

Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

From Tim and Anne White

From Marietta Huber

What's News? Legs & Brags

S hamrock Acres Celebration (Liza) JH, CDX

In their first Agility Show for both Liza and Tim, he handled here to a 1st place UKC blue ribbon! They earned a perfect score of 200, in AG 1, at Windy City Agility Club on 2/28/98 in Franklin Park, IL.

From Linda Benson

N ews from the Car-Dun-AI Agility Trials held on March 7th and 8th:

Tygr and Linda Benson two perfect 100 scores and 3rd (Novice Agility title Na) and 4th place out of Novice A 16". Norm and Bob Nicholson also garnered two perfect 100 scores and two first place wins in the 24" Novice A Division to gain their Na title. GoFer and Kay Weber earned a leg out of Novice B 24" with a second place. Lisa Humm and Josh 2nd place in Open 12" Division and also Lisa and Morgan Open 20" Division a qualifying score and first leg. Earning a first leg in Novice A 20" was Tim (yes Tim) White and Liza a score of 95 and second place.

U KC Agility

SQUIGGLES, Marietta Huber's beagle, earned the 5 legs needed for the Agility III title: "U-ATCHX" all with perfect scores of 200 and all with 1 st places! At four of these shows she earned HIGH IN TRIAL awards !

11/22-23/97 Kickapoo Kreek Klub
Pottstown, IL

1st leg - 200 - 1st place (High in Trial)
2nd leg -200 - 1st place (High in Trial)

01/03/98 Smack Dab's
Warrenville, IL
3rd leg - 200 - 1st place

01/31/98 Smack Dab's
Warrenville, IL
4th leg -200 - 1st place (High in Trial)

02/14-15/98 Paw Power Blues Agility Club
Cedar Lake, IN
5th leg - 200 - 1st place (High in Trial) -
U-ATCHX
bonus - 199 -2nd place

Also, at all these UKC trials, POPCORN, Marietta's yellow lab earned the U-ATCH title, finishing up at:

02/14-15/98 Paw Power Blues Agility Club
Cedar Lake, IN
Agility II - 200 - 1st place - finished earning 200 points to achieve the U-ATCH title!
Agility III - 198 - 2nd place - 1st leg

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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
DUES AND TRAINING FEE
RENEWAL NOTICE**

DUES FOR THE 1998-99 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 1998.
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET, BE SURE THAT
YOU ARE A CURRENT TRAINING MEMBER.

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
"FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB"

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:

JUDY ANDERSON MEMBERSHIP

6 N 213 WILLOW DRIVE

ST. CHARLES, IL. 60175 6338

NOTE: YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 1998-99 ROSTER, AND
YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN TAILS WILL BE THE JUNE ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND
COMPLETED FORM IS RECEIVED BY 7-9-98.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR
DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-9-98.

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING \$90.00

REGULAR NONTRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD NONTRAINING FREE

INSTRUCTORS:

EARN ¼ CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX.4)
MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION (NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE 1ST WEEK OF APRIL)
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

DO YOU WANT A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN TAILS? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN TAILS VIA E-MAIL? YES NO

THE \$90.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE MAY BE PAID IN TWO INSTALLMENTS WITH THE LAST ONE DUE
BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR
RENEWAL TO BE VALID.**

I AM CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NEW DATABASE FOR THE CLUB AND NEED TO HAVE ALL
OF THIS INFORMATION TO MAKE IT COMPLETE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS
MATTER.

JUDY ANDERSON
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

From Marietta Huber

A Life-Time of "Lab-Love"!

Licorice

CAN OTCH, U-ATCH RAMAPO'S MEDICINE
MAN

AAD, MX, EAC, EGC, OJC, VAD, UDX, U-UD, WC
11/06/84 - 02/06/98

You were born on Ronald Regan's election night! I didn't leave to vote, for fear that I might miss this important event! you were from CACAO's first litter! I carefully held you in my arms, as you took your first breath. you were so black and so sweet that I named you "LICORICE", the only male in the litter! I knew then, that you were my special "lad", and would be the best medicine I ever had!

We bonded together from the very start. I was so careful with your growth & development. But one night, you fell down a flight of stairs, after having a bath. I was completely guilty, never bothering to dry your feet before sending you up the wooden stairs to the kitchen. While there was no physical damage, there remained an emotional scar that never healed. 'In all those times, as I carried you up & down the stairs, you were never "bad", because you were the best medicine I ever had!

We spent the first few years training in obedience. You never liked working in the field, as your mother did. But I loved you too much to force the issue. We worked very hard together under several "tough teachers" and you earned your titles easily, all the way to a UD and a CAN OTCH! We won many "High Scoring Bred By" awards, as well as OTCH points! And I was so proud of you!

Others acknowledged your magnificent looks in opportunities we never expected - from a cover of a mystery novel, to a fashion show at Bloomingdale's, fashion ads in Woman's Wear Daily and a 4 page spread in Vogue magazine! I beamed over this accomplishment more than just a "lad", and you were the best medicine I ever had!

