

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I hope everyone has had a fantastic Summer. Fall will be upon us shortly, and that means our annual Obedience & Rally Trials will be here soon. Stay tuned and check our website for the signup list to volunteer to steward. We need lots of stewards to keep things running smoothly. It's also a great way to earn your work credits. Speaking of work credits, we are now getting closer to the end of the year – as hard as that is to believe – so it's time to make sure you have a plan to earn your credits. Remember, you need only 3 work credits to have a 50% reduction of your annual dues and 10 work credits to be eligible for one of our great volunteer, or new title awards. There will be lots of opportunities to earn your work credits at our Fall Obedience & Rally Trials so please consider helping out your club!

I want to give a big thank you to Ingrid Hamburger for all her work on our recent Tracking Trial. Ingrid has been organizing our Tracking Trial for many years now. We really appreciate all her efforts! Thank you also to Kent Hildebrand who helped Ingrid a great deal at the trial and to all the other volunteers that helped in so many ways. We appreciate all your efforts!

I would also really like to thank Cheryl Hettinger and Gayle Wede for volunteering to taking over the Awards Committee position from Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson. There is a lot of work that goes into this important job and we are so thankful that you both have volunteered!

This is the last chance to sign up for the OFA eye clinic that will be held during regular training night on October 4th starting at 5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced cost. This is a thorough exam that can detect any issues that may be going on with your dog's eye health that you may not even be aware is occurring. Each year Dr Lindley has found some eye issues in the dogs she has examined during our annual eye clinics. She has discovered everything from cataracts to eye cancer during these exams. The cost is \$35 per dog, and you must prepay to reserve

your spot. Time is running out to sign up. Send your payment to me, with checks made payable to FVDTC. I will work to ensure you get a time spot that doesn't interfere with any classes you're attending. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

We are also offering 2 more clinics this Fall. The first is a blood draw clinic on October 9th at the fairgrounds during regular training. This clinic is to test for a possible Taurine deficiency your dog may have as a result of eating a grain free diet. The blood samples will be sent overnight to UC Davis. If your dog then tests positive for a Taurine Deficiency it is advised to get an echocardiogram done. We are offering a Heart Clinic in conjunction with our Fall Obedience & Rally Trial. The Heart Clinic is on Saturday, November 17th. The cost is \$250 for an echocardiogram or \$50 to have a Auscultation exam, which is just listening to your dogs heart. Both exams will be performed by Board Certified Veterinarian Cardiologist, Dr Heidi Kellihan. To reserve your spot in this clinic contact Nancy Lee. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Volunteers needed to represent FVDTC with your dog for a Home for Dogs Adoption event in Naperville. You will be manning a table and talking to the public about all we offer at FVDTC plus doing a few small demos. This is a great way to earn work credits and represent your club at a fun event. Please contact me for more information and to volunteer. This event will take place on October 13th from 1:00-4:00 pm.

It's mat cleaning time! Time to get our mats looking their best before our Fall Trials. The date is September 24th starting at 9:00 am through about 1:00 pm. We need lots of help. Please help out if you can.

This is another great way to earn work credits, if you work 2 hours you will earn 1 work credit or 2 work credits for 4 hours, or all day from start to finish.

Thank you for all you do to help support your club!
See you at training,
Wendy Waddick

OFA Eye Exam

****LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE OFA EYE EXAM****

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced fee! It is highly recommended that you get your dog's eyes examined yearly. Exams will be performed the evening of October 4th, 2018 at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exact times will be determined once we know how many dogs sign up.

Denise M Lindley, DVM of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing OFA eye exams. The cost is \$35 per dog.

You must prepay to reserve your spot. Send payment, made payable to FVDTC, to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
St Charles, IL 60175

Please include the preferred time that you would like for your exam/exams.

You need to arrive half an hour before your exam time in order to get eye drops in to dilate your dog's eyes and to fill out paperwork. Please indicate the preferred time that you would like to arrive, I will do my best to fulfill your request. Get your spot reserved early to get your preferred time! *There will be no refunds of examine fees after September 20th.*

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so I can contact you easily!

