

# FVDTC WAGGIN' TALES

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## A Note From the President

Hi All,

I don't have too much to write about this month. Things are kind of slow as we get closer to the dog days of summer. We do have a few events coming up in the next few months. Starting August 3rd we will be offering a workshop on the new Rally classes: Masters and Intermediate, which will be offered starting on November 1, 2017. Thanks to Cindy Pakenas who will be the instructor of this workshop, she will help you get ready for these new AKC Rally classes. Loretta Lazzara will also be doing a talk and demo about the new Rally signs and classes. More information will be posted as soon as we finalize the details. In August, we will also be offering another Canine Good Citizen test on August 17th, please contact Cris Ballenger to sign up.

FVDTC will be hosting another eye clinic on October 5th during our regular training night. The cost is \$31 per dog. You must pre-pay to reserve your spot. Dr. Lindley of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing the exams. Please contact me at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) if you have any questions. Please send your payment to me.

We are now over half way through the year, which means it's time to work on completing your work credits for this year. You need only 3 work credits to avoid paying a much higher fee for your membership dues

next year. You need 10 work credits to get one of our fabulous volunteer or new title awards. Please don't wait till the end of the year to try and get all your credits completed. We only need so many volunteers at the end of year Christmas party! There are lots of ways to volunteer and earn work credits. You may even learn some new skills, meet new like-minded people, and have fun while doing so. Contact any Committee Chair, they can help you sign up and work towards your credits.

Jennifer Cornele, our Publicity Chair, has taken on a new project that I think is a great idea. She will be interviewing various club members so everyone can get to know each other a little better. She is going to start with the Board Members first and then pick club members to interview. She has a list of interesting questions to ask and then she writes a story. Please cooperate with her when she contacts you. Thank you Jennifer for doing this! It will be fun to get to know each other a bit more.

Most of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for all you do to help your club. It takes a lot of volunteers and efforts to keep the club going strong. We appreciate all you do, thank you!

Thanks all and see you at training,

Wendy Waddick

## OFA Eye Exam

Denise M Lindley DVM of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing OFA eye exams the evening of October 5th, 2017 at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club during training. Located at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exact time will be determined once we know how many dogs sign up.

In order to reserve your spot, send \$31 per dog, made payable to Animal Eye Consultants, to:

Wendy Waddick  
6N275 Brierwood Dr  
St. Charles, IL 60175

## **Member Work Credits**

**FVDTC Members!** It's not too early to be thinking about 2018. Regular Training Dues are \$180, but you can earn a discount by working for the club. Three work credits earns you a 50% discount and 10 credits makes you awards-eligible. You can record your credits on the club web site by logging in to the "Members Only" section and choosing "My FVDTC" from the menu. Not sure what you can do? Go to "Members Only" and choose "Info & Forms". You have 6 months to get those 3 credits (or 10), so get to work!

## **CGC Test – August 17**

FVDTC's own Terry Vaira will serve as evaluator for our next Canine Good Citizen Test, to be held at the Kane County Fairgrounds, 7:00pm on August 17. CGC is designed to recognize dogs who demonstrate good manners at home and in public. Dogs that pass the 10-step test will receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

If you are interested, the registration form is available on the club web site.

**Members:** We need 4-5 volunteers the night of the August 17 test. You can earn work credits for helping. Please contact Cris Ballenger.

## **Lynn Weis Memorial**

Most of you already know the extremely sad news that club member and instructor Lynn Weis lost her battle with an aggressive brain tumor. She fought hard for over ten months. During this time Lynn stayed active and lived her life to the fullest that she possibly could. She continued to do the things she loved most, which was to train and show her dogs, visit the zoo and spend time with her many friends.

Lynn had a great passion for all kinds of animals, especially dogs and apes. Lynn had many different dog breeds during her lifetime. She was involved in training dogs and competing with them for over 40 years. She always said told me that she wasn't a Sheltie person, because she loved all dogs, but she dearly loved her last 2 shelties Kamba and Ramar. She achieved many advanced titles on both. Lynn really wanted to complete the UDX title on Ramar but sadly she wasn't able to. But her dear friends Dave & Dawn Parison are continuing to show him to honor her wishes. Lynn was an excellent dog trainer. She used her vast knowledge of dog training as an instructor at FVDTC, and at Glenbard, too. She loved teaching the basic obedience classes at FVDTC. She wanted to help her students achieve all their goals with their dogs. Lynn was a wonderful club member and volunteer for our club.

