

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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Therapy Dog Help Wanted

FVDTC has a request from the East Dundee Library for Therapy Dog teams to help with their Reading To Rover Program. They would like as many teams as possible as they have a lot of interest and many children who want to participate in this program. It will start in September and be held each Sunday from 2-3pm. The library is located at:

Fox River Valley Public Library District
555 Barrington Ave.
East Dundee, IL 60118

If you are interested in doing these visits let Wendy Waddick (vp2@fvdtc.org) know. The library will contact you to set up scheduling. Contact Wendy if you have any questions.

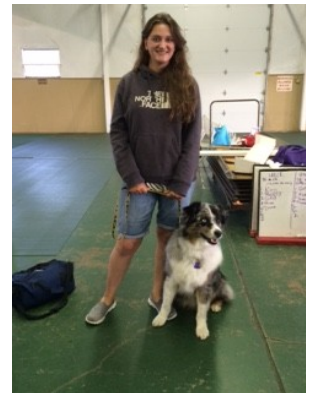
Coming Soon: CGC Test

FVDTC will be holding a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Evaluation on September 22 which is our correction clinic night. Please spread the word! There will be a maximum of 12 entries. More information and registration forms will be available on the table during training nights and on the FVDTC web. If you are a class instructor, please talk to your students about the test. Additionally, Cris Ballenger can make a pitch for the test during one of your classes if you want. Please contact Cris (cgc@fvdtc.org) with questions.

A Letter from the President

Hello Members!

Summer has finally hit us and that means that we have successfully concluded another round of 4H training and judging their show at the fair. 4H is one of the best things our Club gives back to the community and I know it gives a great feeling of satisfaction to the many members who help out. This year we had a last minute need for a 4H Leader from the club and we all owe a huge thank you to Barb Runkle for stepping forward and taking it on. As it was last minute, she had to jump in and quickly fill teaching positions and get up to speed on how the process worked. She did an admirable job and deserves our high praise. Make sure you say thanks as she came through in our hour of need! More thanks to instructors, Sally Boeke, Noelle Dupasquier, Joan Wisniewski, Holly Cass and Jan Winters. The show was judged by Sandi Stephenson, Loretta Lazzara, Terri Byerly and Will Short and the helpful stewards were Tom Stephenson, Ron Boeke, Vicki Wilder, Carol Pace, Cheryl Hettinger, Marian Lazzara, Wendy Waddick and Barb Bonner. Thanks to our huge team of volunteers!



I also learned at training last week that one of our 4Hers won all three of her classes and is going to State! Congratulations to Rachel and Mookie! They have been coming to training each week so make sure you congratulate her and wish her well in Springfield.

Speaking of giving back to the community - how about therapy work? Many of our new member application forms mention wanting to do therapy work. As a club we offer testing once or twice a year and I hope you are taking advantage of that opportunity. But once you have your certificate where to you go? That can be a confusing question to answer. Of course you can always ask the certifying organization but you can also reach out to Wendy Waddick (email vp2@fvdtc.org) as she often knows of opportunities. She most recently was looking for teams to go into schools so the kids could read to the dogs. How much fun would that be??? Here is a picture from one of their sessions at Reading to Rover in St. Charles.



L to R: Brandy owned by Bev Galvani, Wendy Waddick and Riley, Sharon Shimko and Bosco, Holly owned by Violet Petone.

Thanks to all who participated and to Wendy for organizing. It makes you proud to be part of this organization when you see all the good we are doing!

Membership Report

Terry Turn
St Charles
Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Lisa & Neal Winters
Lisle
Field Spaniel & English
Springer Spaniel

Kristen Beth Offenbecher
Batavia
Portuguese Water Dogs

Membership Meeting Highlights – July 15

Meeting brought to order at 7:56 p.m. following the extremely informative presentation by Dr. Lisa Woodside, from Ready To Go Veterinary Rehabilitation.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that mat cleaning is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 21st or September 28th. Information will be announced once the date is confirmed with the fairgrounds.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) reported that the following programs have been set up for the remaining 2015 Membership meetings.

- September 16th – Dr. Kimberly Hsu, from Eye Care for Animals, will do a follow-up on the program presented on November 19, 2014, by Dr. Annora Sheehan Gaerig.
- November 4th - Loretta Lazzara will discuss the new AKC obedience rule changes which go into effect in December 1, 2015.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that he is still getting into the swing of things. Donna

stated that the YTD income/expense reports should be presented at each membership meeting. In response to Kathie Spang's question, it was agreed that an audit should occur and will be discussed at the August Board meeting.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he is concerned that individuals are not paying attention to the "No Left Turn" signs. When arriving to the fairgrounds from the south on Randall Road, there is a "No Left Turn" sign. Additionally, even though the sign is no longer present, cars should not cross the double-yellow lines when going North on Randall Road from the fairgrounds. Barb Runkle stated that as an instructor, she does mention it to her students. Anyone leaving the fairgrounds going North on Randall Road are doing it at their own risk.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that Sue MacPherson has graciously agreed to provide food for the judges and stewards for the 2015 obedience trial as the Kitchen Chair. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist Sue either on Saturday, Sunday or both should contact Sue

at training or at membership@fvdtc.org.

