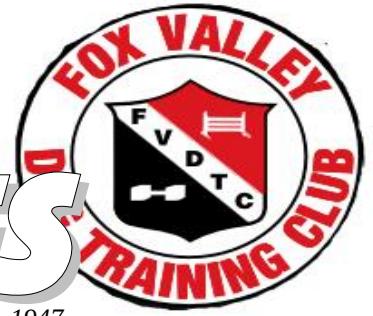


FVDTC

April, 2022



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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I would like to start out this month's note by saying thank you to Angie Schmidt for taking on the role of coordinator for our 4H program. Angie has worked very hard to get this year's program up and running. I greatly appreciate her willingness to volunteer for this task to ensure that the 4H program can be held this year. I would also like to thank Donna Nuger for helping Angie coordinate the 4H program this year. A big thank you to everyone that is working directly with the 4H students; Chris McHenry, who is the lead instructor teaching obedience skills; as well as her assistants Carla Tsois, Jen Cornele, Brian Bourdeau and Marybeth Seymour. Miriam Zarate is working with the 4H students on their showmanship handling skills. Without all of these wonderful club volunteers we would not be able to offer the 4H program to our youngest handlers. Thank you to all for all your hard work, the club greatly appreciates all that you are doing!

We recently held our Spring Agility Trial at the beginning of April. Once again, I would like to thank Cathy Fleury for all her hard work organizing this event, as well as Taffy Willie who helps coordinate the workers. It's a ton of work to make sure all runs smoothly. This year's trial was held the same weekend as the AKC's National Agility Championships, at which Cathy and Taffy participated. So several club members stepped up to help out in their absence. Thank you to Ronnie Bizer who was the Trial Chairman; Bette McMillan for helping to work with the trial workers; Cheryl Lewis who made sure all of our workers and judges were well fed. Vera Nyberg and Kent Hildebrand who were key helpers. Also thank you to Ninette Sandefur who was one of the only club members that stayed on Sunday to help take down, as well as helping in other ways. The club owes all a huge thank you for your hard work to make our Agility Trials such a success!

We also held another Canine Good Citizen test recently, in conjunction with our April Fun Match. Thank you to Cris Ballenger for organizing our CGC tests! Cris had a lot of volunteers helping during the test, thank you to everyone that came out to help. This time 4 teams signed up to test for their CGC test, 2 teams passed. Congratulations to the new CGC teams!

Now is the time to be working on your work credits for this year in order to receive a 50% reduction on your membership dues for next year. You only need 3 work credits for this. If you have at least 10 work credits, you are eligible for a great Volunteer or New Title Award. Volunteering is also a fantastic way to help your club, meet like-minded dog people and perhaps even learn new skills. Unsure how to volunteer? An easy way to do so is to go to the club's volunteer page titled "Volunteer to Help" on our website. You can also check the calendar, events page or even contact a committee chair directly to see how you can help. And if you would like to help one of our wonderful instructors, contact our Director Of Training, Will Short, to see if you can help assist with one of our many classes.

Thank you for all you do,

see you at training,

Wendy

CGC Congratulations

Congratulations to Jasmine Haldame and her border collie, Dan, and to Georgia Farley and her All American dog, Freyja, who earned their Canine Good Citizen titles last night. Kudos to the other two teams who demonstrated a lot of good work with their dogs. With just a little more practice they will be successful, too. A big thank you to our judge, Terri Vaira, and to our volunteers Gina Post, Beth Greenaway, Kathy Bianchetti, Susan Brinkworth, Laura Lager, and Marybeth Seymour. We had a big "crowd" for the dogs to navigate. Our next test will be in August.

Therapy Dog Evaluation – June 16, 2022

FVDTC will be holding a TDI (Therapy Dog International) Therapy Dog Test and Evaluation on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm (during the June Fun Match). Registration is limited to seven dog/handler teams.

For more information, including how to register, please contact Dianne Herold at (630) 669-6088 or therapy@fvdtc.org

... And We Need Your Help!

Adult and children volunteers are needed to help with FVDTC's hosting of a Therapy Dog International evaluation on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm (during June's Fun Match). This is an opportunity to earn work credit and support this important service to our community.

