

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello Everyone!

4/20/15

Have you had your dog's eyes checked lately? A few years ago I would have given you a blank look if you had asked me that question. 'Check their eyes? Really – you should do that?' It turns out that you should, and you should do it annually. This hit home for me when the sire of one of my dogs was diagnosed with an eye disease and one that could have made him go blind unless caught in time. In addition, the disease is very painful. How would you know that your dog has something like that unless you take them in? I am now very faithful at having all my dogs checked so that any issue can be caught early. These checks are not expensive, and they are fairly fast. Our Vice President, Wendy Waddick, has organized an eye check event in St. Charles and I hope many of you take advantage. The cost is only \$40 for the first dog and \$32 for each additional. Check out the flyer later in the newsletter, Please! (Thank you Wendy for organizing this event)

At the membership meeting this week, Cindy Pakenas was asking for help for the obedience trial this fall. Can anyone lend a hand? She was looking for help with ribbons and with the food. It is a fun event and such a great way to support your club. You can email her at obedience@fvdtc.org. We very much appreciate any help you can give.

A final note – you will see sign up boards in the open and utility rings on training nights. Please use the boards and keep your training to the time limit. The rings are very busy and people have been having a hard time getting any training time. I guess it is a good problem to have as there are a lot of folks working on open and utility titles! One thought is to practice your heeling and figure 8's in another ring so you have more time to train utility the equipment. Thanks for your help.

See you at training,

Donna Bihner
President FVDTC



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FVDTC Member Benefit – Pawduke Treats at Wholesale Prices!

The folks at Pawduke treats have offered to sell us their treats at wholesale prices since we (obviously) are a dog training organization! You may recognize the name, as they have donated samples in the past at our annual banquets. There are multiple flavors, sizes and several are grain-free. These are a hard treat although most can be broken up pretty easily (the bite size being the hardest to break).

A few details about the product:

- Wheat-free, corn-free, soy-free, vegetarian
- Made with simple, human-quality, ingredients that help boost your dog’s immune, digestive and circulatory systems and work to improve your dog’s overall health and appearance.
- Made here in Northern Illinois, in a certified human-grade bakery, to ensure only the best products go into each treat.
- No salt, sugar, preservatives, chemicals, dyes, or animal by-products
- Baked crisp to help promote teeth cleaning and tarter control.
- Pawduke treats have a long shelf life – 12 months from baking! We bake frequently and in small batches to ensure you get the freshest product.

Prices on the web site are retail! Your pricing will be as follows

Regular Varieties	16 oz bag \$4.30	5.5 lb bag \$19.50	13 lb box \$42.50
Grain Free Varieties	14 oz bag \$4.95	4 lb bag \$19.50	13 lb box \$52.00
Grain Free Trio	2 lb bag \$10.25		13 lb box \$52.00
Bites and Bones	2 lb bag \$8.00		

Here is how it will work.....members can place an order either via Pawduke’s web site or by calling. If you order via the web site be sure to note in the comments that you are a FVDTC member. Payments will be made directly to Pawduke by credit card, check or cash.

Orders must be placed by June 18th (via web site or by calling)

Delivery: Pickup is at training on June 25th from 6:30 – 7:30.

If you cannot be there at that time make arrangements with another member to pick up your order.

Questions? Please call Pawduke at 630-882-8558 or visit the web site www.pawduketreats.com

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
7/15/15	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
6/18/15 & 8/20/15	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

Membership Report

Margaret & Robert Sanders
Batavia, IL
Collie
Guest trained 8 times

Donna Matthews
Batavia, IL
Golden Retriever
Completed puppy class

Membership Meeting Highlights - March 18, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance. However, she did send a report saying that she was still seeking more ideas for speakers at upcoming membership meetings. Cheryl Hettinger suggested a program of CPR for dogs. Others suggested that they would like to have Dr. Annora Gaerig, DVM from Eye Care for Animals in St Charles continue discussing eye health for dogs. Sue MacPherson suggested Dr. Rudigier from Amber Leaf Animal Hospital to speak about growths on dogs. It was also that we invite a veterinarian speak about new protocols for vaccines.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance. However, he did report that he and Dana Weller were going to meet on April 11th to transition the Treasurer responsibilities.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that March 26th will be a VERY busy night, as that is the start of the next session of classes and the 4-H classes. He asked Ed to verify with the fairgrounds about having a sufficient quantity of chairs.