At one weekend's seminar, we discovered

agility! This was the "key" that opened the door to a magical world for us! you took to the training like a duck in water, trusting me every step of the way! you even earned coverage in a training video & workbook! While we enjoyed our lessons, it was the excitement of competition that ignited your flame. As you soared over the finish line to earn your titles and win many events, I was so proud of you!

Moving to the Chicago area gave us more opportunities to train and compete. In our first year, we traveled to 7 different states for agility competitions! We even flew to Texas several times to compete at the annual Grand Prix events! With the same excitement, we returned to obedience to earn a UDX and a UKC UD!

Again your amazing achievements were noticed, as your name and pictures appear in four new published books on labradors! And as you've left your special mark on labrador history in such a "fad", you're the best medicine I ever had!

Over the years, you helped raise each litter. With your intense gaze, you demanded respect and calmed those "wild Indians"! Through your fine example, you taught RAINBOW & POPCORN all the agility & obedience routines! You even put up with the antics of a beagle, (SQUIGGLES) and allowed her to sleep nestled in your bed, Even with our newest lab, WRANGLER, there were all those long walks that were enjoyed!

As the years went by, you seemed to defeat your age, with your shiny black coat without a trace of gray! Only in the cloudiness of your eyes, could I tell. And when I made that decision to retire you at 12 1/2, I couldn't be "sad" - because you were the best medicine I ever had!

Our sympathy to:

Heidy & Lew Tevlizzi on the loss of their miniature poodle "Terry"

and to

Alice and Ray Lawson on the loss of their standard poodle "Hoagy".

The Loss of a Friend

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From Joan Payne

1998 Awards Committee



It is apparent through the hard work of last year's awards committee, that the membership favors a reevaluation of titles and awards.

There were many multi-directional discussions with questions getting lost inside questions. Like dog training, I will try to focus on one thing at a time.

I often found myself changing my mind after hearing many sides to an issue. My goal is to present several points of view to help members decide what is best for them and what is best the club. Occasionally these two positions are in conflict, but compromise is a compatible solution. Consequently, I will seek diverse opinions so that our membership discussions and decisions will reflect what is in the best interests of FVDTC.

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Licorice

And on that final day as you waited for me to come home, to give me a "loving lick", it was such a shock! You left this world - as you arrived - in my arms. The kindness in the words of a close friend says it all ... "He loved you so much he didn't want you to have to make the final decision to let him go".

As you lay snuggled in the "labrador" blanket from Bottle, with you head resting on your favorite pillow, I believe you're at peace, besides CACAO & CHAMOIS. And I know you'll wait for me by that Rainbow Bridge, when we'll all be together again!

Sweet dreams my loving, LICORICE.

As I write this last chapter in your life, I cannot be "mad", because

You're still the best medicine I ever had !

Written from my heart... Marietta

I will communicate through *Waggin' Tails* and on training nights. You can respond in writing, by telephone, and through discussions. I invite and will present as many sides to an issue as I can. For instance, one question is what titles should receive an award? Choices range from doing away with all awards to giving awards for all canine titles by all titling organizations. By narrowing choices through discussion, not a vote, those who would have voted for none or all awards still have a voice. I want to eliminate the extremes and least favorable selections and discover what most club members believe to be the wisest choice of awards for FVDTC.

The first focus will be on which obedience titles should be given awards. What will not be discussed at this time, are awards for conformation, tracking, other titles or awards value. Currently we give awards for all AKC and Canadian obedience titles. There is much discussion about whether to eliminate the Canadian awards or add UKC (United Kennel Club) recognition. Our choice is to give awards for one of the following:

1. AKC Obedience titles only
2. AKC, CKC awards of equal value (our current policy)
3. AKC, CKC, UKC with equal value awards
4. AKC, CKC, UKC, SKC (States Kennel Club) with equal value awards
5. AKC and one choice from another obedience titling organization for equal value awards
6. AKC and one choice from another obedience titling organization for equal awards and recognition of a lesser value from other obedience

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From Jim Benson

1998 Awards

Our New Statistician

titling organizations

7. Other?

The following are some expressed views for and against various title recognition

- We are an obedience club, therefore we should recognition all obedience titles.
- Giving Canadian awards has been a tradition, we should continue the tradition
- It is too far to travel for Canadian titles.
- Why give title recognition from a foreign country when we don't recognize titles from other US obedience organizations?
- Earning a UKC title is easier because there are more and closer trials.
- Adding UKC would give more club members the opportunity to earn more obedience awards thus promoting our sport.

Remember this first discussion is only about obedience titles. Other topics will follow at a later date.

What I need from you are points either for or against giving awards for various titles and from the suggestions above, (or other suggestions) which do you favor I would like to weed out the least favorable choices and discuss the clubs most common selections. I want to be clear, I am not asking for a vote. At this point, I am soliciting opinions.