Any questions, email Wendy at president@fvdtc.org

Calendar

October 2018

- 04 Thu Regular Training
- 09 Tue Regular Training
Taurine Testing Clinic
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 10 Wed Board Meeting
- 18 Thu Fun Match
- 25 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

November 2018

- 01 Thu Regular Training
- 07 Wed Membership Meeting
- 08 Thu Regular Training
- 15 Thu Fun Match
- 16 Fri Obedience Trial Setup
- 17 Sat Obedience Trial
- 18 Sun Obedience Trial
- 20 Tue Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 29 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

FVDTC Heart Clinic

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is hosting a heart clinic in conjunction with our fall obedience and rally trials.

DR. HEIDI KELLIHAN DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin -Madison will be performing the exams.

Dr. Kellihan will be offering the following heart exams:

- AN AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 17, 2018 from 8:00 am through 3:00 pm

WHERE: At our trial site at the Kane County Fairgrounds

COSTS: Echocardiogram exam, which includes an auscultation exam \$250.00 per dog Auscultation exam only \$50.00 per dog. This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced costs!

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

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 breed, along with your contact information. Include your email address and phone number. Nancy will set up the time schedule for the exams once the judging schedule is out; 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.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:

Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

Membership Report

Chris & Kathy Klis

Great Pyrenees
Golden mix
Labrador retriever
Mix
Completed puppy class

Lois Banovz

Labrador Retriever
Completes beginner class

Amy Kirby

Golden Retriever
Completed beginner class

Kim & Josh Howard

Oes/Poodle mix
Completer beginner class

Elisa Tessier

Boxer
Completed beginner class

Tammy Swanson

Min. Dachshund
Completed beginner class

Therapy Dogs Needed!

For a Family Literacy Night at Country Trails Elementary School in Elgin

This is a fun event, children will come to visit your therapy dog for a Read Session. The therapy dogs are a highlight of this annual event.

The date is Thursday October 18th from 6:00-7:30 pm

Please contact Wendy Waddick to sign up or for more information at president@fvdtc.org

William Short, Director of Training

Will Short, the man in black, has been Director of Training for about 4 years. Will heard about FVDTC through his wife, Shirley, who had a student at the time that told her about the club. They have been members since the mid 80's.

Will heard about the position for Director of Training from Donna Bihner, who was President of the club then. Donna appointed Will to be the head of the Nominating Committee. It was his job to encourage people to volunteer for the open positions. When it came time to fill the Director of Training position, he sent e-mails and spoke with other members. No one was interested in taking the job. After Will spoke with Terri Vaira, she suggested that he "take one for the team". So far it has been fun for him.

Will's job as Director of Training is to make sure there are enough instructors and assistants for every class each session. He is also responsible for what is happening each week. Will said, "I have been very lucky because I believe we have a very fine group working with the students and their dogs every week. Without their help and volunteer time, we would not work well at all." He has also been an instructor for FV since the late 80's. He has taught all levels of training, except for puppy class. Will taught Advanced Beginners for a number of years and is now currently instructor for Rally.

So what interested Will in training? He had a Golden Retriever, Woolie, who got into Shirley's grade book

and mangled it. She demanded that Woolie go to FV for training. Will disagreed, said he didn't need training. Well he lost and shortly after they had two Golden Retriever's at FV for obedience training. His Golden Retriever, Curry Bear, earned his CDX.



Over the years, Will has trained his dogs in obedience, field work, conformation, agility and rally. When he first started, he mainly focused on obedience. Once he got the Flat Coats, he focused on conformation and field work. When Shirley became interested in agility, Will wasn't interested. But he went to the classes with her and soon he joined the fun with his first FCR, Phantom. Shortly after he added Rally to his roster when it became an AKC event.

Will and Shirley started their lives with Golden Retrievers, and then came the Flat Coated Retrievers. In 1990 Judy Anderson had a litter of FCR and asked Will to come over and look at them and help socialize them. She encouraged him to take a puppy, but the Shorts already had 3 Golden Retrievers. So they went home, measured his vehicle to see if they could fit

another crate. So, Drifter, their first Flat Coated Retriever, came along. Will said, "Shirley and I consider ourselves to be extremely lucky to have discovered this breed. It was pure luck and very good luck that it happened. I cannot imagine having any other breed of dog. In my mind, they are the most special breed that I have ever known."

Will has placed many titles on his dogs over the years. He has multiple titles in obedience with AKC and CKC. AKC Championships on several of their FCR's and a couple of field titles. Several AKC rally titles and many agility titles starting with Phantom through Walker D Plank having 32 agility titles. Jack Sparrow earned his AKC MACH. Will's first FCR earned a CKC FCRSC BISS and AKC BIS.