Additionally he discussed the feasibility of crating on only one side of the building to possibly ease some the congestion in the main aisle. He also requested that individuals NOT sit on the floor in the aisle, as that has the potential of becoming dangerous,

especially when holding your own dog and being at eye-level with other dogs.

Will announced that Sally Boeke has volunteered to teach the Advanced Puppy class starting on March 26th. He stated that at this time all classes for Session 2 have a Primary Instructor.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that thanks to Barb Runkle's generosity, the stewards at the Obedience trials will be identified with a wooden bone-shaped pin handmade by Rick Runkle (Barb's late husband). Cindy stated that she is reviewing the fairgrounds lease contract. Cindy also reported that Barb Palm has agreed to cater the trials to feed the judges and workers.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of 19 new applicants, who were published in the recent Waggin' Tales. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Sandi Stephenson seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Joan Lester and Kathy Bianchetti who were present at the meeting!!!!

Sue stated that there are currently 139 families in our membership roster. Dave Lewis announced that any club member at the meeting who was unable to access the "Members Only" pages on our website should see him following the meeting for assistance in gaining access.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, she did send a report that the Fall Tracking Tests were approved by AKC on March 17th.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, she did send a report stating that the Spring Agility Trials were rapidly approaching on March 28th and March 29th. Help is needed for Set-up on Friday, March 27th, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Naperville. The trials are full and there is a wait list. We are confirmed to use CarDunAI's Training Facility to host our 2016 Spring Agility Trials. Cathy also reported that Taffy Wille will be sending the MySignUp link to Dave to post on the club's website for club members to volunteer to work at the trials.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that it is now possible to see a complete list of active members on the "Members Only" page. He stated that all members have the option to block specific information from being seen by other members. Cheryl Hettinger stated that Dave did great job on the website.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the dinner menu was finalized and that the desserts would be provided by club members. She stated that they still need to get the coverings for all of the tables. Additionally she stated that thanks to John Senne's computer abilities, there will be a banner as part of the decorations. Dinner committee member, Pat Senne, is making all of the table centerpieces. Candy also reported that there are 25 people currently signed up to join in the fun. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. She also asked that anyone who has earned a title to provide Pat Senne with

electronic pictures of their dog to be used in the PowerPoint presentation.

Carol Nightingale (Awards Co-chairperson) reported that all awards have been ordered. However, she did state that some of the vendors would not be able to provide the item in time to be presented at the dinner. She stated that she was hoping that the club members who were not getting their awards at the dinner would be understanding and patient while waiting.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that there are 11 paid entries for the March 19th CGC test.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-chairperson-Judges) was present and reported that the following "rockin" individuals had volunteered to judge at the March 19th Correction Clinic.

- Novice - Loretta Lazzara
- Open 1 - Will Short
- Open 2 - Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 1 - Marian Lazzara
- Utility 2 - Mike Trausch

Pat Senne (Match Co-chairperson) reported the annual sanctioned match this year is scheduled for May 21st. She reported that AKC contacted Donna Bihner in order to get the event approved.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she did send a report that she is counting on all of the club members who signed up to work at the March 19th correction clinic to show up, especially due to the occurrence of the CGC Test.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) stated that

committee chairs should submit a list of individuals who worked at club events during the first quarter.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however she sent a report that the TDI test is scheduled for April 16th.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is real soon.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Tom Stephenson as drawn by new club member, Kathy Bianchetti. The remaining \$7.00 will be given to Ingrid Hamburger for Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- 4-H Update

- Barb Runkle thanked all club members who have volunteered to instruct. Barb reported that due to the timing of Spring break, there will be two introduction classes, on March 26th and on April 2nd. The first night with dogs will be on April 9th and the last night of classes will be June 11th.

Barb stated that any club member who is able to assist during the 4-H Show on June 24th should contact her.