I have idealistic goals and I believe open lines of communication will weak. However, if you do not speak I will not know. You are the Club.

Joan Payne
1998 Awards
Committee Chairman



I have taken over the position of statistician effective March 4, 1998. As of now, please send all your show results (titles earned, legs earned, placings, etc.) to me.

You may e-mail me at jbenson@elnet.com,

Mail them to me at:

James Benson
2S175 Harter Rd PO Box 152
Kaneville, IL 60144.

Or give them to me on training nights. For those who don't know me, I am can usually be found around 3 crates of Basenjjs.

Good luck to all,

From Suzan Scott

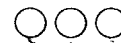
Correction Match



The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction match will be held Thursday, March 19, 1998. All six rings will begin at 7:00 PM with sits and downs in the open and novice rings at the judges' discretion.

The March, April and May matches tend to fill fairly quickly so pre-entry is advised.

Send e-mail (retrievers@worldnet.att.net) or call Suzan Scott at (630) 898-5998 if you have any questions about the match.



From the Editor

E-Mail Waggin' Tales

In January and February we asked you if you would be interested in receiving your copy of *Waggin' Tales* via e-mail. There has been a lot of positive response, and a lot of questions. Here's my best effort at answering those questions. If you want more information, or want to receive *Waggin' Tales* via e-mail, contact Dave Lewis at 630/897-4267 or dclewis@inil.com.

◆ **What does it cost?**

It costs you nothing. The club will purchase the software necessary to produce the newsletter, and you use free software to read it.

◆ **What's the benefit?**

It will save the club almost the entire cost of producing the newsletter -- about \$1 per person per month.

◆ **How does the newsletter get to me?**

It will be sent as a "binary attachment" to your regular e-mail. That means your e-mail software must support attachments. Juno (the free e-mail system) does not work. Netscape, Microsoft Mail, Microsoft Exchange, Pegasus, Eudora Light, Eudora Pro, AOL and many others will work fine.

◆ **Can I print the newsletter?**

Yes. Just like anything else, you can print the whole newsletter, or page by page.

◆ **Can the contents of the newsletter be changed?**

No. The newsletter will be in "Adobe Acrobat" format, which means you can read, search and print, but not change the contents. It will look identical to the printed copy.

◆ **How big is the file? How long will it take to download?**

It depends. The size of the file will be directly dependent on the number of pages in the newsletter, how many pictures there are and several other factors. A sample 12-page newsletter is 280Kb. Time to download depends on your modem, your

computer and your e-mail provider. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

◆ **Will it be compatible with DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Macintosh, Unix?**

Yes. One of the reasons for choosing Acrobat is its extreme portability. You can find a reader that will work on any platform.

◆ **Can the newsletter be forwarded to non-members?**

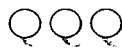
Yes. There's no way to prevent members from forwarding the e-mail to non-members. (Of course, there's no way to prevent members from passing or copying the printed version, either)

◆ **Is this going to replace the printed version of *Waggin' Tales*?**

Only for those members who want to. A paper copy of *Waggin' Tales* will be provided to any member who wants one.

◆ **What do I need to do to get the e-mail *Waggin' Tales*?**

Send e-mail to Dave Lewis at dclewis@inil.com, download and install the free *Acrobat Reader* (don't worry, I'll send you complete instructions) and wait for your first copy of e-mail *Waggin' Tales*.



From Carolyn Pearson

Minutes for the February 18 Board Meeting

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m..

Board Members in attendance:

Drew Graham

Michelle Richter-Farrell

Cindy Pakenas

Carolyn Pearson

Cheryl Lewis

Sandy Walsh

Will Short

Taffy Wille

Dave Lewis

Peggy Sue Seehafer

Judy Anderson

Cathy Fleury

Non-Board Members in attendance:

Kay Weber

Will Short made a motion to conclude the meeting by 9:30 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Cindy Pakenas and approved by all members present.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) gave a demonstration of what the Waggin' Tales would look like electronically. In order to receive the electronic Waggin' Tales, the software application Acrobat reader is necessary. For those utilizing Windows version 3.11, the Acrobat reader necessary is version 3.9. Your e-mail provider must be able to support attachments. Currently, Juno free e-mail does not. The newsletter would be sent out as read-only to prevent anyone other than the editor from modifying the contents.

To purchase the software necessary to create the electronic document, the cost is \$179.00. Dave asked everyone to please respond to survey published in the last issue, in order to determine an accurate account of those members who would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically. He stated that if there were as few as 12 members receiving the newsletter electronically, the development software would "pay for itself" after one year. The payback would be fewer copies made at the printer and less postage to mail out the copies. Dave also stated that the paper copy would still be available to those members who prefer to receive it that way or who do not have internet access.

Those who receive the electronic newsletter would be able to see color pictures. Non-members would also be able to receive the newsletter, as is currently done.