Additionally, it was agreed that classes held in the rings should be slightly modified. The following describes the old and new building layout for the obedience trials.

Ring	2014	2015
1	Rally	Rally
2	Novice A & B	Open B
3	Open B	Novice A & B
4	Open A / Utility A	Utility B
5	Utility B	Open A / Utility A

To address the concerns about the amount of distractions caused by spectators and exhibitors along the side of Ring 5, it was agreed that the buffer gates that traditionally been along the side will be the solid gates.

Cindy also reported that we will host an Obedience “C” match on Saturday afternoon. This will enable exhibitors the opportunity to briefly rent-a-ring to train where they are showing in Sunday for a small fee. Exhibitors wishing to take advantage of the opportunity will be able to sign up starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The fee is \$10.00 for 8 minutes in the ring. The match will start following the conclusion of the regular classes or 2:00 p.m. whichever is later, and end at 4:30 p.m. Nancy Einwich is the Match “C” Trial Chair and Penny Brcich is the Match “C” Trial Secretary. Cindy encouraged club members to spread the word about the rent-a-ring opportunity.

It was also agreed that exhibitors in the following classes will receive a small goody bag, to welcome them to the sport.

- Beginner Novice A
- Novice A
- Rally Novice A

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of six new applicants, who were published in the recent Waggin’ Tales. Barb Runkle 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 Jennifer Fulkerson who was present at the meeting!!!!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that she has received her first entry for the TDX test.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) thanked everyone who helped with the 4-H program. She stated that the children were wonderful and did a great job in a short amount of time. Donna thanked Barb for stepping in at the last minute. Ed thanked Barb for making the building presentable after the 4-H show on Wednesday, June 24th.

Barb reported that she also needs volunteers to participate in one demonstration each day and to man our booth at the Chicagoland Pet Show at the fairgrounds on November 7th and 8th. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact her at training or at education@fvdtc.org.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)

was not in attendance, however Donna reported that the September Agility Trials will be hosted at the SportsPlex on Dean Street in the future.

David Lewis (Director at Large) reported that the Fox Valley Veterinary Clinic has asked us to do an hour-long agility demonstration on Sunday, August 9th prior to the North Aurora Days Pet Parade at the corner of Route 31 and Butterfield Road. He currently has a couple of volunteers to demonstrate agility, but more would be better. Additionally, help will be needed to set-up and take-down the equipment. Dave stated that the clinic has been recommending us to their clients for many years, and this is a good way to return that kindness. Anybody who is interested should contact Dave by Sunday, July 19th.

Additionally, Dave reported that he is in the process of making some significant changes to the "Members Only" part of the web site to simplify tracking awards eligibility and dues discounts. Look for that to be done in the Fall.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the committee is still looking for a location. Carolyn suggested that Candy look at the Elburn Lions Club facility, which offers good food, a cash bar and sufficient space for our dinner.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-Chairperson) stated that she and Nancy Pederson will be reviewing the current items offered and considering other suggestions. Additionally, Candy Ellis provided the name of an individual who is a fantastic photographer to Donna.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator)

reported that the next CGC Test will be on September 22, with Terri Byerly as the evaluator. She stated that the poster has been put up and information and registration forms are available at training. Additionally, the event has been announced on Facebook and a Constant Contact message will be sent out and will be in the next Waggin' Tales. The Match committee has approved the ring location.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation)

was not in attendance, however she did report that next TDI test will be on October 15th.

David Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)

reported that the Waggin' Tales will have a combined June/July issue. Any information to be included must be received by Saturday, July 18th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$10.00 is Wendy Kraska as drawn by new club member, Jennifer Fulkerson. The remaining \$10.00 went to Ingrid Hamburger for Tracking Test expenses. Wendy also donated her winnings to the Tracking Test.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- none

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Calendar

August

- 06 Regular Training
Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 12 Board Meeting
- 13 Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Junior Handler 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 Tuesday!**
Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 11 Agility Trial Setup
- 12 Agility Trial
- 13 Agility Trial
- 16 Membership Meeting with Program
- 17 No Training – St. Peter's Barn Sale
- 22 Tuesday!**
Correction Clinic

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
9/16/15	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
8/20/15 & 10/22/15	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
9/11/15	Agility Trial Setup	Sportsplex on Dean Street	Meet at 6pm to unload and setup.	1
9/12/15 & 9/13/15	Agility Trial	Sportsplex on Dean Street	Contact Cathy Fleury to get on the sign-up mailing list.	1-4

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

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