

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I hope you are enjoying this last bit of Summer. I would like to start this month's note by thanking Cris Ballenger for organizing our recent Canine Good Citizen test and Terri Vaira for judging. All 11 teams that took part in this CGC passed. Congratulations to all the new CGC teams! Thank you, also, to all the volunteers that helped make this event run so smoothly.

As we get closer to fall there is a lot going on at FVDTC, with lots of great ways to earn your work credits, starting with the Tracking Test on September 8th at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Contact Ingrid Hamburger for more information. Next is our Fall Agility Trial on September 14 & 15 at Car-Dun-Al DTC in Huntley. Contact Cathy Fleury for more information. The premium list for both of these events is available on the FVDTC website. Our annual Obedience and Rally Trials will be held on November 16 & 17 at the Fairgrounds in St. Charles. There will be lots of work credit opportunities at the agility, obedience and rally trials. Check the website to volunteer.

Fall also brings several health clinics being sponsored by FVDTC. The first is the OFA Eye Clinic on October 3rd during regular training. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and to sign up. Contact me for more information. You need to pre-pay the \$35 cost to reserve your spot. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's annual eye exam at a greatly reduced cost. The next clinic at FVDTC is a Taurine Blood Draw clinic to test for taurine deficiencies which can cause heart issues in your dog. This will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, during regular training. Please contact Donna Bihner for information and to sign up. The last clinic will be a Heart Clinic held in conjunction with our Obedience & Rally Trials on Saturday, November 17th. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information or contact Nancy Lee to sign up.

Thank you to everyone that volunteers in so many ways to help out your club. Our members are what make FVDTCV such a great and active club!

See you at training,

Wendy Waddick

Calendar

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

October 2019

- 03 Thu Regular Training
OFA Eye Exam
- 08 Tue Regular Training
Taurine Testing Clinic
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 09 Wed Board Meeting
- 17 Thu Fun Match
- 24 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 31 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

Brian & Debbie Kenyon

Elburn, IL
Blue Heeler, Border Collie mix, Entelbulcher
Completed beginner class

John & Cindy Placko

McHenry, IL
Weimaraners, Labrador Retriever
Completed puppy class

Jackie Rakers

Batavia, IL
Terrier mix
Completed beginner class

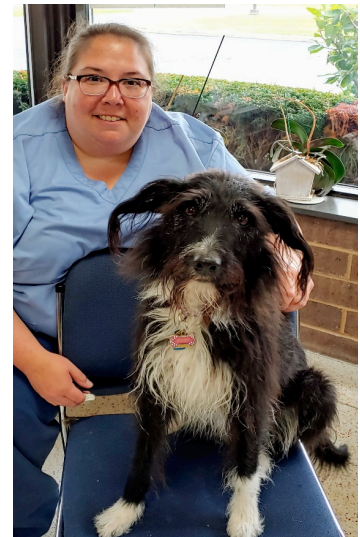
Janet Lyon

St. Charles, IL
Golden Retriever
Completed puppy class

Getting to know Jennifer and Fiona

My name is Jennifer Cornele and I have been a member of Fox Valley Dog Training Club for 5 years. I first heard of the club from Sue MacPherson, who was training her Cocker Spaniels at the time. Sue would come into work and tell me stories about training or the trials she attended. I didn't have a dog but my interest was piqued about training.

As a member of the club I volunteer as Publicity Chair, New Member Liaison, Awards Chair and at the greeting table on training nights. I started with Publicity about 3 years ago. I wanted to start doing more with the club and spoke with Sue, who had the job of Publicity at the time and handed it over to me. She told me it was really easy, I just had to handle sending out pamphlets to local Animal Hospitals, etc. Then Wendy Waddick, President of FVDTC contacted me about writing an article for an on-line magazine about our club. One of the questions was to write about someone interesting at the club. I chose Brenda. So I asked her a ton of questions and wrote the article about the club with her blessing. After that I had the idea about writing articles about our club members for the Waggin' Tales News Letter. I started with the Board and have been working my way down the list.