Judy Anderson stated that she will attempt to modify the membership database to allow a place to store e-mail addresses. It was felt by the board that a decision could not be made until we had least 12 club members who wanted to get the newsletter electronically.

Dave also announced that he continued the investigation (started by Kay Weber) into using the U.S. Postal Services special handling of non-profit postage. In order to receive that lowered postage rate, we would have the following restrictions:

- only be allowed to print our club information (i.e. no AKC information could be printed)
- we would need to mail out a minimum of 200 copies
- it could take between one to four weeks to receive the mail.

Dave had been approached by a non club member who wished to advertise a litter of puppies in the newsletter. It was decided after some discussion that it would not be appropriate to accept an advertisement from a non club member.

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Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) requested volunteers to be graduation judges for the Thursday, March 12th. She received several volunteers.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson). Cheryl Lewis made a motion made to defer the membership report to an Executive Session of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis and approved by all.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) will be on April 18th and 19th. Cindy Pakenas stated that Linda Castle from the Anderson Animal Shelter has contacted Toni Sikorcin regarding the demonstration. Michelle Richter-Farrell will need to work Toni to determine what equipment will be needed.

Tracey will be asking for volunteers to sit at the club's booth during the day at the next

that if the club did have a booth at the show, the hours would be approximately 12 hours each day on Saturday and Sunday. Tracey learned that a 8' x 10' booth would cost \$150 for a non-profit organization. This show generates a lot of public interest. Cindy Pakenas stated that she had also been contacted by the coordinator who indicated the cost of the booth might be negotiable. Tracey felt that the type of club literature she would like to present to the public cannot be created in the five weeks remaining until the show. She feels that the club should consider a more polished and professional appearing presentation for public events. Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we should have a small "gift" to maintain our presence in the minds of the general public. During the brief discussion, magnets and keychains were suggested.

Old Business

- **Club Web-Site**

Dave Lewis verified that the prices had not been increased since the initial discussion last year. The information is as displayed in the box.

	Annual Cost	E-Mail Id's Included	Page Type
"Connected"	\$179	1	Static
Personal Page	\$209	3	Interactive
Own Site	\$600 (+ \$200 initial set-up)	10	Interactive

Having an e-mail id would allow the club to designate different

Web Site Options

membership meeting. The hours for the show will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Tracey stated that she had received a voice message regarding having a booth at the Chicagoland Family Pet Show being held on March 20th, 21st and 22nd. She stated

club positions to have access to the internet user's requests (i.e. DOT@FVDTC). An interactive page would allow an individual to "talk" to the website (i.e. sign-up for a class, request more information, request a premium list for the trial or tracking tests). Several board members stated that they are currently having trouble getting information sent from the interactive pages. A

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"connected" website would mean that the club's website would be available through a club member's personal page. A disadvantage to that type of website is volatility of club members and the lack of ease of searches for the public.

If the club does pursue the website, our flyers could state "visit us at the web-site". Questions regarding the future maintenance and other long-term issues were briefly discussed. Dave Lewis stated that he would be available to maintain the site as the club's webmaster. It was also suggested that perhaps we could consider a site sponsorship by ?? (i.e. Dog World), although it was thought that perhaps that could be construed as "advertising by a non-member". Dave stated that he will put some more information in the next issue of Waggin' Tales. Cindy Pakenas stated that since the seminar did return a nice profit to the club, perhaps it would be a worthwhile way of advertising .

New Business

- Kay Weber reported that the seminar made a profit of approximately \$2,200. She stated that the room was professionally maintained and set-up. There were 79 individuals on Saturday and 102 people on Sunday. In spite of the large number of people, the subject dogs handled the situation fine. The seminar was video-taped by 4 different club members. She stated that to create a complete set of tapes (by editing of the tapes created), she received a price of \$50/hour to edit by a local tape editor. She and other club members would determine the contents of the final set of tapes. A "super master" would be created from all of the video tapes created at the seminar. The super master would be utilized to make other copies. The editor requires a purchase order minimum of 5 sets. It was his opinion that the final set of the seminar

would be approximately 6 or 7 tapes. The reproduction cost would be \$10.00 per tape. It was suggested that the club purchase six sets of tapes to be distributed in the following manner:

- One set each for the four club members who did the actual taping
- One set for the library
- One set for Dr. P. McConnell.

Bob Nicholson had been asked, but he felt that he would not be the appropriate individual to decide what was kept for the final draft. He would be contacted again to let him know that he would not have to decide what gets taped. It was stated that the tapes created on Sunday tape would be ideal for instructors to view for dealing with aggressive dogs. Cindy Pakenas stated that Kay did a wonderful job, creating a low-labor money making situation for the club.

Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to get the tapes edited and seven sets made (keeping two in the library) and not to spend more than \$1100. The motion was seconded by Will Short. During the discussion, Taffy Wille stated that she felt that the amount was too high, she thought an amount closer to \$750 would be a more reasonable. Cheryl suggested that we encourage club members to obtain copies via a pre-ordering process after advertising in Waggin' Tales and at the membership meetings. After the discussion concluded, Peggy Sue Seehafer amended the motion to not exceed \$800. The motion as it was voted on: to get the tapes edited and seven sets made (keeping two in the library) and to not spend more than \$800. The motion was seconded by Will Short and approved by all. No one opposed and there were no abstentions.

Will Short made a motion to go to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Cathy Fleury and approved by all.

From Carolyn Pearson

Minutes for the March Membership Meeting

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Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) announced that we will be doing a demonstration at the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) on

Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the informal and fun demonstration is asked to contact Cindy.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that the club has money.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) announced that Puppy and Beginner's class session #1 will be graduating on Thursday March 12th. The next Beginners class begins March 19th (Correction Clinic night). She is looking for volunteers to act as primary and assistant instructors. The 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner classes are crowded, extra assistants would be greatly appreciated. Beginning with class session #2, there will be two Advance Beginners classes held at 7:00 p.m.. We have one Beginners class each at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.. There is one Puppy class at 7:00 p.m.. With the increased participants in the 8:00 p.m. conformation class, they have requested a larger ring beginning with the second session of classes.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that AKC has approved the following judges panel, pending receipt of the current membership list (to be sent this week by Carolyn Pearson):

Class	Judge	Entry
Novice A & B	- Chuck Gear	- 64
Open A	- Cindy Pischke	- 56
Open B	- Fred Buroff	- 56
Utility A	- Diane Propst	- 48
Utility B	- Doris Fromann	- 48

The trial limit is a total of 272 dogs. Will also read a list of the currently known committee chairpeople. He is still in need of a grounds chairperson and teardown

chairperson. Due to the success of the last years raffle (thanks to all the hard work of Georgia Fiorito), Will would like to have another raffle. If anyone is interested in organizing a raffle please contact Will Short. Will Short will contact the fairgrounds regarding some confusion about the rental of the tables and chairs. He is uncertain whether we AND Car-Dun-Al are both charged for two days of rental. It should also be investigated whether our weekly rental contract includes rent for tables and chairs.

Will reported that Linda Benson will need help in assembling the judges folders for the rings as it gets closer to the trial. If you're available, please contact Linda Benson.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) announced that the entry fees for the trial will be the same as Car-Dun-Al and the same as last year's trial. The first entry is \$18.00 and the second entry of the same dog will be \$12.00.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Monday, March 9th. Distribution will be on Thursday, March 12th.

Dave verbally responded to several questions that he received as a part of his recent e-mail survey:

- The printed copy will **NOT** go away. We will still rely on receiving labels from Judy Anderson and Sally Compton distribute them at training and then mailing out the copies not picked-up. We

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would not be able to successfully distribute the 170 copies every month without all of their hard work.

- The software necessary to read the electronic newsletter is free on the internet - contact Dave to determine which one you need.
- Juno does not currently support the attachments.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) announced that all of the judges for the March 12th have been obtained. She is currently seeking judges for Tuesday, May 19th graduation.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) has received one application for Dave and Kathy Zarn with a Golden Retriever, who were not present at the meeting. Judy Anderson made a motion to accept their membership, was seconded by Joan Payne. The membership was approved by all present.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) will be on April 18th and 19th. Tracey passed a sign-up sheet around at the membership meeting. Volunteers will be asked to sit at the club's booth during the day at the next. The volunteers can bring their dog.

The hours for the show are:

Saturday	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m
Sunday	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she needs at least 5 more volunteers for the next correction clinic on Thursday March 19th.

Helen Castellanos (Match Chairperson) was not in attendance. Some one reported that judges are scheduled for March 19th Correction Clinic.

Jean Airey (Publicity) report was presented by Taffy Wille. She announced that in a recent Board meeting, it was decided that for the next two sessions, the club would NOT advertise in the local newspapers. It was felt that after two sessions of classes, a fair determination could be made whether this action had a positive or negative impact to the club's class enrollments.

Approximately one month ago, a mailing had been sent to the local veterinarian offices of our current information. Last week, a different type of mailing was sent to the local veterinarian, a business cards with our information was sent with a plastic sleeve that can be placed in the office's Rolodex. The cards are designed to be removed from the sleeve and distributed to interested individuals. She also included an invitation to the doctors and vet techs to come an observe us and our training techniques.

Kay Weber/Heather King (Awards Dinner Chairperson). Judy Anderson asked Kay Weber for a map or directions to the location of the Awards dinner. Kay replied that it is at the corner of Wilson and Batavia, 1 block East of Route 25, in a former Catholic church.

Heather King (Tracking Secretary) was not in attendance. Carolyn Pearson reported that the Tracking test traditionally hosted by the club in March will not be held. Due to the lack of a Tracking Chairperson until after several deadlines had passed, AKC stated that we would be subject to fines, because the paperwork had not been submitted in time. The tracking tests are not large enough money makers to subsidize the payment of fines. The club will definitely host the test in September.

