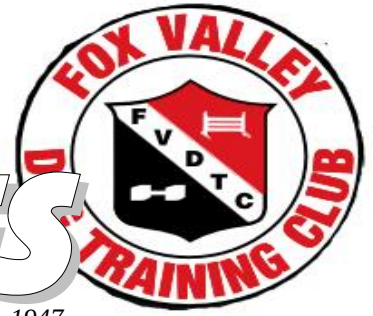


FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I hope you are enjoying your Summer. Soon it will be Fall, which is a busy time for FVDTC. Our Fall Tracking Test is coming up on September 10th & 11th at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve. Kent Hildebrand, our Tracking Chair, is still looking for help, no experience is needed for most of the jobs. Please reach out to Kent to help out.

Our Fall Agility Trial is set for September 16th, 17th & 18th at Car-Dun-Al in Huntley; the premium list is available on the website. Contact Cathy Fleury if you have any questions. Our Fall Obedience & Rally Trials are set for November 19th and 20th; the premium list is also available on our website. Contact Taffy Wille for further details. We will be having 2 Rally Trials on Saturday, plus we are offering non-regular classes on Sunday called the Wild Card class, offered are at the Novice, Open and Utility levels. These are non-titling classes, but they offer a great opportunity to put your dog in a show setting. Check out the premium list for more information about these classes.

We will be hosting another Heart Clinic during our Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, November 19th at the Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to get your dog's heart examined at a greatly reduced cost. Dr Heidi Kellihan will be performing these exams. Please contact Nancy Lee to register; no walk-ins will be accepted. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

We held another CGC test in conjunction with our August Fun Match. Thank you to Cris Ballenger for organizing this test, and thank you Terri Vaira for being the evaluator for this test. Five teams tested, and all passed. Congratulations to our new CGC title holders: Chris Weller & Ivy, Karen Clutter & Teddy, Victoria Illaionov & Milo, Cindy Lochmann & Izzy and Vicky Atkinson & Molly. Thank you to all our volunteers that came out to help: Nancy Pederson, Bette McMillian, Beth Greenaway and Kathy Bianchetti. Our next CGC test will be in Spring, 2023.

There is one more important thing I would like to mention in this month's note, something that seems quite obvious, but it's still worth noting. We have many different types of dogs with varying degrees of temperaments and willingness towards training. Some dogs are fairly easy to train and are eager to work with their handlers. Then there are other dogs that are a bit, shall we say, less-than-eager. Every handler that comes to FVDTC does so because they want to train their dogs for a variety of reasons and goals. The handlers with these dogs are working very hard to train them and reach whatever goals they have set for them. Although it may seem like a good idea at the time, is never helpful to say things like "well what do you expect, you have a <insert breed name here>". Rather than being negative, offer words of encouragement and praise for all the hard work the handler is doing to train their dogs. You may think your comments about a certain breed's "train-abilities" are funny, but they can be hurtful to those handlers. So, please, think before making statements like this. We all want our dogs to succeed. It's so much better to encourage and support one another and help each other achieve whatever goals we have made for our dogs.

Thanks for all you do, see you at training,

Wendy

Obedience/Rally Workers Needed!

We will be hosting our annual obedience and rally trials on November 19 and 20. There will be two obedience and two rally trials on Saturday and one of each on Sunday. If any club members are looking to become a judge, you need to steward in the class you are applying for a minimum of ten times. These trials are an opportunity to gain three of those requirements. Please reach out to trial chair, Taffy Wille (obedience@fvdtc.org) or chief ring steward, Cathy Fleury, to prearrange your assignment. Other openings will be available for signup closer to the trial date when an online signup is made available. We cannot run our trials without the help from members so please consider volunteering.

Its Raining Stewards!!

It seems beginning in September, and most likely for the rest of the year we're going to need more stewards than normal on Match nights. Entries are up with all the fall shows coming, which is great! But we can only offer the event if we have the manpower to support it.

Remember, as a steward you get a free run through and a work credit! Many hands make light work. If we're able to offer twice as many rings, we divide the work and no one has to stay too terribly late. Win, win!

You can sign up to be a steward by going to the FVDTC calendar online, clicking the Fun Match, then Volunteer, and signing up. You can register as a volunteer 45 days before an event. It's easy, and training is provided.

Join the fun and start stewarding!

Agility Needs Help, Too!

FVDTC's Fall Agility Trial will be held at Car-Dun-Al, in Huntley, on September 16, 17 and 18. Volunteer to help at the trial (Members: that means work credits!):

Friday - <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jdyca>

Saturday - <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ltobc>

Sunday - <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/oxnxs>

FVDTC Members: We Want You!

If you are an FVDTC club member, and want to volunteer to help at a club event, you have several options. The easiest is to go to the club volunteer page: <https://www.fvdtc.org/volunteer>

You can also check the Calendar or Events pages, and then contact the appropriate committee chair.

If you want to be one of our invaluable instructors or helpers, contact the DOT, Will Short

Remember, every time you volunteer, you earn work credits toward awards and membership discounts. Thank you for your help.

Calendar

September 2022

01 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
08 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
10 Sat Tracking Test Setup
11 Sun Tracking Test
14 Wed Membership Meeting
15 Thu Fun Match
16 Fri Agility Trial
17 Sat Agility Trial
18 Sun Agility Trial
22 Thu Regular Training
29 Thu Regular Training

October 2022

05 Thu Regular Training
10 Mon Board meeting
11 **Tue** Regular Training
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
20 Thu Fun Match
22 Sat Mat Cleaning
27 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

Vendors and Crafters Needed!

Vendor booth space is available at our 2022 Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday and Sunday, November 19th and 20th. Do you, or anyone you know, make dog-related items, such as treats, toys, leashes, etc., and would be interested in renting a booth at our trials?

