

# FVDTC

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# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **FVDTC Annual Meetings**

The club's annual meeting will be held in-person at the Kane County Extension Center (535 Randall Rd, St. Charles) on Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30pm. Don't miss this meeting: We will be voting on the 2023 Board of Directors, and discussing the new year for FVDTC.

### **Board Nominees:**

<b>President</b>	David Lewis	<b>Treasurer</b>	Phil Nuger	<b>Membership</b>	Sue MacPherson
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Bob Boeke	<b>Director of Training</b>	Will Short	<b>Public Education</b>	Wendy Waddick
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Carla Tisoris	<b>Obedience</b>	Taffy Willy	<b>Tracking</b>	Kent Hildebrand
<b>Secretary</b>	Carolyn Pearson	<b>Agility</b>	Cathy Fleury	<b>Director At Large</b>	TBD

## **A Note From the President**

Hello All,

As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for all you do for your club. There are way too many people to list individually, but please know that I truly appreciate each of you for all your hard work and efforts to make FVDTC such a wonderful club.

I would especially like to thank everyone who served on the Board during this past year. Serving on the Board is a very important role, each of you ensures that the club is able to function as well as we do. While we don't always agree with each other on every issue, we are always able to make important decisions that affect the club's operations. Thank you for everything you have done for the club during this past year!

I would also like to thank all of our Committee Chairs, I know being a Committee Chair involves a lot of work and commitment. Please know that the club appreciates all that you do. Instructors and assistant instructors, you are the backbone of our club. Thank you for coming each week to help teach our students and members. I can't thank you enough for all you do! And to the many members that help the club in ways big and small, a huge thank you to each of you!

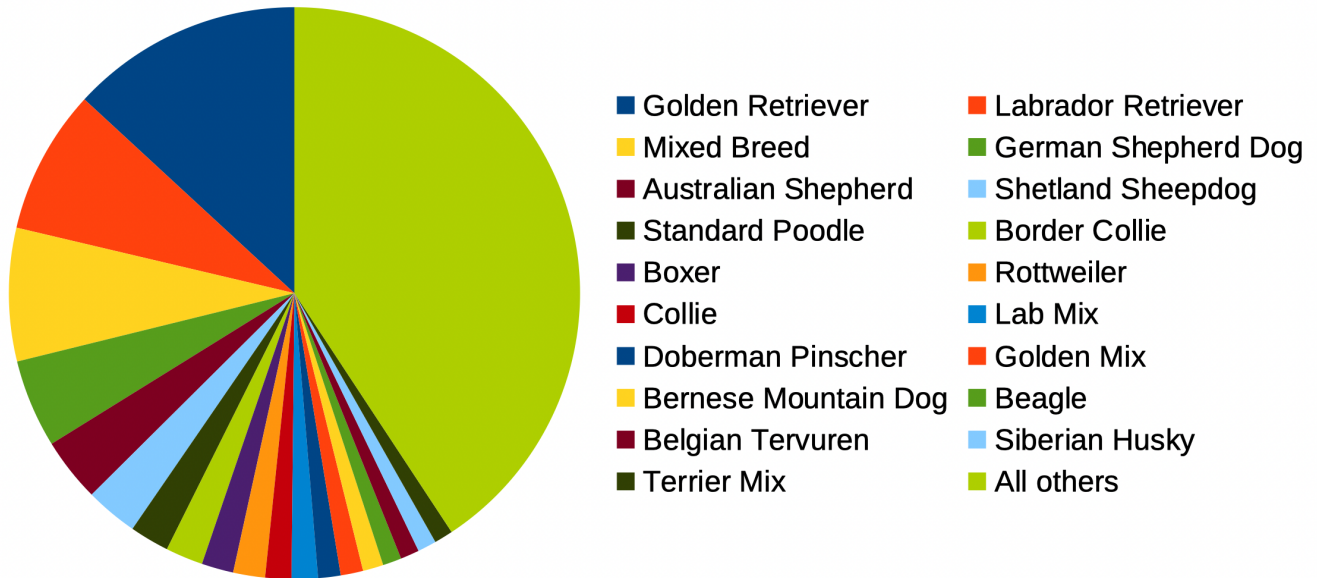
On a different note, most of you are probably aware that we lost two beloved, long time club members this year; Hermann and Ingrid Hamburger. Each did so much for FVDTC. We are deeply saddened by their passing. We will miss them both a great deal. There was a service for Hermann last month, Ingrid's memorial service is being planned for January 18. We will let everyone know what the plans are for her service as soon as we have more details.

This will be my last note monthly note for 2022, and my last note as President of FVDTC. I was first voted in as President of this fantastic club in January of 2016. Yes, it has been a lot of work; especially during COVID; but It's been an honor to hold this position for all these years. I want to thank everyone that I have worked with during this time. It's been my pleasure to work with each of you. Thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve as President of FVDTC. I look forward to helping the club in other ways in 2023.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year, Wendy*

## Did You Know??

What are the most popular breeds at FVDTC? Golden Retrievers are a full 10% of our population, with Labrador Retrievers (6%) and Mixed Breeds (5%) following.



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## Membership Report

**Gina Waechter**  
S. Elgin, IL  
Australian Shepherd  
Completed Beginner class

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## Board Meeting Highlights - December 12, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The October Meeting minutes were approved as published. It was agreed that the request sent by AKC and IFDCO regarding the "Puppy Protection Act" will be communicated to club members via Constant Contact.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** was not in attendance, however he provided a preliminary statement for the year, with much emphasis on the "preliminary" part. He stated that there will be some additional income recorded before the end of the year due to un-deposited class payment checks and raffle income from the obedience trial. He reported that the Obedience Trial Committee did an outstanding job of cutting the loss from the previous year by more than half.