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Membership Report

Tom Hazel

Geneva, IL
Mixed breed
Completed Beginner class

Denise Story

St. Charles, IL
French Brittany
Completed Beginner class

Calendar

May 2022

05 Thu Regular Training
11 Wed Membership Meeting
12 Thu Regular Training
19 Thu Fun Match
26 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

June 2022

02 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
09 Thu Regular Training
13 Mon Board Meeting
16 Thu Fun Match
Therapy Dog Test
23 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
30 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

Board Meeting Highlights - April 11, 2022

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) The February Meeting minutes were approved as published. An item of correspondence was read.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed the YTD 2022 Statement of Activity Comparison report with the following comments:

- The Spring Agility Trial showed a significant decrease in revenue, as well as an expected decrease in the expenses. Cathy stated that there has been a recent trend of fewer agility trial entries all through the area, therefore she was not too surprised by the numbers. Additionally, she stated that our trial was held the same weekend as AKC's National Agility Championship, which "stole" some exhibitors, including Taffy Wille and herself.
- Additionally, there has been a significant increase in the salary paid to the breakdown and set-up individuals. The YTD comparison report may not be a complete and accurate comparison due to the timing of check request submitted and/or bills paid.

Phil also proposed that we consider increasing the fee charged for our Beginner, Puppy and Advance Puppy classes, as it has been a significant amount of time since the last increase (Secretary's note: the last increase was in 2012). He felt that we would not be jeopardizing our student base, as the majority of the local clubs, were charging more than we do currently. The increase would impact all of the registered classes.

Phil made a motion to increase the Beginner's, Puppy and Advanced Puppy class fees from \$95.00 to \$120.00 for non-club-members and from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for club-members for an eight-week session. This increase would be in effect for sessions beginning after August 1, 2022. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that a schedule will be posted for the dates that the 6:00 p.m. Peak Performance class will be held due to Loretta Lazzara's judging schedule.

Will also stated that the first couple of weeks of the 4-H session have been a little chaotic, but thanks to the efforts of Angie Shmidt and Donna Nuger, he expects things to calm down. Wendy Waddick confirmed that the issues were being addressed as quickly as possible.

Wendy Waddick reported that she reminded the Match Committee members that there is a policy in place to offer one free run-through to the 4-H students at the June match prior to their graduation show.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that several non-regular Wild Card Novice / Open / Utility classes are planned for Sunday, November 20th. Currently, Randy Capsel is the assigned judge.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that she heard from Ronnie Bizer that the trials went well and received many compliments. Due to her and Taffy Wille's participation at AKC's National Agility Championship, Ronnie Bizer, was onsite Acting Trial Chair. Cathy also extended thanks to Ninette Sandefur who worked all day and then stayed to help breakdown.

Old Business

- **PayPal**

In response to Will Shorts question, Dave reported that due to his heavy workload, there is no update on the ability to use PayPal to accept match entries and payment. Dave stated that he would talk to Barb Misch, who offered through Will to assist set up the PayPal, as she has set it up for her business. It was agreed that PayPal would not be used to pay drop-in guest training fees.

New Business

- **Membership Guidelines for Lifetime Members**

Due to recent questions from lifetime members, membership guidelines for lifetime members who allow training membership to lapse have been confirmed. Members who have been for 15 consecutive years are considered Lifetime Members and have \$0.00 Membership dues.

If the Lifetime member is a Training member, their dues are \$45.00 and have all training privileges at the club. Non-training Lifetime members do not pay anything, and do not have any training privileges at the club. In the event that they wish to train their dog(s), they have two options:

- Pay the \$45.00 training fee plus the \$10.00 re-instatement fee, or
- Pay the \$8.00 nightly guest training fee each time they train.

This information will be updated in the Roles and Responsibilities documentation.

- **Providing 4-H Students Rally Instructions**

Angie Schmidt asked the Board to provide guidance to her, as the new 4-H Superintendent, about offering Rally instructions to the 4-H students. She has an instructor, but needs the ring space and a course set-up. As a result of the discussion, Will agreed that he would have a Rally course (mixed levels, not just Novice) set up for the 4-H students to use between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. It was agreed that any signs that were too advanced would be bypassed by the students.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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