New Business

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- Drew Graham announced the 1998 committee chairpeople:

Demonstrations Chairperson
 Librarian Ginger Romano
 Match Co-Chairperson - Judge Selection
 Helen Castellanos
 Match Co-Chairperson - Match Night
 Coordinator Linda Benson
 Match Co-Chairperson - Pre-Entries
 Suzan Scott
 Match Ring Stewards Chairperson
 Ingrid Hamburger
 Publicity Chairperson Jean Airey
 Historian Chairperson Nancy Pederson
 Statistician Chairperson Jim Benson
 Awards Dinner Chairperson Joan Payne
 Sunshine Chairperson Linda Gustafson
 Tracking Chairperson Heather King

- Anne White initiated a discussion regarding an incident that occurred at the February correction clinic in the ring that she was stewarding. She witnessed a non club member physically kick her dog in the chest and use a rag that had Tabasco sauce on it as a training tool. Additionally, this woman was rude to Anne and Kay Gianos. Prior to the match, judges had been told not to interfere with handlers in the ring. There had been prior complaints that judges were "telling me how to train" to the handlers and they had been asked not to extend that information to the handlers. Cheryl was informed of the woman's behavior. Cheryl approached the woman, identified herself as the Director of Training, and let her know that her treatment of her dog was not acceptable at our training facility. The woman responded by demonstrating how she "plays" with her dog by kicking it and stated that she "has to" train her dog

very roughly. The training techniques that she was using was recommended to her by her professional trainer. Cheryl stated that during the "play" demonstration, she asked the woman several different times to discontinue that type of behavior. When she would not cease the behavior and told Cheryl to mind her own business, Cheryl asked her to leave the building. Cheryl felt that the woman will probably NOT show up again.

A discussion entailed on whether we need to communicate "that abusive training will not be allowed on the grounds". We could post a sign regarding this. Nick Trnka suggested that we put something on our correction clinic entry form. Joan Payne suggested that we should not call attention to the situation. Cathy Fleury suggested that we do not create a blanket definition of "abusive training", rather that it be dealt with on an individual basis. Anyone witnessing a behavior should immediately contact the DOT to address the issue. Please do not attempt to address the situation without Cheryl. Joan Payne asked if Cheryl felt she needed any additional support to handle that situation. Cheryl reported that she did not for that situation. Ronnie Bizer stated that she knows who the professional trainer. Ronnie also volunteered to call the trainer to let her know that her students will not be allowed to use some of her training techniques while at our training facility.

- Peggy Sue Seehafer stated she was at the February 19th court date for the couple accused of dragging their Keeshond behind their car. The hearing was continued to March 19th at 9:00 a.m. in room 209.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m..

From Doris Kneip

An Invitation from the IKC

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he following is a letter from Ed Haas, Obedience Chairman of the Internation Kennel Club of Chicago.

As you know the IKC shows on Sat., Mar. 28 and Sun., Mar. 29, 1998, will have the largest spectator attendance of any dog show or obedience trial in the Chicagoland area. This is a traditional annual event for many families. There is a great interest in the obedience activities and many inquiries as to where people can go for obedience training.

As the new IKC Obedience Chairman, I am trying to make this an interesting, enjoyable and rewarding event for the obedience exhibitors and to use this as a venue to expose the wonders of obedience to the many spectators and encourage them to join some obedience training organization. In addition, we are trying to make these shows obedience exhibitor friendly. We will make every effort to start the obedience as late as possible, yet within the required benching time. We have reduced the entry fee for the second entry of the same dog from \$27.50 to \$18.00. There will be a Heel Down and Team Competition each day with cash prizes for the winners with no pre-entry and no entry fee. I am hoping these special events will be fun, exciting and interesting for exhibitors and spectators.

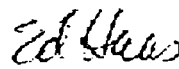
I am asking for your help in increasing the obedience entries and the exposure of obedience to the many spectators. I hope to have activities in the obedience rings throughout the main spectator attendance hours. During the lunch break we will have an obedience demonstration, and after the regular classes are completed we will have the special obedience events.

This is your opportunity to promote your training club, group or breed. Any group of exhibitors, either from any training organization, breed, or just friends, can be benched together if their entries are sent in with the special benching request form found in the premium list. Include the wording "Obedience" on the special benching request. Benches can be decorated*, Make up a banner with your organizations name and location, have pictures of your members and their dogs, and have flyers with your organization's location and training information available

for interested parties. Members can wear identifying club jackets, colors, etc.** Promote your training organization and obedience. And of course, your member exhibitors can enter the Special Obedience Events. Can your team be the best?

