

Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

From Tim White

Braggs!!

Shamrock Acres Celebration JH, CDX

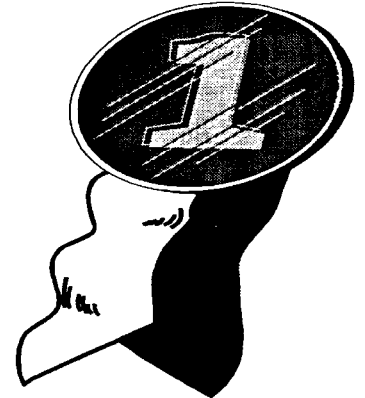
Tim White and Liza completed their first Agility title. They completed their UKC AG I title in 37 days.

Feb. 28 - 1st Place Div.3 - perfect 200 score Windy City Agility Club, Franklin Park, IL

April 4 - 3rd Place Div. 3 - perfect 200 score, Smack-Dab's Obedience, Warrenville, IL

April 5 - perfect 200 score, Smack-Dab's Obedience, Warrenville, IL

On April 18 Tim White completed the AKC Retriever Hunting Test Seminar for Judges in Eveleth, MN, north of Duluth.



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JUDY ANDERSON
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

From the AKC

AKC Book Recall

From Carolyn Pearson

Meeting Minutes

T HE COMPLETE DOG BOOK, 19TH EDITION RECALL

The American Kennel Club has issued a recall of the 19th Edition of The Complete Dog Book. The revised edition features complete breed histories and the current official standards for each AKC breed. All chapters have been reviewed for accuracy, including Living with Your Dog and Canine Health and First Aid. Plus there is a completely reworked Glossary.

This revised edition also contains many new photographs and eliminates the breed characterization profiles.

Anyone having purchased the 19th Edition of The Complete Dog Book is entitled to receive a free copy of the revised edition when it become available in August, 1998.

For instructions on how to receive a replacement copy of the book, please contact the American Kennel Club at (877) AKC-BOOK. This is toll-free call.

Taken from a Press Release on the AKC web page (<http://www.akc.org>)



M ay 6, 1998

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

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

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) asked Carolyn Pearson to report the following: During the April Board meeting, the summer picnic was discussed. It was decided that the membership would be asked to decide which type of gathering they would prefer to have. Both events would include bringing a dish to pass and the July Membership meeting.

The two ideas that were discussed were:

- An afternoon get together with our dogs (games and activities for both).

This would be held at the Kanosak training facility (available in the event of rain).

- An evening get together without the dogs at a club member's house. A volunteer is needed for this choice.

Brenda Rivera stated that last year's picnic at the Kanosak training facility was a lot of fun - everyone had a great time. Brenda Rivera made a motion that the July Membership meeting be a picnic at the Kanosak training facility, the motion was seconded by Linda Benson and approved by all members present.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that all of the bills that have been received as of today have been paid. There is money in the bank. Cathy stated that she is meeting with Penny Legner this weekend to finalize some more transition work.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reminded everyone that the next Beginners' classes will begin on May 28th. The next session for the Puppy class will start on June 4th.

More AKC News

The AKC Annual Report is available on World Wide Web at <http://www.akc.org/>

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Membership Meeting

Cheryl reported that she has recently been approached by several members regarding the lack of an available novice practice ring between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.. She asked the club members present at the meeting to express their opinions regarding maintaining an empty novice practice ring and to offer possible solutions that would satisfy the majority of the members impacted. This situation has occurred during the past year, as we have been filling our classes to maximum levels, as well as increasing our membership. The increased level of classes can be attributed to the hard work of our Jean Airey (Publicity Chairperson), Gerry Erskine (Class Coordinator) and all of the instructors.

It has been assumed that the income received from the Puppy and Beginners' classes should "cover the rent check". According to the financial reports from 1997, we were \$77.00 short of that goal. (Secretary's note: In 1996, we were \$1,062 short of reaching that goal. In 1995, we were \$1,510 short of that goal.) That was accomplished with each class (3 Beginners' and one Puppy) containing the maximum number of students per class. In addition to "maxing out" all of classes, during some sessions we added an additional class.

The number of beginner students that have joined the club, has also increased the number of students now participating in our Advanced Beginners' classes. The 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginners' class, taught by Rick Cox, averages approximately 20+ students weekly and is now utilizing two rings.

The current ring assignment for 7:00 p.m. is as shown.