New Business

- None.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Board Meeting Highlights - April 22, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The February Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the building layout was not set-up optimally for the April 16th TDI test. Carolyn apologized for failing to provide the setup person with the correct layout. The layout for the next TDI test will be correct.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that she is working on the following as

possible programs for Membership Meetings. Additionally, she would love to receive other suggestions.

- Dr. Annora Sheehan Gaerig DVM with Eye Care for Animals in St Charles to arrange a follow up date (possibly May for 30 minutes) to finish her presentation on eye diseases. Also asked her about offering eye exams at FVDTC on a training night.
- Discussion of the new AKC obedience rules that are effective on December 1, 2015. Wendy will contact Rick Cox or

Loretta Lazzara.

- Dr. Kelly Wessberg DVM a Cardiologist at VCA in Aurora to talk about dog's heart health and heart related issues.
- Beth Taylor LMT CVMRT with The Puddle Pet Aqua-fitness to discuss massage for dogs.
- Dr Jason Rudigier DVM to talk about Leptovirus... or perhaps canine flu. This suggestion was offered by Sue MacPherson.

Additionally, Donna suggested asking Dr. Lisa Woodside, from Ready to Go Veterinary Rehabilitation, to discuss rehabilitation for injured performance dogs.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that he and Dana got together to transition the treasurer job. Phil stated that he will be using Quicken, rather than Money, as Dana used. Additionally, he provided the year-to-date financial report.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that she met with Chris Unger at the Kane County Fairgrounds this afternoon regarding the contract and the Certificate of Insurance. In response to Cindy's announcement that there is no volunteer for the Vendor's Committee Chair, it was decided that we would not have vendors for the 2015 obedience trial.

Additionally, the Board discussed the monetary awards that were presented to class placements. Donna stated that in her recent 'unscientific' survey among exhibitors, individuals selected which obedience trials to enter based on the location, the date and the

judging slate. The placement awards were not generally considered a reason to enter a specific trial. The monetary awards for the 2014 trial were \$1,300. To reduce the expenses for the 2015 Obedience trial, it was suggested that we reduce the money awards for the higher classes.

Barb Runkle made a motion to eliminate many of the cash awards, with the exception of the Novice A class, the High in Obedience Trial, the High in Rally Trial and the High Combined. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that he just recently discovered that the Google Chrome browser has started to flag some levels of encryption as being insufficient (not secure enough). He stated that he will do more investigation to identify whether this may have an effect on search results. Dave will determine whether the SSL certificate approved by the board on February 18th meets Google's requirements.

Additionally, Dave provided the following information for the club's website. Over the 30 days prior to the board meeting, the website was accessed 1,580 times. Approximately 37.7% of those visits were accessed as a referral from other links, such as kanecountyfair.com, facebook.com, buttons-for-website.com and st-charles.il.us. Another 37.5% were from "organic search", a search result from an engine like Google, Yahoo, etc. There were 21.9% visits from access directly to the club's website and 2.9% of the visits were through social sites.

Generally, the initial webpage viewed, in order of frequency, was the home page, the classes

page, the membership information or the events page. Following that viewing, the visitors accessed the classes page, the calendar page, the events page, the members login page and then the membership information page.

Old Business

- **Natalie Award**
Wendy Waddick reported that three plaques have been ordered for the new Natalie Award. The Natalie Award is new for 2015 and is sponsored by Wendy Waddick. The details for earning the award will be available in the April Waggin' Tales.

New Business

- **Tornado Relief Donation**
Donna reported that Cheryl Hettinger asked the Board to consider a donation to the victims of the recent tornado which touched down in Fairdale, IL on April 9. Dave made a motion that the Fox Valley Dog Training Club donate \$100.00 to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter and \$100.00 to the First Lutheran Church in Kirkland, which is running a food pantry, to help with tornado relief for our neighbors to the west. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.
- **Weather Related Emergency Procedures**
If there is a weather-related emergency during training, such as a tornado,

anyone in the training building will be encouraged to go to the men's restroom or to the room with the equipment cabinet. Additionally, Ed will talk to the fairgrounds to discuss whether the club can get a key to the door to the hallway going to the kitchen.

