Ends

July

- 02 Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 09 Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 14 Regular Training
- 15 Membership Meeting
- 23 No Training – Kane County Fair
- 30 Regular Training

August

- 06 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 12 Board Meeting
- 13 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 20 Correction Clinic
- 27 Regular Training

September

- 03 Regular Training
- 05 Tracking Test Setup
- 06 Tracking Test
- 08 Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 11 Agility Trial Setup
- 12 Agility Trial
- 13 Agility Trial
- 16 Membership Meeting
- 17 No Training – St. Peter's Barn Sale
- 22 Correction Clinic

October

- 01 Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 06 Regular Training
- 15 Correction Clinic
- 21 Board Meeting
- 22 Regular Training
- 29 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

November

- 05 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 10 Regular Training
- 12 Correction Clinic
- 14 Obedience Trial
- 15 Obedience Trial
- 18 Membership Meeting
- 19 Regular Training
- 24 Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

December

- 03 Regular Training
- 09 Board Meeting
- 10 Regular Training
- 17 Regular Training
- 22 Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Junior Beginner Ends (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 29 Christmas Party

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
01/15/15	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
01/21/15	Annual Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	Vote for your 2015 Board! Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)	1
02/19/15	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

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

AND THE WINNER IS

Dog	Handler/Trial	Class
Axyl Rhodesian Ridgeback	Kathie Driesbach Forest City DTC Agility (11/28/2014)	Open Standard , 3rd, 2nd Open Jumpers, 2nd, 4th
CHASE Golden Retriever	Nancy Pederson Starved Rock KC (12/04/2014)	VET AGE 7-9 CONFORMATION, , SELECT DOG
	Starved Rock KC (12/05/2014)	VET AGE 7-9 CONFORMATION, , SELECT DOG
Ellie Shetland Sheepdog	Wendy Waddick Starved Rock (12/03/2014)	Rally Novice B, NEW TITLE – Score 97
Erin Pomeranian	Marian Lazzara UKC Huntley (11/23/2014)	Rally 1, New Title!, 1st Leg: 100 4th place 2nd leg: 100 3rd place 3rd leg: 100 3rd place
		Rally 2, 1st leg, 100 Missed 4th place to a BC by a micro second!
Kona	Marian Lazzara UKC Huntley (11/23/2014)	Rally 1, New Title!, 2nd leg - 100 3rd leg - 100 Rally 2, 2nd, 2nd
Krafty	Marian Lazzara UKC Huntley (11/23/2014)	Rally 1, New Title!, Rally 2, 2nd,
Parker Golden Retriever	Donna Bihner Starved Rock (12/04/2014)	Rally Excellent, New Title!, 2nd
Pyro Sheltie	Loretta Lazarra UKC Huntley (11/23/2014)	Rally 1, New Title!, Rally 2, 1st Leg, 1st Score 100 and HIT
RAFER Rhodesian Ridgeback	Kathie Driesbach FVDTC Rally (November 16, 2014)	Novice B, 3rd,

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER 10, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

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

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report as of December 10th. This report did not include the majority of the expenses or income from the November Obedience/Rally trials.

Will Short (Director of Training) announced that Penny Brich is the Primary Instructor and Tim White is the Assistant Instructor for the new Advanced Puppy class, which starts on January 8th, 2015. Will reported that, at his request, puppies were brought for the first night with the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class which began on December 4th. He stated that there did not appear to be any problems caused by this experiment. This is a departure from our standard policy of not bringing the dogs to the first night of the class session.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she and Nancy Pederson were working with an individual to clarify the relationship between taking a class and the membership process.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that people who search for FVDTC on the web are finding our site by using variations on "Fox Valley Dog Training", "FVDTC", "St. Charles Dog Training", etc. However, people who use more generic terms like "Dog Training" are getting to our web site. He wants to improve the Search Engine Options (SEO) for the site to make us more search-engine friendly.

Old Business

- **WOOF-Line Replacement**
Due to the changes made to the equipment hosting the WOOF-Line, the number is no longer in service. Donna has found a replacement and Dave will register the club and set it up.
- **Work Credit Review**
Ed Herdes asked that the list of work credits offered be reviewed. After much discussion of the entire list, Ed

made the following motion.

- Club members who participate in the entire day of mat cleaning will earn 2 work credits, effective January 1, 2014.
- Club members who volunteer at the Information Table/Front Desk will earn 1 work credit per two nights effective January 1, 2015.
- Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.
- **Volunteer Awards**
Donna stated that Cheryl Hettlinger has asked the club to consider offering the volunteer award as a tiered award as a way of acknowledging non-titling club members who earn more than 10 work credits. It was suggested that we offer items in the "Level 1" list for earning 10 work credits and then offering items in the "Level 2" list for earning 15 (or 20) work credits. However, Donna stated that the items currently offered for the volunteers (earning 10 work credits) are already in the "Level 1" AND in the "Level 2" lists. Therefore, the consensus was that volunteers would not be gaining anything by tiering the volunteer awards.

