

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I hope everyone is having a fun-filled Summer. Things are not as busy at FVDTC during this time of year but we do have lots of events coming up soon. I did want to ask all of you if you have been enjoying the "Meet the Member" articles that Jennifer Cornele has been writing for our newsletters? She started writing articles about many of the board members and would now like to start asking members to contribute to these articles. She has a great list of questions that help her write about members so we can all get to know each other better, and not just know their dog's names. If Jennifer contacts you, please help her out and answer her questions as best as you can. This is a great way to get to know everyone a little better. This month she will be writing about herself, this will give you an idea of what she is doing and learn more about Jennifer at the same time. Thank you Jennifer for doing these great articles!

We have several great health clinics coming up. The first is another taurine blood draw clinic on Tuesday, October 8th from 6-9pm. This blood draw is to see if your dog has a taurine deficiency.

Have you seen the FDA alerts of a possible link between grain-free dog foods (especially those with a lot of peas) and a heart condition called dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)? There is research currently ongoing to see if there is a link between DCM due to taurine deficiencies and grain free diets. If you would like to get your dog tested, contact Donna Bihner. Official signups start at the end of August. If your dog does have a taurine deficiency, it is recommended that your dog get an echocardiogram to make sure their heart has not been effected. FVDTC will once again be offering a heart clinic during our Fall Obedience/Rally Trials. Right now, we will offer the test on Saturday, November 16th. If necessary, we will open up exams on Sunday, too. The exams will be

performed by Heidi Kellihan DVM , DACVIM, a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, and Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. More details are in this issue of *Waggin' Tales*, contact Nancy Lee for more information.

We are also offering another OFA Eye Clinic during the evening of Thursday October 3rd during regular training, starting at 5:00pm. The exams will be performed by Denise M. Lindley DVM of Animal Eye Consultants. The cost is \$35 per dog, you must pre-register. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Contact Wendy Waddick to sign up; the earlier you register the better chance you have of getting the time slot that you prefer.

On August 15th we will be having another Canine Good Citizen test. Registration forms for this test are available on our website. This test has a limit of 12 teams and they usually fill, so get your registration into Cris Ballenger soon if you want a slot.

This fall will be time for our annual Tracking Test and Fall Agility Trials. The premium lists for both are available on our website. Our Tracking Test is on September 8th at Burndige Forest Preserve in Elgin. Contact Ingrid Hamburger for more information. Our Agility Trials are on September 14 & 15th at Car-Dun-Al in Huntley; contact Cathy Fleury for more information.

One last thing, don't forget about your Work Credits! You need only 3 work credits to get a 50% reduction in your yearly dues, 10 credits makes you qualified for one of our great volunteer or new title awards. Contact any Committee Chairperson to learn how you can help your club. You can find their names under the VIP section on the website.

Thanks for all you do, and see you at training,

Wendy

Calendar

August 2019

- 01 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00,7:00,8:00pm)
- 08 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00,7:00,8:00pm)
- 14 Wed Board Meeting
- 15 Thu Fun Match
CGC Test
- 22 Thu Regular Training
- 29 Thu Regular Training

September 2019

- 05 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 07 Sat Tracking Test Setup
- 08 Sun Tracking Test
- 11 Wed Membership Meeting
- 12 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 13 Fri Agility Trial Setup
- 14 Sat Agility Trial
- 15 Sun Agility Trial
- 19 Thu Fun Match
- 26 Thu Regular Training

OFA Eye Exam

FVDTC will hold an OFA Eye Exam on the evening of Thursday October 3rd, 2019 during regular training, at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exams will be held between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced fee! Plus it is highly recommended that you get your dog's eyes examined yearly.

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

To reserve your spot, send payment, made payable to FVDTC, to:
Wendy Waddick 6N275 Brierwood Dr St Charles, IL 60175

**Please include the preferred time that you would like for your arrival, your dog's name and breed, and your

preferred contact information. The exams will be approximately a half hour after your arrival. You need to arrive a half hour before the exam time in order to get eye drops placed in your dog's eyes so they are dilated for the exam, and to fill out paperwork. Bring your dog's AKC registration information the night of exams to make filling out paperwork easier.

Get your reservations and fees in early to get your preferred time slot! There may be a limited number of night-of-testing exams available, at a cost of \$40 per dog. Night of examination spots are not guaranteed.

There will be no refunds of examination fees starting two weeks prior to the examine date.

Any questions, email Wendy Waddick at president@fvdtc.org

FVDTC Heart Clinic in November

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is proud to host a heart clinic in conjunction with our November 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 following heart exams:

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

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 16th, 2019 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 \$250.00 per dog
Auscultation exam only \$50.00 per dog.

This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced costs!

* EITHER EXAM 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 its 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

Christine McCue

St Charles, IL
Cockapoo
Completed beginner class

Patrick Lewis

West Chicago, IL
Dachshund mix
Completed puppy class

Help Wanted

Do you want to get paid to 'work-out'? Are you a Night Owl? If you are, we have a job for you. We need one or two individuals to roll up and put away the mats and other equipment used for dog training each week.

Must be able to work either on a **Thursday or a Tuesday(schedule is known well in advance)**.

Pay is \$75.00/night for this physically demanding job.

If you are interested, or know of someone, perhaps a son, nephew, or neighbor, please call Carolyn Pearson at 630-231-5658, as soon as possible.



Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Work Credits



for Membership and Awards

Effective May 1, 2019

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 Fun Match (OR monetary compensation - NOT both)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test (OR monetary compensation - NOT both)
- 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
- Chairperson of a Committee for one Event

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 Drop-In Classes for one quarter
- *Assistant Instructor for Drop-In Classes for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Registered Class for one session
- *Assistant Instructor for Registered Class for one session
- Serve as Registered Class coordinator for one year
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Chairperson of 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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