

FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hi All,

This is a month full of thanking all our great hard-working club members. I will start with thanking Ingrid Hamburger for all her hard work organizing and running the tracking trials. She has been doing this for many many years now and she always makes sure we have a successful trial. She had lots of helpers and has sent a note with the full list of names. So for now, I would like to extend a big thank you for a job well done!

A huge thank you goes out to Ed Herdes. If you have looked around at our ring gates, stanchions and all of the jumps lately you most likely noticed how much better they look. Ed took pieces home each week and hand painted each and every one, just in time for our fall trials. Thank you Ed! Everything looks great. I especially like the one high jump board that he painted for me, it's the best color of them all...pink!

The club owes lots of thanks to Ed Herdes and Cheryl Hettinger for organizing and working at our annual mat cleaning day. Along with Ed and Cheryl, the following volunteers came out to scrub the mats clean; Jacqui Fountain, Patrick Dow, Carol Pace, Gayle Wede, Candy Ellis, Carolyn Pearson, Paul Rogers, Barb Misch, Dale Swanson, John Senne, Jim Spang, Mike Donovan, Tom Stephenson, Wendy Mosier, Paul Elson and Jackie Coleman. A big thank you to all who gave up their Saturday morning to scrub clean all the mats and get them ready for our trials. It's a really big job but with so many volunteers it made the work much easier. Thank you!

Another big thank you goes to our own AKC judge Loretta Lazzara. She held a one night seminar about

all the new Rally signs and new rally classes that are being offered as of November 1st. It was a very informative talk and Loretta helped to clarify all the new things that will be in effect soon, just in time for our trials. She also gave each participant hand outs with all this information to take home with them. Thank you Loretta! We really appreciated you sharing your knowledge with us.

I also would like to thank Cathy Fleury and Taffy Willie for all their hard work to ensure we had another great agility trial. They both worked very hard organizing every aspect of the trial. They had lots of volunteers who came out to help. It's takes a lot of work and volunteers to put on our agility trials. Thank you to all who helped!

One last thing, don't forget about your work credits, we are getting closer to the end of the year. Please don't wait till December to finish getting your required work credits. With our upcoming obedience and rally trials coming soon there are lots of ways to fulfill these credits. You only need 3 work credits to avoid paying a big increase in membership renewal fee, only 1 credit is needed for new members. Plus you only need 10 work credits in order to apply for one of our fantastic new title or volunteer awards. If you don't know how you can help out your club, just ask any committee chair, they can help guide you.

Most of all, thank you to everyone for all you do throughout the year to make FVDTC such a great club!

See you at training,
Wendy Waddick

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!

OFA Eye Exam

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is hosting a heart clinic in conjunction with our trial. Two exams will be offered:

- An **Auscultations Exam with a Doppler Echocardiogram**, an Ultrasound of your dog's heart
- or an **Auscultations Exam**, which is listening to your dogs heart

Dr. Heidi Kellihan, DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology at the University of Wisconsin -Madison will be performing the exams.

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 18, 2017 from 8:00 am thru 3:00 pm

WHERE: At our trial site at The Kane County Fairgrounds

COSTS: Echocardiogram exam, which includes an auscultation exam too, \$250.00 per dog
Auscultation exam only \$40.00 per dog

* ALL EXAMS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TRIAL *

For further information contact Nancy Lee at nlee483@comcast.net

To reserve your spot for either exam send your pre-registration payment, with checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and it's breed along with your contact information. We also need your email address and phone number. Once the trial has closed and we have the judging program Nancy will set up the time schedule for the exams, she will do her best to work around your ring times. You will need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your exam time to fill out any necessary paperwork.

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:

Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

Help Wanted!

We need a volunteer to take over the job of sending out our Constant Contact email blasts.

Someone with good computer skills and high speed internet access would be very helpful for this position. Contact Nancy Einwich or Wendy Waddick for more information or to volunteer. It's a great way to earn work credits!