Part of the New Member Liaison job is to send out a "welcome pack" to our new members. I heard of the volunteer opening from Sue. The Awards committee is new for me. I partnered with Sue MacPherson and Sally Boeke. We are responsible for making sure the awards are ready for presentation at our Annual Awards Banquet. Donna Bihner and Nancy Pederson were the previous Awards committee and they did such a wonderful job. We have some big shoes to fill. And, lastly, the table is new for me. At our July membership meeting, Wendy announced she was looking for someone to fill in at 6 pm for the greeting table. I waited for someone to volunteer, so eventually I did. Sue was the previous greeter at 6. Notice a pattern yet?

I first met Sue when I joined the team at Amber Leaf Animal Hospital in 1996. To her delight, I have been there ever since. I consider Sue my mentor, friend and family. Amber Leaf does a lot with the club. We are part of the vaccine clinic in the spring, and will be helping with the Taurine Clinic coming up in October.

My first dog was a Cocker Spaniel mix, Star. She was a great dog, but I knew nothing about training. I had guinea pig's growing up, and I would train them to do little tricks. I was the kid that would carry around a stray

kitten, with my nose running and eyes watering, begging my dad to let me keep it. I am allergic to animals, but I didn't care. When we got Star, I was 13 years old. I would teach her the simple commands and some fun tricks. Star was an amazing dog, she would have been such fun to do obedience trials with.

Once I moved away from home I went a little crazy in the animal department. I had 5 cockatiels, 2 guinea pigs, 3 cats and Star. I also hand raised kittens to be adopted through Amber Leaf. I know this is a dog club article, but I am an animal lover and I don't have a favorite type of animal. Currently in residence at the Cornele household: a crazy, adorable dog and 2 very sweet kitties.

I joined the club when I got my crazy mutt, Fiona. Fiona is such a fun, loving, stubborn dog. But she is one of the sweetest dogs. She loves the attention she receives. People are first drawn to her uniqueness and secondly because she has a special spark that attracts people to her. I had some really great instructors to teach me about training. Vera was her puppy instructor, Candy, Terry, Donna, Carolyn and Taffy have also been integral with her training. Will, Nancy and Bill have helped me with Rally and Novice work. My first trial experience was a total bust. Wendy came up to me and gave me some encouraging words. She told me about her first trial and told me not to give up. She didn't even know me at the time.

That's what I love and appreciate the most about Fox Valley Dog Training Club. We're not there for the competition but for the camaraderie and our passion. I feel I can go up to any instructor with a question and they would be more than happy to help. I'm part of a team that wants to improve the relationship between people and their dogs. That's an amazing feeling.

Besides obedience training I do agility twice a week at Dash K9 Sports in Geneva and help Angie on occasion with Advanced Puppy (or Puppy II, per Will). I have two wonderful sisters that I am close with. Two nieces and a nephew who are a big part of my world. My oldest niece has helped me out with volunteer work at FVDTC on occasion. Camping is something my family loves to do also. While they're fishing, Fiona and I go for a lot of walks.

So I have been writing "get to know the members" articles for Waggin' Tales for about a year. So if I send you an e-mail, don't be shy. I ask several different questions, and put together a little blurb. It's fun getting to know more about the people you see every Thursday or the occasional Tuesday. So help me out by answering my e-mails.

Board Meeting Highlights - June 12, 2019

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) stated that he had nothing to report. Carolyn reported that we need to find a new break-down individual by the end of July, as Michael Otwirk will be going away to college. She stated that she has placed a want ad in the consortium that goes to all of the local junior colleges.

Carla Tsois (Second Vice-President) stated that she had nothing to report.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed the January through May Statement of Activity Comparison for 2018 and 2019. Phil discussed several of the entries. Phil also stated that he looked into purchasing software in order to prepare the club's taxes rather than hiring an accountant. He made a motion to spend \$75.00 to purchase the software and would be responsible for filing the taxes. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion passed without any objections or abstentions.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that he is continuing to get instructors for the beginner novice/beginner run-throughs. The class is popular with handlers. Will also reported that he has Conformation instructors lined up for the rest of the year. Will stated that next session; Miriam Zarate and Rachel Jarka will be “team teaching” a beginner’s class. He said that he has been setting up a novice rally course for the 4H students before setting up the ring after 7:00 p.m. for Rally Advance and Intermediate courses.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she had nothing to report.