Lynn's other passion was her volunteer work at Brookfield Zoo. She was a volunteer at the Tropical World area of the zoo for over 20 years. She became an expert on the behaviors of the apes that she loved. Lynn had conducted over 12,000 hours of observations of the apes and her expertise helped the zookeepers and the apes in countless ways. Lynn received the 2010 TWIGA Award for Volunteer of the Year. She organized the 1st Orangutan Awareness and Ape Awareness programs. She also organized the first International Orangutan workshop in 2007. Her volunteer work at the zoo was invaluable.



Lynn graduated from St Mary's school in Aurora; attended Madonna High School until it closed and

graduated from its successor Rosary High School; and received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, graduating first in her class at Northern Illinois University. She worked at the Beacon-News for over 36 years, mostly in the advertising department.

She is preceded in death by her father, Donald G. Weis and her mother, Edith C. Weis. They were married in Wales, United Kingdom, during World War II.

Lynn is survived by a brother, Dr John N. Weis, and sister-in-law Dr. Shirley A. Weis of Scottsdale, AZ; a niece, Laura Graves and her husband Jon of Phoenix, AZ; a nephew, Dr. Robert Weis and his wife Jennifer of Granville, OH; a great nephew and great nieces, Thomas Weis, Marie Weis and Anne Catherine Weis of Ohio, and Isabella Graves and Sofia Graves of Phoenix, AZ.

On a personal note, I considered Lynn to be a very dear friend and I miss her a great deal. She was a wonderful friend, her absence has left a hole in my heart. She was always encouraging and caring. She was fiercely loyal to her friends, almost to a fault. She cared deeply for her all those loved. She always did all she could for her friends, including me. She would try

to meet me in the parking lot on training night to help me bring in my dogs and training gear inside. She also stayed until I was finished training to make sure she could help me take it all back out. She would yell at me "don't touch it" if I tried to do it on my own. That saying became one of our shared jokes that we would say to each other. Even after she was diagnosed and while going through treatment she would go out of her way to help me and others. She was a very positive, energetic person who worked extremely hard at all she did. She was happy, goofy at times, and loved to laugh and have fun. She fought her battle with cancer with great dignity and grace. I miss you Lynn....

For those that would like to make a donation towards a memorial plaque for Lynn that will be displayed at the zoo:

Please make checks payable to "Chicago Zoological Society" and in the memo write "In memory of Lynn Weis". Direct all gifts to:

Chicago Zoological Society  
Attn: Denise Bartolotta  
3300 Golf Road  
Brookfield Zoo, Illinois 60513

## **Membership Report**

### **Judy Benka**

Completed puppy class  
Labrador Retriever

### **Lindi Petersen**

Completed puppy class  
Giant Schnauzer, Standard Poodle mix & Lab mix

## **Meet Wendy Waddick**

Meet Wendy Waddick, President of FVDTC. Wendy became President about 2 years ago. When asked why she decided to run for President. She said, "When she lived in Florida she was either a board member or President of that club. She missed being involved and wanted to participate in the same way with FVDTC." Plus she had a lot of persuasion from Director of Training, Will Short. So how did she get started in obedience training? When she was in college, she wanted a dog. Her dad was OK with this but her mom was not much of an animal person. So her parents told her she had to keep her grades up in college and she could get a dog. This would be her first dog, so she got straight A'S and was on the honor roll the last 2 years of college. Now her parents had

no option but to let her get a dog. So Wendy and her dad went to dog shows and spoke to breeders for research. Wendy was interested in a cute, longhaired dog but her dad wanted a sleek, "red head". She became interested in Collie's but decided that they were too large a dog for an apartment. So she found a smaller version, the Shetland Sheepdog. And her dad got his "red head", a beautiful Vizsla.