7:00pm Ring Usage

Number of Rings Used	Utilized for:
2	Advanced Beginners Class
1	Beginners Class
1	Open Run-Through (sign-up)
1	Puppy Class
1	Ring Ready Class (drop-in)
1	Utility Class (drop-in)

Cheryl reminded everyone that in an ideal world, we would be able to accommodate everyone - from the long-time club members to the general public just "getting into dogs". However, this is not a perfect world that allows us to satisfy everyone requests and time schedules. If we truly do want to have an empty novice practice ring - what do we want to give up in exchange?

Several ideas that were discussed are as follows:

- give up one utility ring
- allow the utility sign-up ring to be used by any type of training - from novice to utility. Other rules would remain the same: 10 minutes only and no non-club members.
- allow only one ring for the Open class at 8:00 p.m. and one for the Advanced Beginners' class at 7:00. Currently both classes are attended by between 15 and 25 students weekly. Most of those students are club members.
- Cancel some

of the Beginners' classes or a Puppy class. Remembering, of course, that those classes do contribute a major amount of financial support to the club. This would have no initial impact to the current membership. However, the long term ramifications should be considered, i.e. perhaps larger dues to pay the fairgrounds rent and a decreasing number of new members.

During the discussion of these ideas, Bill Clarke suggested that we add a 6:00 p.m. Beginners' class.

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Cheryl stated that it was attempted in the past, but the response from class applicants was not positive.

Helen Castellano asked whether we could offer an Advanced Beginners' class at 9:00 p.m., as had been done in the past. Cheryl stated that she would conduct a survey of the current 7:00 and 8:00 Advanced Beginners' students to determine their willingness to attend a 9:00 p.m. class. If there is sufficient interest, primary and assistant instructors will need to be found.

We can suggest adding more "off-cycle" classes, however, if we do not have the instructors - we cannot offer the classes. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Joan Payne asked the response of the class applicants when they are told that the 7:00 and 8:00 classes are full. Cheryl stated that Gerry Erskine (Class Coordinator) has to work very hard to get people to consider the 9:00 p.m. Beginners' classes. It can be a late night, however once the students realize the advantages (quieter, no one waiting to take over the ring, etc.), they are glad that the other classes were full.

Joan Payne suggested that we could rotate the time of when there is an empty novice practice ring between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.. This idea was supported by Ronnie Bizer as a workable solution of appeasing our community needs and the needs of our club members.

Will Short asked which is the most requested time for the Beginners' class, 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m.. Cheryl responded that the 7:00 p.m. class is the most requested time. Will Short suggested that we create an empty novice practice ring at 8:00 p.m.. Taffy Wille suggested that we could offer a 9:00 p.m. Puppy class, rather than having two (when necessary) at 8:00 p.m.. Cheryl stated that the reason that option has not been attempted in the past was due to the amount of families that attend the Puppy classes. Parents want to be able to bring their children to class to get them involved with the training of the puppy.

Patti Gesing suggested that perhaps we could consider shortening the duration of the Puppy and Beginners' classes to 45 minutes rather than an hour. Cheryl said that she would consider the idea. Taffy Wille (Puppy class instructor) said that her classes always use the entire hour and sometimes more.

Peggy Sue Seehafer reminded us that our classes are to be offered with the community members in mind.

Taffy Wille asked rather there was a certain time of the year that the number of Advanced Beginners' students were lower. Cheryl stated that she can not see a trend to determine this. She also stated that the large number of students in the 7:00 p.m. class has been apparent since the beginning of the year. Even when they only had one ring for the 20+ students, they did not stop coming to class. The determination level appears to be very strong for these students.

Joan Payne asked if we could get club members to sign-up for the Advanced Beginners' class rather than a drop-in class. Cheryl expressed a concern that the drop-in guest trainers would then receive preferential treatment - the club members aren't allowed to determine at a whim when they wish to train, but guest trainers are.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that the trial is going well.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) stated that she has contacted AKC regarding a situation that occurred during last years' trial. One of the checks that was submitted for an entry payment "bounced". Taffy asked AKC whether a club could refuse entry to an individual who had bounced the payment check. AKC responded that a club could NOT refuse entry based on that situation, without first trying to rectify the

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situation with the individual. At the time that the check did not clear the bank, correspondence needs to be made to the individual stating that their check was returned and payment was still owed. In addition to the amount of the check, we also can request reimbursement for the bank charges incurred by the club. Any correspondence to individuals in this situation should also be sent to AKC.

