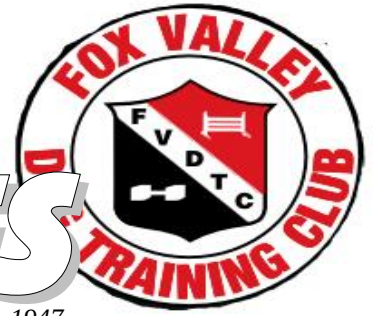


# FVDTC

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## ***It's That Time – Obedience/Rally Trials Are Here!***

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is proud to host its 75<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> annual obedience trials, along with its 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> annual rally trials. Please join us at the Kane County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21, 2021.

Judges for the trial include: Karen Anderson, Robert Burgin, Rick Cox, Suzanne Hemminger and Barbara Selton Wedekind

### **Work Credits:**

Members: Remember, there is a lot of work involved with the trials, and you need work credits for your annual dues discount. Go to the signup (<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/apbkj>) or contact trial chair Taffy Wille ([obedience@fvdtc.org](mailto:obedience@fvdtc.org)) to find out how you can help.

### **Heart Clinic:**

FVDTC is also hosting a heart clinic in conjunction with our fall 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 exams:

- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart. This exam has no expiration date for certification needs.
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart. This exam is good for one year.

**WHEN:** In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 20th, 2021 starting at 8:00 am

**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.

**More Info:** NANCY LEE at [nlee483@comcast.net](mailto:nlee483@comcast.net)

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

To reserve your spot for either exam; send your pre-registration payment to Nancy Lee; please make checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and breed, along with your name, address, phone and email. 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 the necessary paperwork.

Send your registration information and check (payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM) to:

Nancy Lee  
230 Shawnee Circle  
Bartlett, IL 60103

### **Raffle:**

We are also looking for the donation of baskets for our annual raffle during the FVDTC Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, November 20th. Baskets with a mix of items, stuffed toys, chew toys, dog treats, or dog blankets are well received; very gently used items are acceptable as well. Details are on the club web site (<https://www.fvdtc.org>)

## ***Membership Report***

**Sandra Anderson**  
Geneva, IL  
Lab mix  
Completed Beginner class

**Frances Shaw**  
Aurora, IL  
Rough Collie  
Completed Beginner class.

## ***Calendar***

### **November 2021**

04 Thu Regular Training  
10 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)  
11 Thu Regular Training  
18 Thu Fun Match  
19 Fri Obedience Trial Setup  
20 Sat Obedience/Rally Trials  
21 Sun Obedience/Rally Trials  
23 **Tue** Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

### **December 2021**

02 Thu Regular Training  
06 Mon Board Meeting (Zoom)  
09 Thu Regular Training  
16 Thu Regular Training  
21 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
30 Thu Christmas Party

## **AKC Regulation Changes**

*Details of the regulation changes are on the AKC web site:*

*<https://link.akc.org/view/5b86ecd024c17c57384527b3f4b7c.251/27506571>*

The Board voted to **terminate** the following Regulation modifications at year-end:

1. **Obedience – The modified distance of eight (8) between dogs in the Novice obedience group exercises** will return to a distance of six feet between dogs, for all events held after December 30, 2021.
2. **Tracking – The modified 36-month tracking test certifications** will return to a 24-month certification certificate, for all certifications issued on or after January 1, 2022. Certifications issued in 2020 and 2021 will continue to be valid for 36-months.

These three temporarily suspended or modified Regulations **have been extended for events occurring on or before Thursday, June 30, 2022.**

1. **Obedience/Rally/Agility – Two-Judge Requirement to Title** – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally, and agility lower level classes and will allow titles to be earned under a single judge through June 30, 2022.
2. **Obedience/Rally/Agility – The waiver of date and mileage restrictions for judges** – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience, rally and agility judges and waived the date/location restrictions of 30 days and 100 miles for obedience/rally judges; and 30 days and 200 miles for agility judges, allowing them to accept assignments without a conflict through June 30, 2022.
3. **Obedience/Rally – The judge's assignment limitation to judge the same classes** – The Board extended the temporary modification for obedience and rally trials and will allow a judge to judge the same classes at more than two trials over the course of a cluster of no more than five days through June 30, 2022.

The Board approved a **permanent change to the Regulations for Agility Trials** effective for agility trials occurring on and after January 1, 2022:

1. **Agility – Exhibitors will continue to be allowed to carry their leashes during their agility runs**, i.e., place leashes in their pockets when running the course or wear on themselves (i.e., clip like a belt around the waist) effective for all trials. This temporary modification will be made a permanent part of the Regulations effective January 1, 2022.

## ***Board Meeting Highlights - October 18, 2021***

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

**Bob Boeke (First Vice-President)** had nothing to report as 1st VP, but thanked the club for the get-well card and the basket.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** was not in attendance but reported that he is getting the reports finished and will be sending them to the board members shortly. He reported that the Agility trials earned approximately \$12,000 this year. He expects that we will earn some money this year on operations and the investments are still doing well.

Phil also reported that he is in the process of getting our new PayPal account linked to our bank account. He also stated that Dave Lewis can start the integration of the club's website and the PayPal site.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** stated that five of the six primary instructors were happy for the brief respite of teaching related to the COVID-impacted 2021 class calendar. He also reported that he would like to get one more volunteer to teach the conformation class, as he is finding it difficult to obtain class instructions until the end of the year.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported the following:

- The request for raffle-ready donations items has been communicated on the club's website and the club's Facebook. Although the request to send out via Constant Contact, it has not yet been sent out.
- The basket raffle will be held on Saturday, November 20th; the 50/50 Dollar raffle will be held on Sunday.
- The volunteer online sign-up sheets are now available.
- At this time, there are currently three individuals who have expressed interest in vendor space. However, no checks have been received to reserve their table. Taffy stated that if anyone hears of a possible vendor, they should let her know.

### **Old Business**

- **PayPal** – Dave Lewis reported that he had just received the information from Phil about starting to create the website integration. Following a brief discussion Dave stated that he would do his best to get the integration completed ready to accept entries for the January 2022 Fun Match.

## New Business

- **Personal Advertising** – Carolyn Pearson stated that flyers were left on the information table at training about AKC's CGC and CGCA tests that offered more details on a personal dog training business website. However, the club has a policy that prohibits club members from advertising their personal dog training business offerings at the training club when it is the same services that the club offers.
- **CGC Test Fees** - Wendy reported that Cris Ballanger, CGC Coordinator, asked the Board to consider the following:
  - Increase the fee collected from \$15 to \$20.
  - Increase the payment to the evaluator from \$30 to \$40.

It was decided after some discussion that we would be better able to make a final decision with answers to the following questions:

- What is the AKC costs associated to hosting the test?
- What is the cost of the rosettes given to those who pass the test?
- What is the fee that is being collected by other locals tests?

Wendy stated that she would get that information from Cris. It was agreed to table the discussion until the December Board meeting.

- **Fun Match Entry Fees** - The Match Committee asked the Board to consider increasing the entries fees. After some discussion, Will Short made a motion that effective January 1, 2022 the entry fee of the "first dog" would increase by \$2.00 and the "second dog" entry fee would increase by \$1.00. Carolyn Pearson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members, with no opposition or abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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