Kristina Pomagier (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she is working with Carla Tisoris to participate in Coldwell Banker’s 2nd Annual Adopt-A-Pet Event on September 28th.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that the applications have been submitted to AKC for the 2019 obedience and rally trials. The next part of the process is to submit the judges panel. Carolyn also reported that she is expecting to receive the rental agreement for the fairgrounds for the trial.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that Kent has done great job preparing for the Tracking Test.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however Will reported that he had heard that the Sportsplex at 720 N. 17th St., would like us to host our Agility trials there again. He stated that it would be nice to be able to host two-ring trials again; however at the time we were there, the equipment that we were renting was not in the best condition, even then.

Old Business

- **Instructors T-Shirt Survey Results**

Will reported that the general consensus among the instructors was that they did not feel that it was necessary to be identified with instructors t-shirts.

- **Boner’s Award Survey Results**

During the April Board Meeting, it was agreed that we will conduct a written anonymous survey to determine whether the members found the Boner Award offensive. The following are the results of the survey:

▪ Does know what the Boner is and is not offended	37	(67.3%)
▪ Does not know what the Boner is and is not offended	4	(7.3%)
▪ Does know what the Boner is and is offended	14	(25.5%)

- Additionally, the following are the results of the recent anonymous online survey asking “Do you find the FVDTC Boner Award offensive?”

▪ Yes - It should never see light of day again	0	(0.0%)
▪ No - It’s all in fun	5	(50.0%)
▪ No - But I can see how it could be interpreted that way	1	(10.0%)
▪ What’s a Boner Award?	4	(40.0%)

- As the majority of the club members were not offended by the Boner Award, the award will continue with some modification to the nomination process. One suggestion made was that club members could nominate themselves. Another suggestion was that the nominee could have the option of declining the nomination.

New Business

- **Annual Eye Clinic**
Wendy announced that we will host another eye clinic on October 3rd at the fairgrounds. The exams will be conducted by Dr. Lindley, from Animal Eye Consultants. The pre-payment price of \$35.00 per dog (same as last year) is required to confirm a scheduled appointment. However, new this year will be the opportunity to accept individuals who have not registered and prepaid, assuming that there is available time. The fee for a walk-in exam is \$40.00 per dog.

- **Purchase Additional Rally Sign Stands**
Carol Schmidt, a Rally judge during the club's fun matches, requested that the club purchase a second set of rally sign holders to enable multiple signs to be placed at each station for multiple rally class levels. In her request, she stated that she put the extra signs on the floor, but they were difficult for handlers to see them on the floor. She stated that at J&J Dog Supplies, a complete set of 28 sign holders costs \$78.00 plus tax and \$7.00 shipping. Wendy and Carolyn both stated that they spoke to other Rally fun match judges who were comfortable using the gold-picture-holders for any secondary station signs. It was agreed that Carolyn, as the original purchaser, would obtain more signholders after determining how many more are needed.

- **Consider Donation Opportunity Addressed During July 2018 Membership Meeting**
During the July 2018 Membership meeting, Cris Ballenger suggested that we consider a donation opportunity for a non-profit at one of our Fun Match's for a canine-related charity. It was determined that this would be discussed at the next Board meeting. Following the meeting, Joan Lester provided the following suggestions:
 - Disaster Trailers Program (to be used in our local area)
 - Canine Health Foundation

Mr. David Hopkins lives locally and is a Delegate to the American Kennel Club. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Canine Health Foundation and is also very familiar with the Disaster Trailers. He would be willing to attend one of the Club's meetings to discuss either of these two programs, if the Club would be interested.

It was agreed that while it is a nice thought, the raffle was originally started to help offset the expenses of hosting the Obedience and Rally Trials. It was suggested that if Cris Ballenger was interested, she could make arrangements to have a special item that would be raffled during our trial raffle and all proceeds from that item would be donated to the selected charity.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Membership Meeting Highlights - July 17, 2019

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m. following a fantastic and informative program by Barb Misch.