With that information, Taffy will contact Penny Legner (former club Treasurer) to determine what occurred last year with that situation. If was not resolved at that time, the club still has the option to address it at this time. Should the situation not be resolved to our satisfaction (i.e. we have not received our payment), we do have the option to deny the premium entry for the 1998 trial.

Taffy reminded the club members that anyone who wishes to sponsor a trophy needs to send the information to Helen Castellano prior to July 1st. The premium list will be finalized shortly after that and will be sent out the first part of August (to coincide with the Car-Dun-Al's premium list distribution). If the forms are not to Helen by that date, any money received will be placed in the general trophy fund - NOT for a specific trophy.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reminded the members that the next deadline is Monday, May 11th.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she still needs Graduation Judges for the 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Beginners' classes. The next graduation is Tuesday, May 19th.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) stated there were fourteen new applicants published in the last Waggin' Tales. Since that publication, three more applications have been received. Judy read the names of the three new applicants. Of the 17 applicants, only Patti Gesing was present at the meeting.



Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to accept the list of new applicants as published and read. The motion was seconded by Ed Herdes. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that the Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly known as the Dog Expo) held on April 18th and 19th went very well. She stated that there were LOT more people this year that expressed interest in the club. She announced that more brochures were handed out this year. She also thanked everyone for all of the help during the two days.

Ronnie Bizer stated that she was there on Sunday afternoon and noted that Tracey was there the entire afternoon. She thanked Tracey for all of her efforts for the show.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson). This was a joint report by Ingrid Hamburger, Linda Benson, Suzan Scott and Helen Castellano. Linda reported that the match committee were "going to crazy" on match nights. This is due to the lack of stewards. In addition to not getting enough stewards, some of the stewards who are volunteering are not committed to the ring that they are working. Linda stated that judges and stewards are given their run-throughs between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Unfortunately, there have been some stewards recently who have been working at a ring, going to another ring for their run-through and then not returning promptly to their assigned ring.

Several ideas were generated regarding this problem. Individuals who volunteer to work at the correction clinic will be asked to either do their run-through:

- ... before 7:00
- ... after their ring is done (Judges will be guaranteed for those who select this option and

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communicate their request to the Match committee)

- ... at another correction clinic, which they have not volunteered to work.

During the May and June correction clinics, Ingrid will attempt to obtain three stewards for each ring, to allow for complete coverage for the ring. Linda Benson stated that if there are not enough stewards for the June correction clinic, she will not be running the August match. (Secretary's note: For those that do not know Linda, she does not make idle threats.)

Cathy Fleury suggested that we should have one experienced steward per ring. This would allow for inexperienced individuals to work with a knowledgeable person, as well eliminating the frustration that exhibitors have been experiencing recently. Several exhibitors have stated that they are irritated by the situations of being told that they will be next in the ring, only to be bumped by another individual who (for whatever reason) gets run-through first.

Helen Castellano suggested that we try the following ideas to determine whether they can alleviate some of our problems:

- 1) encourage instructors to get students to volunteer as stewards
- 2) remind the judges to be "firm but flexible" in their ring. Whatever the Judge says for that ring is to be followed

Helen Castellano (Match Chairperson) reported that she needs two judges for May correction clinic. Judy Anderson and Drew Graham volunteered.

Jean Airey (Publicity) send the following report with Taffy Wille: The Front & Finish "centerfold" was submitted for publication for the July issue.

Joan Payne (Awards Dinner Chairperson) announced that the awards banquet is being organized by Linda Benson. The banquet will be held at Fisherman's Inn

(by popular demand) on Saturday, March 13, 1999. Joan is searching for ideas on how to encourage more members to attend this event. According to our club policy "This is the club's main event of the year and should be a gala occasion.". Sandy Walsh suggested that we change the name from Awards Banquet to Recognition Banquet. We not only hand out awards for obtaining titles, we also recognize club members who are putting forth extraordinary efforts for the club. And let's not forget the Boner Award - always worth a giggle!

Monthly Dollar Bucket - The winner of \$6.00 is Ed Herdes as drawn by Patty Gesing.

Old Business

none

New Business

Nick Trnka made a motion that the discussion be limited to 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cathy Fleury and approved by all.

Cathy Fleury made a motion that the board's recommendation, as published in the Waggin' Tales, regarding the definition of an "awards eligible member" be approved. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis.