More Help Wanted!

* RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED *

We need raffle basket donations for our annual raffle at the FVDCT Obedience and Rally Trial on November 18th. We are asking for donations of ready to go baskets to offer at our raffle table. We did this last year and it worked out very well. We were able to offer lots of great items in the already made baskets. If you only have a few items that you want to donate you can ask your friends to help make and assemble a full basket to donate.

Sharon Shimko and Cathy Bianchetti have again volunteered to organize the raffle this year. You can drop off your raffle ready and clear wrapped baskets at the club on the night of the November correction clinic which will be held on November 16th or on Friday November 17th, the night of set up.

Thank you, this is a good fundraiser for our club and it helps offset the cost of holding these trials.

Get to Know Ed Herdes, First VP of FVDTC

Many of us know Ed Herdes or have seen him around Fox Valley with his Gordon Setter, Chrissy, at his side. If you ask a member how to best describe Ed, they would call him a jokester. He is one to make people laugh and smile.

I asked Ed how long he has been Vice President at FVDTC. He chuckled and said, "It feels like a hundred years, but it has been 20 plus years." I asked him what got him started in training. He said he used to ride bicycles with friends, Denise and Nancy. In 1984, Denise had a litter of Gordon Setter puppies. So he took a puppy and started a training class at FV with the intention of only doing one class. He has been there ever since.

Ed has been an obedience trainer at FVDTC and has also helped train other dogs for tracking competitions. His own Gordon Setters over the years have received many titles. Some of those titles include 6 CD, 4 CDX, 2 UD, 3 TD and 2 TDX. He has also shown in conformation but never titled. Ed told me that Chrissy has her Champion title, but that was before he got her.

I asked Ed what he did for a living and what some of his hobbies are. He worked for the telephone company and he used to refinish antique furniture. Other hobbies of his, besides dogs are bicycling. Ed would ride a 100 miles in a day. He also rode 200 miles in a day twice. He has taken week long bike riding trips from Wisconsin to Illinois and back. He would pack camping gear on the back of his bicycle and camp along the way. He never did any bicycle riding competitions. He liked to ride for the fun.

I asked Ed if he had any fun experiences or memories of FV members that stand out for him. He laughed and said "Lots of them." I did hear through the grape vine that there is a story about Ed and Bill Clark that involves birds and them being released in a car? So when you see Ed, ask him.



Membership Report

Sheryl Bellucci
Maple Park, IL
English Setter, Pomeranian
Completed beginner class

Jaclyn Schoen
Wayne, IL
Miniature Schnauzer mix
Completed Beginner class

Laraine Davy
Elgin, IL
Golden Retrievers
Completed beginner class

Barbara & Steve Terrell
Batavia, IL
Standard Poodle
Completed puppy

Victoria VerHoven
Naperville, IL
Standard Poodle
Guest trained 8 times

Chris & Dana Weller
North Aurora, IL
Completed puppy class

Victoria Contreras
St Charles, IL
Border Collie
Completed puppy class

Marty & Dawn Sand
Elgin, IL
Cane Corso
Completed puppy class

New Stay Exercises

The AKC has recommended changes to the Obedience Regulations that will be presented to the AKC Board of Directors for review and approval at their October and November 2017 meetings. Details are on the AKC Web Site: http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/obedience/Obedience_Stay_Exercises_-_Regulation_Proposal.pdf

Calendar

October

- 05 Thu Regular Training
- 10 **Tue** Regular Training
 - Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
 - Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
 - Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 18 Wed Board Meeting
- 19 Thu Correction Clinic
- 26 Thu Regular Training
 - Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
 - Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
 - Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

November

- 02 Thu Regular Training
- 09 Thu Regular Training
- 15 Wed Membership Meeting
- 18 Sat Obedience/Rally Trial
- 19 Sun Obedience/Rally Trial
- 21 Tue Regular Training
 - Puppy End (8:00pm)
- 30 Thu Regular Training

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