So why the Sheltie? She fell in love with their looks, intelligence and loyalty. She loves everything about the Sheltie, except how "talkative" they are. Wendy was living in Florida at the time she started training with her first dog. At first training was out of necessity, her first sheltie had developed some bad behavioral issues. She chose training as a way to help correct these issues. 1987 was when she showed her first dog in obedience. She said, "I was extremely nervous the first time I stepped into the ring. My legs were shaking and I don't think I breathed the whole time". They didn't qualify and she never got a title on her first Sheltie. But she learned a lot and got a CD on her second Sheltie, the first title. After that she got 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 196 on her 3<sup>rd</sup> leg. She said, "From then on I was hooked on training and showing". She became very competitive while living in Florida. Almost every weekend she was at a breed show or obedience show. I asked her how far she has traveled for shows. She has traveled as far as Puerto Rico for a breed show. Now she mainly goes to local shows. Since first starting with training she has gotten UD titles on 5 of her dogs and had gotten half way on a UDX title with one dog. This same dog has quite a few OTCH points and RAE titles in Rally. Wendy also has Champions with advanced obedience titles. 4 of her dogs have THD titles since moving to Illinois.



So what is her true passion in training? Therapy Dog work. Wendy has been involved with Therapy Dog volunteer work since 1987. She currently has 3 of her 4 Shelties as therapy dogs. She volunteers at Read Visits for schools and libraries. She also visits hospitals and nursing homes. In an article in the Daily Herald, December 13, 2015 she is quoted "I love the therapy dog work. I like the connection with people". Wendy had a very special dog, Good Golly Miss Molly UD, WWCDX, Pet Partner Therapy Dog. There is a very touching article about Wendy and Molly at PAWSitive Therapy Troupe.

When asked why she chose FVDTC, she had moved to the area in 2008 and wanted a club close to home. She recalls the first night she came to the club. It was crowded, loud and a little confusing. A lady had come up to her and introduced herself as Loretta. She told Wendy how she loves Shelties and loved Wendy's little black and white Sheltie, Molly. Wendy remembers Loretta being outgoing and volunteered to do a utility run through with them. As the night continued, she met more club members and knew she had found a new great place to train.

And now she is President of FVDTC. She is also a long standing member of 2 training clubs in Florida. The Dog Training Club of Tampa and Obedience Plus. Also a long time member of Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club. I asked her what she would like the club to be involved in. She would love to have more therapy dog testing through Pet Partners. Adding scent work classes and more workshops. She would really love to do more to help new trainers become involved and show them how much fun you can have with your dog. Currently she is interested in herding with her Shelties. Penny Brcich is currently working with her dog, Louie in herding. She felt this would be a good option for him since he loves to herd anything that moves. Including birds in the trees, and her shoes during a fast healing pattern. She has trained in conformation, Rally, and has had several champions over the years which she has bred. And what was her main job? She was a Probation Officer for many years while she lived in Florida.

## Membership Meeting Highlights (July 19, 2017)

Meeting brought to order at 8:04 p.m. following a wonderful program by Tracking Judge, Wally O'Brien. Wendy also thanked Peggy Sue Seehafer for doing a fantastic job of organizing the membership meeting programs.

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

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer).** Donna Nuger distributed the financial reports as of June 30, 2017 that Phil completed. Due to Phil's absence, there was no discussion.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that instructors have been confirmed for the next session, which begins on August 10th. There are conformation instructors identified for the remainder of the year, with the exception of two weeks in December. Wendy reminded everyone that when the air conditioning is turned on at the fairgrounds, it is posted on the club's website and on the club's Facebook page.

Nancy Pederson was not in attendance, but reported that the 5-week Rally Novice/Intermediate/Advanced workshop is winding down and the class was full.

The Excellent/Masters level workshop, starting on August 3rd, currently has room for several more students. Cindy Pakenas, instructor, is requiring that the dogs for this workshop be able to work reliably off lead as all Excellent and Masters exercises are done off lead. Please contact Nancy Pederson if you are interested in enrolling or have any questions.

Additionally, Nancy reported that are plans to create a survey to see what interests our students/membership has for future offerings.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read a list of nine new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Candy Ellis made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to the following new member who was present at the meeting: Lori Delk, Welcome!

**Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson)** had nothing to report.

**Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator)** reported that the club is participating at the Chicago Pet Expo, on November 11 and 12 at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Barb also extended her thanks to everyone who helped for the 2017 4-H program.

**Dave Lewis (Director at Large)** reported that the website has been updated with an SSL certificate, which is the next step in accepting payments online, and has the side-benefit of helping with Google search results.

**Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** reported that we are booked at the same location, Riverside Receptions in Geneva, for Sunday, April 8th, 2018.