They have always come up with interesting names for their dogs. They needed a kennel name and theme. Their call name has always been a part of their registered name. Will said that some of the names came easily, some could take up to 5 – 6 weeks. He started the Pirates of the Caribbean theme names with Jack Sparrow. Then William Turner and Walker D Plank.

Will is a retired teacher. He started his career as a teacher at Elgin State Hospital, then worked at a day care center and then teaching emotionally disturbed children in U-46 in Elgin. From there moved on to regular elementary schools teaching 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Most of his spare time is taken by his dogs. He does agility classes 3 days a week, trains at FV weekly and currently is showing in agility on many weekends. This fall he is looking forward to doing several agility trials in different venues with Walker, and the occasional conformation show with Rodeo Joe.

So why the "man in black"? His black wardrobe started shortly after he got Jack Sparrow in 2006. Having black dog's he always worried about their being in the sun for too long because of their black coats absorbing heat quickly. So he decided that if they were going to wear black then he would also. Will said, "I currently have no other colors in my closet than black. And it is really easy to match my clothes."

Thank you Will, for everything you do at Fox Valley Dog Training Club. If you see Will, give him a pat on the back for all his hard work.

Membership Meeting Highlights - September 12, 2018

Meeting brought to order at 7:41 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that Mat Cleaning is scheduled for Monday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m.-ish until approximately 1:00 p.m.-ish. He said "bring your tools, sunshine and a slight breeze." A Constant Contact will be sent out shortly seeking volunteers. Cheryl will be making a poster to be displayed at training. Come out and earn two Work Credits for the day.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance, but she reported that Dr. Jennifer Wahlund will be our guest speaker at the November 7th Membership Meeting. She will be speaking about her training, her huge successes with her dogs and tell us about all the different events in which she competes. Additionally, she will discuss her work with Peaceful Endings. The program will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Coming in November

Guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Wahlund will visit our November membership meeting to talk to us about a variety of topics. The membership meeting is at the Kane County Extension Center Building at 535 Randall Road, St. Charles, (just south of the Kane County Fairgrounds). Be there at 7pm!

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance and did not have a financial report to send. He reported that the next significant update will occur after the upcoming Agility Trial.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that Barb Misch has submitted the paperwork to become a CGC Evaluator which enables her to be an instructor/evaluator for the Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsible (S.T.A.R.) Puppy program. She would teach a S.T.A.R. puppy class at 7:00 p.m. with a limit of 10 students. When reminded that we pay our rent with the fees collected from our Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginner's classes, Will stated that he would speak to Barb regarding the cost of the class.

Nancy Pederson (Workshop Coordinator) Nancy was not in attendance, but reported that we are currently finishing a RALLY NOVICE FOR NEWBIES Workshop. The workshop consisted of three nights of reviewing signs numbers 1 through 42, ring procedure, ring etiquette and what to do on the day of a trial. That was then followed by three nights of run-throughs conducted as "mock trials". This workshop was offered free to members.

We are currently working on a "How to Get Started Showing in Obedience or Rally" workshop to be presented by Loretta Lazzara. This will not be a working workshop. Loretta will be sharing information and tips for newbies. More information will be available as plans become finalized.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the premium lists are available on our website, on our Facebook page and at training. Additionally, volunteers are bringing copies to CarDunAI, Glenbard and Kanosak.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of seven new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Collette Ainsly-Treonis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, none were present at the meeting.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not attendance, but reported that last weekend's Tracking Tests went very well; the weather was great and she did not hear any complaints about the judges. Ingrid reported that Kent Hildebrand did a great job as the Tracking Test Secretary and is willing to fill that role next year. She reported that three of the four teams attempting the TD test passed, including former member, Marilyn Blenz. Ingrid also stated that only one of the four TDX tests passed. She also reported that they received 10 entries for the TD test and 11 entries for the TDX test.

Wendy stated that we would put together a Constant Contact seeking volunteers for the "Homes for Dogs" event and mat cleaning.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance and did not send a report. Will stated that he would like to recommend that we host our Agility Trial at "The Farm" on Burlington Road in Campton Hills rather than at the Car Dun AI Dog Training facility. He stated that "The Farm's" floor is new turf, the parking is nicer, the lighting is better and there are no neighbors complaining about noise. Pat Senne stated that the crate space is very tight compared to Car Dun AI.