- **Nominating Committee Chair**
Donna stated that Carolyn Pearson has volunteered to be the Nominating Committee Chair. The Board members all approved Carolyn as the Nominating Committee Chair.
- **Awards and Class Registration Electronic Processing**
Donna proposed that the club consider automating some of the awards application process and registration of classes. Donna stated that by automating some of the class registration process, Nancy Pederson would continue to be the initial contact for individuals wishing to register for classes.

Additionally, it was suggested that the awards application process include a way for club members to complete the awards application online. Dave stated that he has begun the coding to enable club members to track their work credits online.

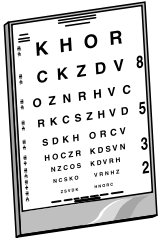
Donna asked Dave to present a quote for this work, back to the board at a future board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.



**ON JUNE 1ST
AT 2:00 PM**

**At Eye Care For Animals
2002 W. Main St Unit Q
St Charles, IL 60174**



Eye Care for Animals

Annora Sheehan Gaerig DVM, MPH, DACVO

**WILL BE HOLDING AN OFA CERT EYE CLINIC
FOR THE FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

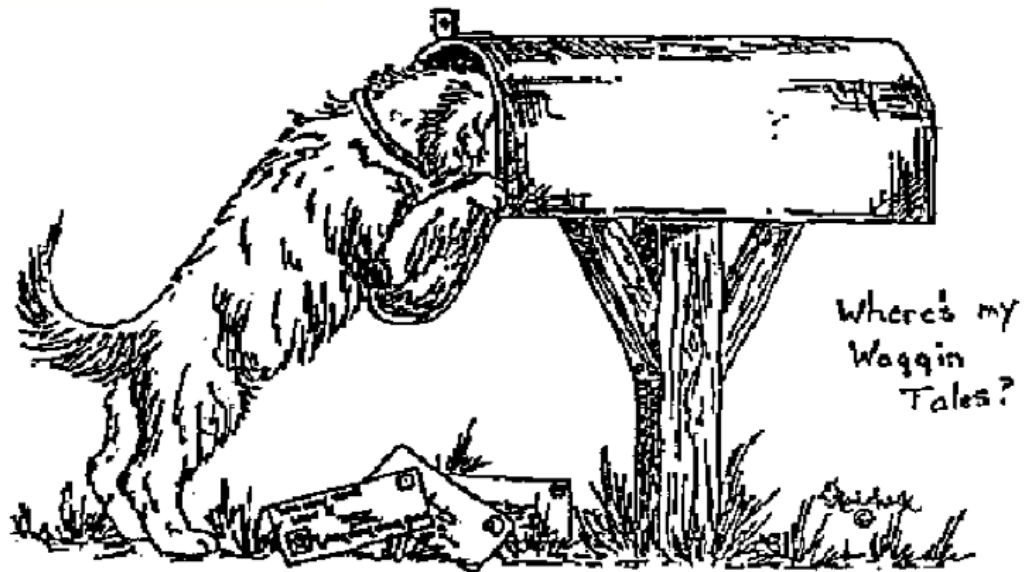
Cost is \$40.00 for the 1st dog and \$32.00 for each additional dog

****Please contact Wendy Waddick BEFORE Friday, May 29th
to reserve a place for your dog (s).
send e-mail to: vp2@fvdtc.org**



Eye Care for Animals is dedicated to providing the finest in veterinary ophthalmology services. Our staff of board certified ophthalmologists and clinical specialists provide the highest level of care, education, and understanding to our clients, their pets, and our referring veterinarians.





Calendar

May

- 07 Regular Training
- 14 Regular Training
- 20 Membership Meeting
- 21 Correction Clinic
- 21 Sanctioned Match
- 28 Regular Training
- 28 Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
- 28 Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
- 28 Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

June

- 03 Board Meetings
- 04 Regular Training
 Beginner Class Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
 Puppy Class Begins (7:00pm)
 Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 11 Regular Training
 Animal Chiropractic
- 18 Correction Clinic
- 24 4H Ends
- 25 Regular Training