To ensure that all club members present at the meeting were fully aware of what they were voting on, Taffy Wille read the proposal as published. That definition is:

To define an "awards eligible member" as a club member who:

- is listed in the roster as a training member

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- actively participates in the training of dogs at Fox Valley Dog Training Club
- attends 3 meetings annually
- earns six work credits

Joan Payne asked for the explanation of what constitutes "actively participates in the training of dogs at Fox Valley Dog Training Club". It was explained that this part of the definition was suggested to include club members who, although they may not be physically training a dog at the club, contribute a great deal of personal time and energy to the club by other means, for instance, teaching a class.

Without any further discussion, the motion was approved by all, opposed by none and without any abstentions.

Dave Lewis motion to make this policy retroactive with an effective date of January 1, 1998. Nick Trnka seconded the motion. The motion carried without any discussion, opposition or abstentions.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:30 p.m..



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INTERESTED??? ASK SANDY AT THE INFORMATION TABLE.

(Order on training night - in stock items will be delivered next training night.)

From Joan Payne

Awards Report

Awards Report

Unfortunately, the WT printer chopped several lines from the last newsletter rendering my tracking awards proposal confusing. To save space, I've requested that only several paragraphs from the article be repeated. Please read in April's WT my rationale for proposing the following:

I am going to suggest a compromise. I have changed my position on the tracking issue several times. I know many are not going to like what I am suggesting because they have a more conservative view (no tracking awards), others are going to want to continue what has been awarded plus adding awards for new titles (times are changing with new titles). I hope knowing some facts may help liberate bias views (it has helped me) and I plead with those of opposite opinions to work together towards compromise and moderation.

Keep the following award structure: CKC TD=AKC CD; AKC TD and CKC TDX=AKC CDX; AKC TDX=AKC UD; AKC VST=AKC UDX. For the CT title, no recognition or a small plaque. The Aldythe Comstock award will be the TD award with the addition of a commemorative engraving or a small plaque to perpetuate her name and memory to all club members and specially to those who track. The Ruth Anderson award to remain the same (adding names to the large plaque and a small commemorative plaque) or in place of the separate small plaque, add to the TDX selected award, a commemorative engraving designating it the Ruth Anderson award. We want the club to continue to honor Ruth Anderson.

I am disappointed in the little response concerning tracking awards. I hope it is because of the confusion with the article. It is difficult to comment on something that is not clear.

Awards and Agility Title (Plus)

With the obedience and tracking titles, I have been soliciting opinions to modify and clarify an existing system. By including UKC obedience titles in the awards system, we have opened the door to awarding titles from other US organizations besides AKC. By giving awards for agility we open another door of giving awards for titles other than obedience, tracking, and conformation.

Reasons to include agility in our awards package are:

- 1 . Many members participate in agility
- 2 . It is open to mixed breeds (other than AKC titles)
- 3 . To encourage members to participate in dog related activities other than obedience

Some encourage agility because of its value for the participating dog. A dog's confidence, body awareness, and coordination are vastly improved through the agility experience. Some behaviorists say problems occur from dogs not knowing those rear legs and tail belong to them. Agility teaches a dog he has a rear assembly that must be controlled. Besides socialization and manners, agility (or a home built obstacle course) is the most important experience you can offer your dog. While these are good reasons to PARTICIPATE in agility, are the rationales to reward agility titles?

Some reasons not to include agility titles in our awards systems are:

- 1 . Number of agility titles (AKC 4 going on 5 or 6, UKC 4, USDAA [not sure] but with jumpers, snookers and gamblers 7-9, and about the same number for NADAC). This is over twenty-five titles with new titles continually being added.
- 2 . We do not offer agility at FVDTC
- 3 . It is not a visible activity to the public for recruitment of future members

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4 . It does not generate money for the club

If we allow for all AKC title events that are open to all pure bred dogs, agility would qualify. One reason to add UKC titles to the awards list was to reward mixed breeds. This would also be true for agility dogs if we recognized titles from other organizations. Using that same rationale and to encourage our members to participate in more dog activities, giving agility title awards make sense. But if we use this rationale, we should also include freestyle and flyball title awards. I want to be clear, I do not have a hidden agenda. Breeze has three and Dancer has seven flyball titles. I am not seeking FVDTC recognition for their achievements, but by using the above criteria for agility, it would be appropriate to include flyball, freestyle, and who knows what other future titles.

Perhaps it is time to separate earned titles into two categories of awards and recognition. By recognition I mean honoring the dog (title) with a lessor award.