**Donna Bihner (Awards Co-Chair)** was not in attendance, but reported that the only title changes for this year will be the addition of the new Rally titles. The committee is reviewing the awards and hopes to have a small number of new items for next year. Although, they do not anticipate a huge change in the awards offered as many of them are relatively new offerings.

**Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator)** reported that she currently has three paid registrations for the CGC test. Although she has already received two members who offered to help that night, she does need two additional volunteers. The CGC test info is on the website and in Waggin' Tales. Additionally, Cris asked the instructors to please promote the test. Cris also reported that the CGC test information will be posted on Facebook weekly until the test date of August 17th. Cris stated that she usually gets the majority of registrations the week prior to the test. Volunteers need to be at the fairgrounds by 6:30 p.m., to prepare for the test which begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Carla Tisoris (Graduation Chairperson)** was not in attendance but reported that she has ordered more ribbons for the graduation certificates. She stated that she and Holly selected a new color of Royal Blue for the ribbons.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson)** stated that she has enough stewards for the August 17th Correction Clinic.

**Jennifer Cornele (Publicity)** reported that she is interviewing each of the Board Members and writing a "getting to know them" article for the Waggin' Tales. After the Board Members, she will interview the Committee Chairs.

**Francene Andresen (Sunshine)** was not in attendance. However, Wendy announced that there are plans to have a permanent memorial plaque displayed at Brookfield Zoo for all of the years that Lynn Weis volunteered to work with the zoo's apes. Wendy stated that in lieu of sending flowers to Lynn's funeral, FVDTC is donating \$100.00 to the fund. Additionally, she stated that she will put the information in the next Waggin' Tales for any other club member who would like to make a personal donation.

**Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor)** reported that the next deadline is Sunday, July 23.

## Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.00 is Cindy Pakenas as drawn by new club member, Lori Delk. Ingrid Hamburger received a donation of \$8.00 towards the Tracking Test

expenses.

## Old Business

- Wendy reported FVDTC will be hosting a eye clinic on October 5th during a regular training night. Dr. Lindley of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing the exams. The start time of the clinic will be based on the number of dogs to be examined. The cost is \$31.00 per dog. You must pre-pay to reserve your spot. Anyone interested should contact her at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) if you have any questions. In response to Wendy's request, Shirley Sennebogen, Loretta Lazzara and Sharon Shimko volunteered to help.
- After some discussion, Nancy Lee volunteered to investigate getting a cardiologist to perform a heart exam during our Obedience Trial.

## New Business

- Barb Misch asked that the green ring signs be updated to reflect that a couple of classes have been moved.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

# Calendar

## August

03 Thu Regular Training  
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)  
10 Thu Regular Training  
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
16 Wed Board Meeting  
17 Thu Correction Clinic  
CGC Test  
24 Thu Regular Training  
31 Thu Regular Training

## September

07 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)  
09 Sat Tracking Test Setup  
10 Sun Tracking Test  
14 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
15 Fri Agility Trial Setup  
16 Sat Agility Trial  
17 Sun Agility Trial  
19 Tue Regular Training  
28 Thu Correction Clinic



# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

## Work Credits



### for Membership and Awards

Effective January 1, 2015

To maintain reduced membership dues, you must:

- Earn one work credit, in your first year of membership
- or**
- Earn three work credits, in each year after your first year of membership

To receive a club award, you must:

- have a minimum of ten work credits for the year, automatically includes the work credits for dues.
- and**
- be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

#### ONE credit:

- Attend a membership meeting
- Steward one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Steward one Correction Clinic
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk for two nights
- Work 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- Work 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant Instructor for two nights
- Instructor for Conformation Class for two nights
- Work at an Event (not on the committee)

#### TWO credits:

- Judge one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Judge one Correction Clinic (OR the monetary compensation - NOT both)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test
- Work Full day at the Mat Cleaning
- Work Full day at the Tracking Test
- Work Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Work Full day at the Agility Trial

#### THREE credits:

- \*Primary Instructor or Assistant Instructor for 4-H Class for one year
- Serve on a Committee for one year

#### FOUR credits:

- \*Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- \*Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- \*Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- \*Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- \*Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as Puppy/Beginner Class coordinator for one year
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Chairperson on a Committee for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Coordinator for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for one year

\* Instructors must be present for at least 75% of the classes to receive the work credit.

*Work credits for other services to the club may be awarded by the Board on a per-event basis.*

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