There will also be some investment income in the Morgan Stanley Account for dividends that will need to be recorded.

With the increases in membership dues and class fees that have been put in place starting in 2023, he believes that we will be close to our break-even goal by year end 2023. He will provide a better analysis / projection after the close of the year when all 2022 revenues and expenses will be recorded.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** stated that the contracts for 2023 agility trials have been signed and forwarded to Phil for deposit checks.

## Old Business

### Confirmation of Location for the January 18th, 2023 Membership Meeting

Will Short asked for a final confirmation of whether the January Membership Meeting will be conducted in-person or using the Zoom on-line meeting. He stated that according to the majority of the members participating at the November membership meeting, the meeting should be conducted online. However, it was considered to be a poll, not a motion with a vote. Additionally, it was felt that the number of members at the meeting was not a big representation of the total club members.

In response to club members' question during the November meeting, Dave reported to the Board that we do not have the proper technology needed to have effective hybrid meetings, where participants can attend either on-line or in-person. The pros and cons of the online vs. in-person meetings were

#### Online Meeting Pros

- the unpredictability of winter weather would not be a factor,
- the time needed for driving to the location,
- the amount of space of the room compared to the number of individuals present,

#### In-Person Meeting Pros

- the ability to better control side conversations at the in-person meeting (making note taking a little easier)
- the ability to socialize with fellow club members face-to-face.

After much discussion, Sue MacPherson made a motion to host the January 2023 Membership Meeting in-person at the Kane County Extension Center. Carolyn Pearson seconded the motion.

- Ayes – Bob, Taffy Dave, Sue and Carolyn
- No – Will
- Abstained – Cathy

It was also suggested that since January is the annual meeting with a typically larger-than-average attendance, it would be a good opportunity to get the general membership's feedback regarding ongoing online meetings.

It was confirmed that the Board Meetings for 2023 will be conducted on-line. In order to maintain the ability to host virtual meetings, Dave asked the Board to permit him to spend \$149.00 annually to purchase a license for hosting Zoom meetings. Will Short made a motion that Dave be allowed to spend \$149.00 for Zoom. Cathy

Fleury seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present without any opposition or abstentions.

**New Business**

**2023 Calendar**

Carolyn reported that she is working on the club's 2023 annual calendar. With the unfortunate timing of July 4th being on a Tuesday and the Kane County Fair's site preparations starting on July 5th, we determined that we will schedule the make-up day during the week prior to the November Obedience/Rally Trial.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

**Calendar**

*We're still working on this one; stay tuned*

**January 2023**

- 05 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Starts (8:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Starts (6:00pm)  
Beginner Starts (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 12 Thu Regular Training
- 18 Wed Annual Meeting
- 19 Thu Fun Match
- 26 Thu Regular Training

**February 2023**

- 02 Thu Regular Training
- 09 Thu Regular Training
- 16 Thu Fun Match
- 23 Thu Regular Training

**Registered Therapy Teams Needed**

Bria of Geneva at 1101 E State Street, Geneva IL, 60134 would love to have therapy dog teams visit their residents. Bria is a memory care facility. Preferred times are during the day, and preferably during the week. But weekend and nights could work as well. Please contact Wendy Waddick for more information or to volunteer.  
Membership Renewals

**Member Renewal**

FVDTC Members – Return your renewal form to Sue MacPherson by the end of January to keep your membership current. Make sure you get your work discount by using the attached work credit form, or – better yet – make Sue's life easier by going to "My FVDTC" on the club web site.



# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

## MEMBER RENEWAL



THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2023  
 DUES FOR THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JANUARY 31, 2023**

Your name will be omitted from the 2023 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the February issue, IF your check, this completed form, and your "Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits" are not received by 1-31-2023.

**Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.**

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
You must include your e-mail address if you select the "electronically" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house     Electronically     Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee, if one is convened?

Yes                       No                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes                       No                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As an organization supported strictly by volunteers, we count on you to volunteer at club sponsored events. If you know what activities you would like to volunteer, please list them here. Not sure? Check out the General Policy information on the Members page on our Web site for activities, committees and events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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As a FVDTC club member, I hereby give permission to FVDTC to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's annual dinner, you must select a TRAINING membership type.

**Did You Earn 3 Work Credits Last Year\*\*?**

	Yes, pay...	No, pay...
_____ REGULAR TRAINING*:	\$90.00^	\$180.00
_____ REGULAR NON-TRAINING:	\$45.00^^	\$90.00
_____ LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING*:	\$45.00^^	\$90.00
_____ LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING:	\$00.00	\$00.00

\*\*Check your method for providing your work credits:

Attached form       Recorded online in Members Only

PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4)  
Your Teaching Status will be confirmed by the Director of Training.

Sessions Taught	Amount Owed When Dues are...	
	\$90.00^	\$45.00^^
<b>1</b>	\$67.50	\$33.75
<b>2</b>	\$45.00	\$22.50
<b>3</b>	\$22.50	\$11.25
<b>4</b>	\$00.00	\$00.00

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\***

*\*\*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$10.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 01-31-2023*

Please mail this application and your work credits form with your dues, and to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

(630) 584-1002	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 4N791 Chaffield Drive St. Charles, IL 60175	membership@fvdtc.org
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## 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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