Some suggestions are:

- 1 . Offer certificates of achievement (that is what we currently do for agility),
- 2 . List achievements and titles in Waggin' Tales (a special feature in one issue) and in the annual dinner's program
- 3 . Offer a point system for all titles other than the ones we currently honor and when a certain number have been accumulated, give a special award or add the point structure to the list of current awards.
- 4 . A good suggestion from last year's awards committee is awarding a plaque for the first title and add engraved plates to the plaque as titles are earned (except for Marietta Huber, whose plaque would be the size of a wall!)

We could have the members select and pay for the plaque and FVDTC pay for the plates and engraving. The reason for a club member selecting and paying for the plaque is because some members have an idea of the number of titles they will be earning, which could vary from a few to many thus, affecting the size of the plaque. There are members who will earn many titles and would need a large plaque and there are some of us that would receive several titles but would not need a "Marietta Huber" size plaque. Lest anyone wonders about my teasing Marietta, I have the utmost respect and am in awe of her and here dogs' many agility accomplishments.

Options for awards or recognition of agility and other titles:

- 1 . Do not recognize or award agility or other titles
- 2 . Continue giving certificates
- 3 . Divide agility and other titles into another category called recognition giving a plaque listing the titles.
Suggested below are plaque options:
 - a) FVDTC pays for plaque, plates and engraving
 - b) FVDTC pays for one size plaque with room for x number of titles, members pays extra for larger plaque if member thinks his/her dog may earn more titles.
 - c) FVDTC pays only for the plate and engraving to be placed on members purchased plaque.
- 4 . Give awards for agility and other titles similar to obedience and tracking titles
- 5 . Other

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Questions to ponder: If we give recognition for agility titles, where do we stop? Should we recognize all canine titles? Do we recognize activities we don't sponsor? Do we include titles that are AKC titles but that are restricted to certain breeds such as herding titles for only the herding breeds? Should we limit recognition to titles that have more requirements than an instinct test? Should we only give recognition to AKC titles?

Some choices are:

1. Limit recognition to AKC titles that are open to all pure bred dogs
2. Recognize all AKC titles
3. Recognize all titles that are open to all mixed and pure bred dogs (this includes other organizations besides AKC but excludes lure coursing, herding, and events that are restricted to certain breeds)
4. Recognize all canine titles from all certifying organizations
5. Continue offering obedience and tracking awards and split other title recognition into three classifications:
 - a) those titles that require training and evaluation that are open to all dogs including mixed breeds, (i.e., agility, freestyle, flyball)
 - b) titles that have requirements but are restricted to certain breed (i.e., herding, fields, earth dog, etc.)
 - c) instinctive (breed potential) titles (i.e., herding, etc.)

An example of recognition might be: for the first group (a) a plaque, the second group (b) a certificate or plaque, and the third group (c) no formal recognition or a certificate.

Time and again, I would go down a logical road and run into a financial brick wall. The criteria for one group justifies adding other groups for title recognition, increasing the cost. I am not a person who easily gives up ... I believe there is a way to compromise without breaking the bank. One

From the Editor

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suggestion was to restrict title recognition to dogs who have earned a CD. I don't like a lot of rules and regulations but maybe we should consider some obedience requirement.

We are becoming diversified in title achievement that was not available when FVDTC was formed. I would like to see recognition of titles other than obedience and tracking but not at their expense. If we limit the titles we recognize, we can be more liberal in the amount we spend. If we open recognition to all titles we must be conservative in our type of recognition.

Members selecting and paying for a plaque with FV paying for the engraving would allow us the most flexibility and we could recognize more titles. This would also eliminate the problem of how big to make the plaque and the number of plate spaces needed.

We need to decide if we want to divide titles into awards and recognition, what to do about agility titles, and what would be fair for other earned titles.

I need to hear your ideas. Please give me feedback for both tracking and what we should do about agility and other titles ASAP (June). We need to think seriously about this year and the future, we need to think in terms of what is best for all members of FVDTC, and we need to think compromise. Yes, "times are a changin'," let's conservatively change with the times!

Joan Payne
Awards Committee Chairman

From Susan Yee

Suggestions for the Awards Committee???

Most of us know about the great titles your dog can earn through the American Kennel Club and other organizations. We are probably all familiar with the :

CH (champion)	CD (companion dog)
CDX (companion dog excellent)	NA (novice agility)
MA (master agility)	UD (utility dog)
UDX (utility dog excellent)	TD (tracking dog)
TDX (tracking dog excellent)	OTCH (obedience title champion)
and so on ...	