Please contact Cheryl Hettinger at boothvendors@fvdtc.org

Remember! When we have more vendors, we have better opportunities to spoil our companions!



Congratulations - New CGC Titles!

Congratulations to our new CGC title holders: Chris Weller and Ivy, Karen Clutter and Teddie, Victoria Illaionov and Milo, Cindy Lochmann and Izzy and Vicky Atkinson and Molly. What great, well-prepared teams! Thank you to our volunteers: Nancy Pederson, Bette McMillan, Beth Greenaway, and Kathy Bianchetti and to our always fabulous judge, Terri Vaira. Our next test will be in the spring.

Membership Report

Barb Stilling

St Charles IL
Coonhound
Completed Beginner class

Peter & Elizabeth Bancroft

Aurora IL
Weimaraner & GSP
Completed Puppy class

Melissa & Amanda Petrowich

Elgin IL
Old English Sheepdog
Completed Beginner class

Liz Sokolowski

St Charles IL
Springer Spaniels
Completed Puppy class

Sue Beck-Sheridan

Geneva IL
Schnauzer mix
Completed Puppy class

Lisa Johnson

St Charles IL
Hound mix
Completed Beginner class

Membership Meeting Highlights - July 20, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) briefly discussed the current FVDTC financial YTD statements. Although currently the investments are down approximately 15-16%, historically markets bounce back over time.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he believes that the puppy class date and time confusion has been resolved. He also reported that he has not received a big response for his request for conformation instructors.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of four new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Barb Misch made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Candy Ellis 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.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that everything was great. Originally, there were 33 club members who had signed up, however only 31 attended. The food was good, the raffle prizes were a welcomed treat and the awards were fabulous as always. Candy thanked her Committee Members: Kathy Bianchetti, Vera Nyberg and Pat Senne.

Sally Boeke (Awards Co-Chair) asked everyone to submit pictures that can be posted on Facebook, and the website. Gayle Wede stated that she would send her pictures.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) stated that, as of tonight, she has not received any entries for the next CGC test on August 18. Wendy stated that she will ask Miriam Zarate to send out a Constant Contact reminder about the test.

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) reported that stewards are needed for the August match.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) stated that unfortunately, Sunshine is going through a busier than normal period with members losing their sidekicks and hospitalizations, Sad Sunshine

Dianne Herold (Therapy Dog Evaluation) reported that four teams passed the June 16th TDI test we hosted and that at least one of them was not a club member.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the WT deadline is Sunday; please send all submissions to him before Sunday.

Old Business

- In response to Will Short's question, Dave Lewis replied that the status he had given during previous meetings was still current and up-to-date.

New Business

- In response to Candy Ellis' question it was decided that the third Sunday of April, 2023 would be the tentative date for 2023 annual dinner at the Riverside Reception location.
- Nancy Pederson stated that she will repost CGC test information on the club's Facebook page.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Board Meeting Highlights - August 8, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The June Meeting minutes were approved as published. Carolyn reported that we received the new AKC Rule Books that the club is entitled to.

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) reported that the annual mat cleaning is will be on Saturday, October 22nd. Carolyn is attempting to get volunteers from the St. Charles High Schools as a part of their Community Service Hours program.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent the Year to Date (YTD) financial statement. He reported that the Income statement shows a YTD loss of \$4,740, with most of the expense increases year over year due to:

- General Expense Awards - Trophies: This expense is up this year but not out of line with pre-pandemic expense.
- Agility Awards - Trophies: Cathy recently placed a large agility ribbon order.

Our cash position and reserves remain strong.

Phil reported that Carolyn has initiated a new process to deposit the weekly revenue directly using an Old Second ATM and then providing him with the receipt and backup tracking forms for proper categorization and recording in Quickbooks financial software. This will improve cash flow, because money does not need to pass through as many hands.

Will Short (Director of Training) announced that Terri Vaira has stated that she will be taking a break from teaching the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner's class. In response to Carolyn's question, Will stated that he will

contact another individual to determine interest in teaching the class.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that she will be working on membership stuff in the next week.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that the judges have been confirmed for the Wild Card classes that are being offered on Sunday.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that although the Tracking Test plans are going well, he still needs a couple more drivers and pole carriers. Any help on Saturday, September 10, would be great. Please contact Kent at tracking@fvdtc.org to volunteer.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Fun Match Committee - Rally Requests - Presented via email from Pat Senne
 - The committee requested the Match Rally judges receive an additional work credit, due to the amount of time (approximately an hour) to set-up the rally ring and to be prepared for stewards/judges run-throughs starting at 6:30 p.m.. Additionally, the course has to be planned pre-match and the signs must be pulled from the set of signs.
 - It was also requested that the Rally judges be allowed to take the signs home the week prior to the match to enable them to pull the course signs before the match to reduce some of the prep time on the night of the match.
 - The Board members agreed that it would not be acceptable to let the rally match judges take home the signs.
 - Also, it was requested to get a larger fully matted ring.
 - Carolyn stated that she would see whether it is possible to create a fully matted Rally ring. She will contact the Match Committee to see what can be done to satisfy their requests.
- Policy Regarding "Dog Training Advertising" at FVDTC – Although it has been longstanding policy that club members should not advertise at the training club any classes that directly conflict with the classes offered by the club, it has not been documented. Carolyn will create a draft to be brought back to the Board for approval.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Heart Clinic

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB IS HOSTING A HEART CLINIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR FALL 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 exams.

Dr. KELLIHAN WILL BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING HEART EXAMS:

- 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 19th, 2022 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.

This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced cost!

* EITHER EXAM 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; it's breed; along with your contact information; including 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 the necessary paperwork.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

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