Many of the obedience exhibitors are not on the superintendent's mailing list, we need your help to get the information on Obedience at the IKC Cluster to your fellow members and friends. Enclosed are some flyers and some premium lists with the necessary information to enter these shows. Please include this information in your club newsletter, announce it at your meetings, at your training classes and share it with other exhibitors. Since I cannot contact every one personally, I am hoping that you will help me get the word out to the obedience community. I need your help to make this a great event!

Please contact Sheri Johnson, IKC Show Chairman at 773/237-5100 if you have any questions.



Thank you for your help and happy heeling.

Ed Haas
Obedience Chairman

** See regulations concerning decorating bench in

From Dave Lewis

FVDTC on the Web??

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about a year ago the FVDTC Board began exploring the option of creating a site on the World Wide Web. Although the benefits were clear, we were very concerned about the cost of creating and maintaining such a site, along with the logistics of keeping the information fresh and current. At the February 18 Board Meeting (see p. 8), we continued our discussion and I was asked to present the different options to the membership.

Benefits of a WWW Site

The World Wide Web is an excellent means of providing information. FVDTC has a wealth of information to provide to members, potential members, and dog-lovers. Using the internet, we can advertise events like the McConnell seminar and the November trial nationwide for a fraction of the cost of printing and mailing fliers. When training is canceled because of the weather, we can put a notice on the web site and notify any member who has web access. The club calendar can be posted, or past issues of *Waggin' Tales*, the club roster, or any number of other pieces of information that is of importance to the membership. Any or all of these items can be protected so that only club members can see them.

With some of the hosting options, the club would get multiple e-mail accounts. For example, we could have a "DOT@fvdtc.org" assigned to the Director of Training. Then, when a new DOT is elected, there is no change to the address you send your e-mail to. It just gets routed to a new person.

Drawbacks of a WWW Site

The most obvious drawback is that a site will cost money over a long term. Secondly, the site must be maintained. Right now we have the skill and the willingness within the club to maintain the site, but if that person leaves the club will have to find somebody else or abandon the site.

"Static" and "Interactive" Pages

Throughout this list of "Hosting Options" you will see the terms "Static" and "Interactive" pages. A static page is one that presents information with little or no user input. An interactive page gives you the option to enter information and get something back based on what you entered. For example, filling in a form with your name, and having the web returns your address and phone number. Pages that have been customized to fit specific input are more effective.

Hosting Options (where do we put our web page?)

The first option is to get a personal account for the club (eg. "www.inil.com/~fvdtc/"). This is the same kind of account you would get from your local Internet Service Provider if you wanted to get internet access for your family. This option gives the club 3 e-mails (like fvdtc@inil.com), space for WWW pages, and costs \$179/year. The only option is for static web pages. To get interactive pages with this account would cost an extra \$30/month for an annual cost of \$539.

The second option is a business account (eg. "www.fvdtc.org"). The cost structure is more complex:

Year 1: Registration and Setup fees \$200 + Hosting Fees \$600 = \$800

Year 2: Hosting Fees \$600 = \$600

Year 3: Registration Fee \$50 + Hosting Fees \$600 = \$650

What we get for the money:

10 Email accounts (eg DOT@FVDTC.org)

30 megabytes of space for your web page

Access to the CGI directory (This lets us do interactive pages)

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From Cindy Pakenas

From Tracey Mohr

Canine Crafts and Critters Show

DEMO PLEASE JOIN US

INTERESTED IN PROOFING YOUR DOG AND ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON OF CANINE ACTIVITIES? PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DEMO AT CANINE CRAFTS AND CRITTERS, FORMERLY DOG EXPO, WHICH BENEFITS ANDERSON ANIMAL SHELTER. THE DEMO WILL BE AT 2:00 PM, SAT., APRIL 18, IN THE TRADES BUILDING AT KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. ALL LEVELS OF OBEDIENCE ARE WELCOME. PLEASE CONTACT CINDY PAKENAS 377-6250 AND LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE

WE NEED YOU!!! APRIL 18 & 19

The Canines, Crafts & Critters Show, formerly known as the Dog Expo, will be held April 18 & 19 at the fairgrounds. This year's show will feature some big changes over previous shows, including exotic animals and more crafts than ever before. As always, FVDTC will have a booth at the show. This is a great opportunity for us to increase publicity about the club and attract new members, as well as promote responsible dog ownership.

1. The day is divided into two important sections. Mealtime. And everything else.
2. Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another. The lengthy path a piece of food will take from a plate to a mouth via a hand is as good a time as any to stake your claim to it.
3. If you really see something you want, and all your other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

A Dog's View of Nutrition

Please, please, please sign up to man the booth! Work credits will be offered for those who sign up for a two hour period, and you don't have to do anything hard--- just chat with visitors. You don't have to have "all the answers" either! Most people just want to talk about dogs and ask a few questions about the club.

Got Something for *Waggin' Tales*?

Rent This Space !!!