Well some dog owners have a few of their own titles that even your dog can earn - - without any special training! Most are naturals. Here is a list of just a few of them and I'm sure many of us will have multiple titled dogs shortly!

AD (attention deficit)	ARB (ace refrigerator bandit)
BD (bed dog)	BW (butt wagger)
BWX (butt wagger excellent)	BF (barking fool)
BAB (barks at boogers)	CC (cat - courser)
CCX (cat - courser excellent)	CP (couch potato)
CPX (couch potato excellent)	CSX (counter surfer extrordanaire)
GFIY (go fetch it yourself)	IDDI (I didn't do it)
ILF (I like food)	IRLF (I really like food)
ILLF (I like lots of food)	IWFF (I work for food)
ISADF (I sniff at dog food)	LD (lap dog)
LDX (lap dog excellent)	ND (nap dog)
SNF (sneeze and fart)	OO (order of the odiferous)
OOE (order of the odiferous excellent)	OORS (order of the odiferous really stinky)
TBF (thick but friendly)	GS (good snorer)
TGS (terribly good snorer)	TGSX (terribly good snorer excellent)
SS (super snorer)	TM (trash master)
TGAN (terribly good at nothing)	TSIM (that seat is mine)
TTIM (that toy is mine)	THIM (this house is mine)
TPIM (this person is mine)	TBIM (this bowl is mine)
UNCD (under the covers dog)	UNCDX (under the covers dog excellent)
WM (who me?)	

From Judy Anderson

New Member Applications

NAMES FOR MEMBERSHIP NOT PRINTED IN APRIL WAGGIN TAILS

1. **Patty & Chris Gesing**
432 Tupelo Drive
Naperville, IL. 60540
630-579-0032
Golden Retrievers

2. **Beverley Reda**
1954 Muirfield Circle
Elgin, IL. 60123
847-741-7591
Border Collies

3. **Joe & Caryn Runowiecki**
2692 Emma Circle
Aurora, IL. 60504
630-851-9916
Boxer

Trudi Kimm has a **New Litter** of Aussies from Cloudy and Blaze. Three males and 2 females were whelped on April 24, 1998.

For Sale: An Obedience/Agility prospect. Deluxe Black tri Aussie. Female, whelped on 2/8/98, AKC. Very self-assured, is Alpha. Call Trudi at 630/293-0551 x 133 (days) or 312/990-4258 (evenings).

Help Wanted

What

Match Judges

Match Stewards

Graduation Night Judges

When

Match Nights

Match Nights

May 19, October 13, December 22

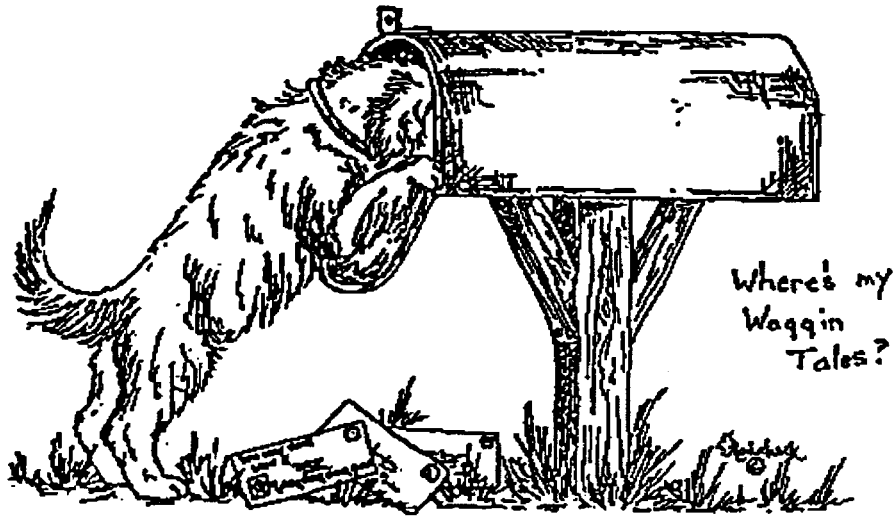
Contact

Helen (630/761-0411)

Ingrid (630/232-6034)

Peggy Sue Seehafer

Waggin' Tales
David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542



May / June Calendar

Dates to Remember

May	6	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	June	3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		4	Thursday	Regular Training
	11	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		8	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		11	Thursday	Regular Training
	19	Tuesday	Regular Training		18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
	28	Thursday	Correction Clinic		25	Thursday	Regular Training