Pat Senne also stated that she was very disappointed when she discovered that by the time it was announced that the worker sign-up was ready, a majority of the positions had already been taken, and many of them were by non-club members. Several other club members confirmed that they had experienced the same thing. Due to our work credit requirements, the consensus of the meeting attendees was that club members should be able to sign-up several days before the list is opened up to non-club members. Carolyn Pearson and Wendy Waddick stated that they would talk to Cathy Fleury about that issue.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that they are attempting to determine a theme for the dinner. She also reported that she keeping an eye out for anyone earning a boner.

Wendy announced that Cheryl Hettinger has volunteered to be the Awards Chairperson for the 2019 Annual dinner. Gayle Wede will assist Cheryl.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: Fourteen teams were pre-registered but one withdrew several days before the test. Ten of the thirteen participating teams earned their CGC Certificate/Title. We collected \$195.00 in fees and paid \$35.00 to our judge, Terri Vaira.

Permission to use photographs was collected from all. A group photograph with text was submitted to our Facebook coordinator. A summary of the test night was sent to David Lewis for Waggin Tales and the website. Cris also reported that she had a very nice group of the following volunteers: Jacqui Fountain, Jennifer Fulkerson, Donna Hartwig, Joan Lester, Donna Matthews, Kristina Pomagier, Ninette Sandefur, Margi Stuessy and David Thornell.

We have enough FVDTC ribbons and AKC forms and ribbons for the next test. An updated registration form will be created and submitted for the web site and the training table in January, 2019.

Cris stated that she appreciated having enough chairs for everyone and having the use of Ring 8 for the evaluation, to enable CGC teams to give their dogs quick access to the outside for potty and stress breaks during the 2-1/2 hours of the test.

Carla Tisoris (Graduation Chairperson) stated that she currently has enough Graduation Certificates for this session (ending the end of October) and, if the number of students graduating during the last session are the same as last year, then there should be enough certificates for the rest of the year. Dave Lewis, Wendy Waddick and Carolyn Pearson will meet very shortly to determine the new wording and bring the design back to the Board for approval.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson) Sandi reported that following volunteers are judging during the September 20th fun match. She thanked the volunteers for contributing their time and effort to make our matches a success. Sandi also reminded all volunteers to arrive not later than 6:30 p.m. to ensure that all workers are able to get their run-through, especially due to the quickly approaching local show season. Hopefully, we will see the entry numbers go up.

Rally	- Bill Abraham (ONLY needs 1 steward)
Novice, Beg Novice	- Taffy Wille
Open 1	- Candy Ellis
Open 2	- Will Short
Utility 1	- Sandi Stephenson
Utility 2	- Loretta Lazzara

Jennifer Cornele (Publicity) was not in attendance, but reported that Will Short will be the next Board Member featured in the Waggin' Tales.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, September 16th. In response to

Loretta Lazzara’s question, Dave Lewis will investigate whether there is a report available to her that will copy the information from the entries that club members submit to announce their successes in Trials in the “The Winner is...” We will put a notice in the WT to remind members to fill it out.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Sandi Stephenson as drawn by club member, Loretta Lazzara. Sandi donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$9.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Wendy stated that we need to get the word out about the October 4th Eye Clinic that FVDTC is hosting at the Kane County Fairgrounds, as there are only about ten dogs signed up. If more dogs are not signed up, the clinic will have to be cancelled. In addition to several others, Pat Senne stated that she will inform her Boxer club. Wendy reminded everyone that dog’s eyes should be checked annually.

New Business

- Carla Tisoris reported that her employer, Coldwell Banker, hosts an annual national event called "Homes for Dogs." This year the local event will be at the Naperville Coldwell Banker on October 13th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Due to the uncertainty of the weather, they are offering covered space, tent space and indoor space. Carla stated that there will be many different dog-related vendors, rescue organizations, etc. and she is hoping that FVDTC would have some representation and offer demonstrations of obedience activities. Loretta stated that if she’s in town that weekend, she would be interested. Several other club members stated that they would also check their calendars.

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A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

And the Winner Is

Handler	Dog	Show/Trial	Win
LORI DELK	Lolita Bernese Mountain Dog	Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club (July 31, 2018) 3 Point Major for First Points	Open Bitch, , Winners Bitch
BILL ABRAHAM	Coach Field Spaniel	Elgin Kennel Club (August 25, 2018) Field Spaniel National (September 12, 2018) High Combined in Trial at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO	Owner Handled Sporting Group, , Group 2 RAE, , 1st / 1st



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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