If you have something you'd like to see in *Waggin' Tales*, send the complete text and/or pictures to:

David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267

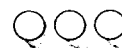
or

e-mail dclewis@inil.com

I prefer plain-text e-mail, but e-mail attachments, faxes, or (typewritten) paper are OK, too. Let me know if you have questions or suggestions

The time goes really fast and you'll meet some great people. You can sign up with a friend, and even bring your dog! We also need folks to do a quick set-up and/or take-down, which should take just a few minutes and involves nothing harder than arranging pamphlets on the table and putting them away.

The hours of the show are 11AM -5PM on Saturday, and 11AM-4PM on Sunday. PLEASE call Tracey Mohr at (630)377-7316 to volunteer.



From Judy Anderson

Membership Report

From Cheryl Lewis, DOT

Desperately Seeking

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

DAVID AND KATHY ZARN
BLUEBELL LANE
BATAVIA, IL. 60510
GOLDEN RETRIEVER

CORRECTIONS FROM LAST "WAGGIN TAILS"
SORRY FOR THE MISTAKES.

MIKE AND PATI WIEDEL
8113 S. KRUG RD.
ELIZABETH, IL. 61028
815-598-9113
PEMBROKE WELCH CORGIS AND ROTTWEILERS

JANE WIEDEL ALSO HAS PEMBROKE WELCH
CORGIS

Jane wrote this little note along with her reminder that I
had made the mistakes.

"I very much enjoy receiving "Waggin Tails". It looks
like FVDTC is getting back on the "right track" again.
I'm very proud of the club. I met and made some very
good friends at Fox Valley. We all need to remember
that dog training is supposed to be an enjoyable
activity. If it isn't, people will stop doing it.
"Jane Wiedel"

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Desperately Seeking Susan

... or Joan, or Cindy, or Alex, or Joe. Or
anybody who would like to be an instructor or
assistant for the 7:00 or 8:00 Beginners and Advanced
Beginners classes. The session runs for 10 weeks,
beginning March 19. Short- and Long-Term positions
available, No experience necessary. Call or e-mail Cheryl

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FVDTC on the WWW

The third alternative is to wait until I get my site set up and
put the club's pages in a place like
"www.davesplace.com/fvdtc/". The club would get one e-
mail (eg fvdtc@davesplace.com), and the cost would be
\$200/year. We would be able to have interactive pages, but
the space limit would be somewhat less than 30Mb.

Paying for the Site

There are several options for paying for the site. The first,
most obvious, option is for the club to pay the entire cost.
The second is to find a sponsor, like *Dog World* magazine
or *Front and Finish*. This might be seen as advertising from
a non-member. A third option is to share a site with another
club or another organization in a similar field.

What's Next?

The board will continue discussing the options at the April
meeting, but we would like your input. Let us know what
you think of the whole idea, any creative ways to pay for it,

Help Wanted

What

Crafts & Critters Demo

Crafts & Critters Booth Workers

Beginners Class Instructors
dclewis@inil.com)

Beginners Class Assistants
dclewis@inil.com)

When

April 18, 2pm, Kane County Fairgrounds

April 18, 11am-5pm & April 19 11am-4pm

Beginning March 19, 7 or 8pm

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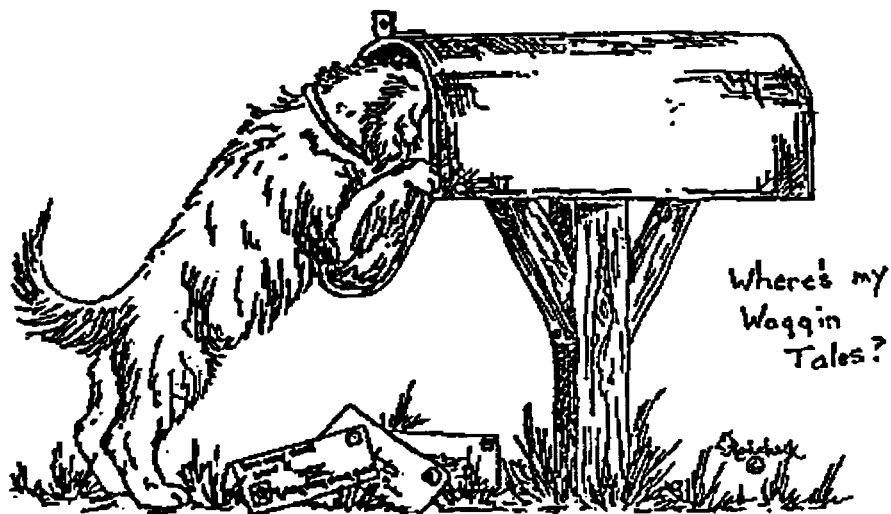
Cindy Pakenas (630/377-6250)

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April Calendar

Dates to Remember

1	Wednesday	Board Meeting
6	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Regular Training
14	Tuesday	Regular Training
23	Thursday	Correction Clinic (Beginner Classes Only)
30	Thursday	Regular Training (Dr. Hansen Visits)