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

Carla Tsois (Second Vice-President) had no other report. Wendy thanked Carla for organizing tonight's program.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that the rally ring will be set up with the Novice level signs between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm; after then the more advanced signs will be set up.

Will stated that the 6:00 pm Beginner's class will be "team taught" by Miriam Zarate and Rachel Jarka. The 7:00 pm Beginner's class is David Thornell. He said that volunteers are lined up for the:

- Beginners/Beginners Novice run-throughs until October 31st.
- Conformation until the end of the year.

Additionally, Will reported that the Advanced Puppy class has been moved from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) was not in attendance but sent her report to Carolyn, who read a list of two new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Barb Misch 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; none were present at the meeting.

Kristina Pomagier (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance, but reported that she is seeking two or more volunteers to participate in a Public Education Event on September 28th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at 1212 S. Naper Blvd, Suite 122, Naperville. This is a great opportunity to train/proof/ socialize your dog AND earn one work credit. The event's flyer (created by Carla Tisoris, Wendy Waddick and Kristina) will be posted on our FaceBook page. Joan Lester volunteered to participate.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that the paperwork has been submitted to and approved by AKC to hold agility trials on the Friday prior to our Spring and Fall trials starting in 2020. Additionally, the worker sign up for the Fall Agility Trial this September will be posted to the membership once it is ready. Members can watch for an email blast around the end of August.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that she has already reserved Riverview Receptions for April 19, 2020 and is seeking ideas for the theme.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that there are currently five paid entries for the August 15 CGC test. She asked instructors announce it to their classes next week. The Registration forms are at the information table and on the web site. Cris stated that the entries and the entry fees must be mailed to her, at the address on the form. Please do not leave the entry form or money at the information table.

Carla Tisoris (Graduation Chairperson) asked that the instructors to please respond to her email request for the graduating students information so she can prepare the personalized graduation certificates and get them signed in a timely manner.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) reported that having a single Open ring during the June match worked out fine. She is attempting to determine what to do during the August match. She stated that she appreciates when volunteers help each other when necessary.

Ren Stewart (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, but congratulated the following dog/handler teams who passed the TDI (Therapy Dog International) Therapy Dog Test hosted by FVDTC on June 20, 2019: Dani Nalley and Stella, Emily O'Keefe and Trouble, Amy Miller and Gunnar, Gabby Selwocka and Bradley, Cheri Nicholas and Gnarly and Dawn Root and Rocky.

FVDTC member John Grosse served as the TDI Evaluator for this comprehensive 13-step test that assesses the temperament, confidence and control of the dog/handler team. The testing process relied heavily on the support of volunteers that included Angie Glidewell, Joan Lester, Andrew Montgomery, Kelli Montgomery, Donna

Matthews, Liam Matthews, Fred Mosier, Mallory Mosier, Wendy Mosier, Sally Read, Gayle Wede, Heather Sidwell, Lizzy Sidwell and JR Warfel. Hosting the test is one example of how the FVDTC supports its community.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Carol Schmidt and donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger received a donation of \$14.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- It was reported, per the discussion during the June Board meeting, that Carolyn will purchase more gold signholders for the rally signs.

New Business

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- **Taurine Blood Draw Clinic**
Wendy stated that we will host another taurine blood draw clinic on Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This blood draw is to determine whether your dog has a taurine deficiency and to participate in ongoing research to determine whether there is a link between DCM due to taurine deficiencies and grain free diets. Donna Bihner will be handling the registration, starting toward the end of August.
- **Heart Clinic**
Wendy stated that we will host another heart clinic during our Fall Obedience/Rally Trial. The test will initially be offered on Saturday, November 16th. However, if there is enough interest, we will open up exams on Sunday. The exams will be performed by Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Nancy Lee will be handling the registration for more information
- Carolyn reported that a new breakdown person needed ASAP. Current breakdown person, Michael is leaving Mid-August to go to college for his Bachelor's degree.
- In response to Wendy's request, Jennifer Cornele volunteered to sit at the Information Table from 6:00 pm until approximately 7:00 pm.
- Cheryl Hettinger reported that she is seeking a couple of volunteers to participate in a demonstration for children at the Kaneville Library at 2:00 p.m. on July 26th.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.



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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