

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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We're Back!

Training has resumed, but it isn't quite business as usual. In order to keep everybody healthy and safe, FVDTC has instituted guidelines, including masks, social distancing and an online signup for class sessions. The guidelines are online, so please read carefully and follow all the instructions. They are for your safety, and for those around you. The part you're

really looking for is here; the link to the class signup:

<https://www.fvdtc.org/class-signup>

Please note: We're monitoring signups and activity closely, and the rules change from week to week in order to best use the facility.

A Note From the President

Hello All,

Have you heard? FVDTC is open again! It's now been 2 weeks since we were able to reopen. But it's not business as usual due to COVID-19. We have new guidelines to help avoid COVID-19 exposure while we return to our classes and training. Members that have come this last 2 weeks have said all has gone well. For those that want to return, but haven't yet, please make sure to reserve your training spots ahead of time each week. Instructors get to reserve training spots starting on Saturdays, before Thursday training nights. Members can sign up for spots starting on Sundays. Reserve your training spots on the club's website before Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

We have updated a few of the Reopening Guidelines, and we will continue to do so as needed. We have determined that we have enough reserved practice spots for each handler/dog team to have 2 runs in each of the Novice, Open and Utility practice spots and Rally runs. Open and Utility runs with an instructor will still only be allowed one run per dog as these spots are limited. Also, instructors and assistants can now crate 2 dogs inside, instead of just one dog, but only while they are teaching their class.

Carolyn Pearson, Dave Lewis, Sue MacPherson and I did a virtual meeting recently to discuss this year's work credit requirements. Since we have been closed for several months and opportunities for achieving work credits have been reduced, we have decided to make some changes to our work credits for this year only. There will be no work credits required for a

reduction of your 2021 Membership Dues. Everyone will pay half price for their dues renewal. We have also reduced by half the amount of work credits needed for any New Title or Volunteer Awards for this year. So only 5 work credits are needed for these awards.

The FVDTC Board had another virtual meeting in July, during this meeting we discussed how we could have a Membership Meeting while still adhering to the Governor's Plan and guidance from the CDC. We decided that for everyone's safety, we will hold a virtual Membership Meeting in September. Dave Lewis has been looking into the logistics of holding this meeting, more details will follow shortly. Keep an eye out on the FVDTC website for more details. Thanks, Dave, for looking into this. The Board will meet again virtually in August.

I know classes and training are not exactly as it always has been, but these are not exactly normal times. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this very difficult and trying time. While we don't know how long we will have to adhere to these new guidelines to help avoid the spread of COVID-19, I'm grateful that we are able to offer some type of classes and training; even if there are reductions and new protocols to be able to do so. Thank you to all that have been teaching our classes and to members that have been able to return. Thanks for complying with the new guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks,
Wendy Waddick

Calendar

August 2020

06 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
13 Thu Modified Regular Training
15 Wed Board Meeting
20 Thu Modified Regular Training
27 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

September 2020

03 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
05 Sat Tracking Test Setup
06 Sun Tracking Test
09 Wed Membership Meeting
10 Thu Modified Regular Training
Fall Agility Trial Setup
11 Fri Fall Agility Trial
12 Sat Fall Agility Trial
13 Sun Fall Agility Trial
17 Thu Modified Regular Training
24 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

What's Going On With the Annual Dinner?

Short answer: We don't know, but we will (soon).

FVDTC's annual dinner is a celebration of our year, where we can enjoy each other's company over a good meal and recognize our accomplishments from the previous year. Unfortunately, due to social distancing requirements and our desire to keep our members healthy and safe, we had to indefinitely postpone the dinner from our original date. We have decided that the dinner will either have a definite date, or will be canceled for 2020. That decision will be made by September 1, and will be announced to the membership soon afterwards.

Coming Soon

It's been a while since we've been able to get together, but we're going to in September (kind of). Watch your email, Waggin' Tales, and the FVDTC web site for details about an online meeting on September 9.

Fall is our usual time for trials and tests. We need to change the way we do things this year, but we're still getting together. Premiums are online now for Agility (September 11-13) and Tracking (September 6). Work credit requirements for this year are reduced, and these are good ways to meet your requirements. Stay tuned to your email, Waggin' Tales, and the FVDTC web site for details.

September

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				Regular Training		Tracking Test Setup
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tracking Test			Membership Mtg	Regular Training Agility Trial Setup	Agility Trial	Agility Trial
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Agility Trial				Regular Training		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Regular Training		
27	28	29	30			

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