New Business

- **Meeting Dates for 2015**
As of July 2014, we changed the July (starting in 2015) meeting from Board to Membership. To completely even out the gap between meeting types, the October meeting will be changed from a membership meeting to a board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST
JUNIOR BEGINNER'S CLASS!**

MEMBERS! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

FVDTC Members: Your membership expires as of December 31, so you have few days to renew for 2015. Fill in the membership form and return it, along with the work credit sheet to Sue MacPherson before the end of January to keep your membership privileges for 2015. Contact Sue if you have any questions.

FVDTC ADVANCED PUPPY CLASS – JANUARY 8TH 8:00PM

We have added another new class starting in 2015. This class is for students who are currently in our 7:00pm or 8:00pm Puppy class (or in an equivalent class at another facility) that wish to continue training their puppy during the next session. It will be a continuation of the Puppy Class starting where the Puppy classes left off. Upon completion of this class, students should be ready to go into an Advanced Beginner Class or the Obedience Foundations class.

For a class description and the application, go to our CLASSES page. If you have more questions, you can contact Nancy by clicking the "Ask a Question" button on the CLASSES page.





Fox Valley Dog Training Club

MEMBER RENEWAL



THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2015
DUES FOR THE 2015 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

Your name will be omitted from the 2015 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the February issue IF your check and this completed form are not received by 2-28-2015.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "electronically" 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 Electronically Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee, if one is convened?

Yes No Name: _____

Yes No Name: _____

As an organization supported strictly by volunteers, we count on you to volunteer at club sponsored events. If you know what activities you would like to volunteer, please list them here. Not sure? Check out the General Policy information on the Members page on our Web site for activities, committees and events.

As a FVDTC club member, I hereby give permission to FVDTC to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

Signature

Signature

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.

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.

Signature

Signature

PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's annual dinner, you must select a TRAINING membership type.

Did You Earn 3 Work Credits Last Year?**

	Yes, pay...	No, pay...
_____ REGULAR TRAINING*:	\$90.00^	\$180.00
_____ REGULAR NON-TRAINING:	\$45.00^^	\$90.00
_____ LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING*:	\$45.00^^	\$90.00
_____ LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING:	\$00.00	\$00.00

**Do not forget to include your "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for the Year of 2014" with this renewal application.

PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4)
Your Teaching Status will be confirmed by the Director of Training.

Sessions Taught	Amount Owed When Dues are...	
	\$90.00^	\$45.00^^
1	\$67.50	\$33.75
2	\$45.00	\$22.50
3	\$22.50	\$11.25
4	\$00.00	\$00.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ *******

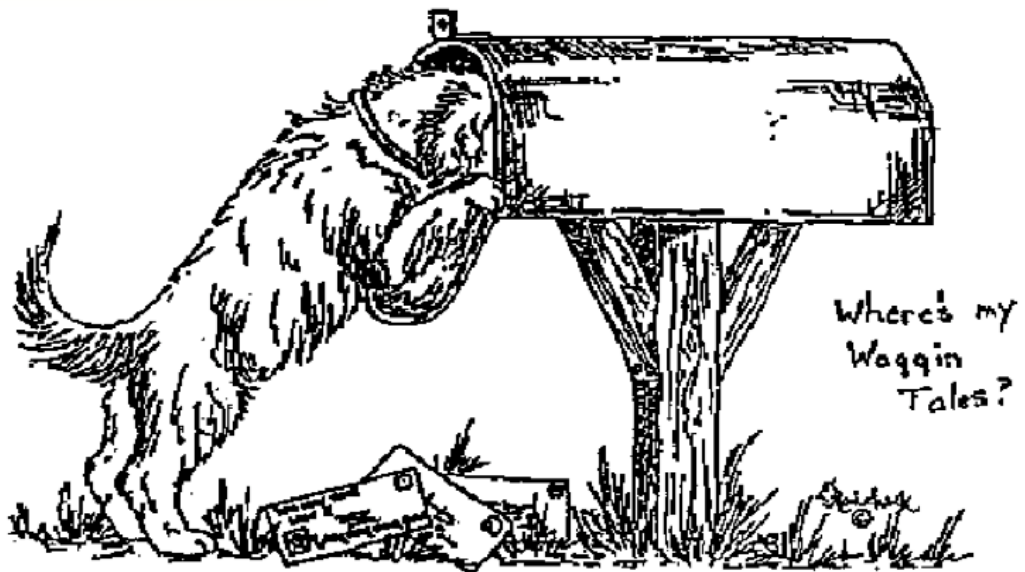
***In accordance with our By-laws, a \$10.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 02-28-2015

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

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December 2014

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) Puppy Class Ends (7:00pm) Junior Handler Class Ends (6:00pm)
23	Tuesday	Regular Training
30	Tuesday	Christmas Party

January 2015

08	Thursday	Regular Training Beginner Class Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Junior Handler Begins (7:00pm) Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic
21	Wednesday	Annual Meeting
22	Thursday	Regular Training
29	Thursday	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)