

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRES

Dear Doggie Friends

Already we have pasted the half-way mark for our meetings. Before we know our trial will be here (scary thought isn't it?) So please sign up to sponsor trophies for the trial. Helen and Dave have done a great job in order to make it easy to just get on line to our website and sign up. For you non-web people - call Helen. Or at training there is a board that has last years listing and you can just say YES to the one you sponsored last year or sign up for a new one you would like to add to the list.

I would like to thank all of you who put in the extra effort at helping make this club work. It is so important that you feel appreciated for what you do and I hope more people tell you about the great jobs you do.

Drop a note to Joan Payne and let her know you are thinking of her. Kind thoughts go a long way.

Speaking of kind thoughts - how about some for Ed's lovely bride. Hope all is going well.

And finally a plug for the Fox Valley Wildlife Center. We will have the facility at Elburn Woods starting July 1. Our work is just beginning so if any of you would like to get involved please let me know. Fundraising is our biggest issue so if you would like to contribute our mailing is

Fox Valley Wildlife Foundation  
P.O. Box 6  
Wasco, IL 60183-0006

Enjoy your summer and your dogs!!  
Peggy Sue

From Suzan Scott

## CORRECTION CLINICS

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic will be held on Thursday, June 15. As usual, there is no correction clinic in July. The dates for the remaining 2000 FVDTC correction clinics are:

August 17 - September 21 - October 19 - November 30

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Folk will know how large your soul is by the way you treat a dog.

- Charles F. Doran

## BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

**Highborn's Arapaho Superchief** (Deb Johnson) completed his CD on 5/7/00 at the American Boxer National Specialty in Frederick, MD with High in Trial!

4/22/00 195 1/2 4th place Fon Du Lac, WI

4/23/00 197 1/2 4th place Fon Du Lac, WI

5/7/00 196 High in Trial Frederick, MD and Dog World!

**Teddy** (Chris and Kathy Hubbard) Teddy received recognition as a favorite volunteer by the staff at Oak Crest Retirement Center, DeKalb, IL



**Candlewood's Ribbonquest** (Peggy) CGC, TDI, AWC, JH, CD, NA, NAJ (Anne & Tim White) completed her AKC Senior Hunter Title. Peggy completed all 4 AKC Senior Legs in 4 consecutive hunt tests during April, 2000—without failing any tests. In June she'll turn 4 years old.

**Tyler** (Paulette Zecca) finished his championship on March 19, 2000 at the Louisville Kennel Club in Kentucky with a 3 point major. Other wins this year included Wheaton Kennel Club on 1/22/00—2 points; and Blackhawk Kennel Club on 2/25/00—first major. Tyler is handled by Marion Lazzara.

**Roddy** (Sylvia Shultz) New Tracking Dog Excellent. Roddy, my sable and white Collie, a.k.a. Ch Highcroft Power Surge T.D.X., royalty that he is, has always viewed performance events with supercilious contempt. Recently, he grew tired of hearing how much smarter tricolor Collies are and so, on May 28, 2000, after a short but intense lecture (to which he listened with ill-disguised disdain) on the disadvantages to his mortal and immortal person should he not at least TRY, he decided to soil his pristine paws and PASS! Usually I insist that I know better than he where the track leads, but as the heavy rain precluded my wearing glasses, Rod had to track without my "help". The T.D.X. title is not a natural for a Collie so I am very proud. Ah, dear Rod, now if only a C.D. could follow!

Enter your brags online at the FVDTC web site  
(<http://www.fvdtc.org>, then click on "News")

From David Lewis, Webmaster ([woofmaster@fvdtc.org](mailto:woofmaster@fvdtc.org))

## FIND IT ON THE WEB

FVDTC has an extensive web site, with information that is useful to you, as members of the club, and to the public at large. The site includes the club calendar for the rest of 2000; past and current issues of "Waggin' Tales"; contact information for the Board of Directors, committee chairs and "other important people". It has descriptions of most club activities, including each class offered during regular training; and links to dog- and pet-related sites all over the internet. You can also sign up to sponsor a trophy for the 2000 trial, and brag about your dog to the entire world. Check it out at <http://www.fvdtc.org>, and let us know what you think.

## E-MAIL WAGGIN' TALES

If you would like to save the club a few dollars, receive your Waggin' Tales up to a week before everybody else, and get your pictures in color:

Get your Waggin' Tales via E-Mail!

You need to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from <http://www.adobe.com>) and send an e-mail to [waggingtales@fvdtc.org](mailto:waggingtales@fvdtc.org).

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

DUES FOR THE 2000-2001 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2000.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET,  
BE SURE THAT YOU ARE A 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:  
KATHY HUBBARD, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
(address below)

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 2000-2001 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN' TAILS  
WILL BE THE JULY ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-8-00.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT  
RECEIVED BY 7-8-00.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE MEMBERSHIP TYPE  
INSTRUCTORS: EARN 1/4 CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX 4) AND  
MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION.  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-8-00 NO EXCEPTIONS.**  
**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO BE VALID.**

- REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00
- REGULAR NONTRAINING \$45.00
- LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING \$45.00
- LIFETIME OR BOARD NONTRAINING FREE

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

**KATHY HUBBARD  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
403 N. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS 60115  
(815)758-0243  
membership@fvdtc.org**

From the AKC

## RULES CHANGES FOR AKC OBEDIENCE

When the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club met on April 10th/11th, 2000, they approved a new Title to be known as Versatile Companion Dog Title, effective January 1st, 2001, to encourage handlers to cross-train their dogs and enter different events. The new title would be for dogs earning titles in Obedience, Agility and Tracking as follows:

1. Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) - for a dog that has earned the following titles:

- Companion Dog (CD)
- Novice Agility (NA)
- Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ)
- Tracking Dog (TD)

2. Versatile Companion Dog 2 (VCD2)

- Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
- Open Agility (OA)
- Open Agility Jumpers (OAJ)
- Tracking Dog (TD)

3. Versatile Companion Dog 3 (VCD3)

- Utility Dog (UD)
- Agility Excellent (AX)
- Agility Excellent Jumpers (AXJ)
- Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)

4. Versatile Companion Dog 4 (VCD4)

- Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)
- Master Agility (MX)
- Master Agility Jumpers (MXJ)
- Variable Surface Tracker (VST)

5. Versatile Companion Champion (VCCH)

- Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
- Master Agility Champion (MACH)
- Champion Tracker (CT)

When the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club met on April 10th/11th, 2000, they approved several proposed amendments to AKC's Obedience Regulations and Guidelines for Obedience Judges. The amendments were submitted by the Obedience Advisory Committee and cover several sections of the regulations and guidelines.

Some of the amendments which the Board approved, effective October 1, 2000, are:

Permits dogs with long ear feathering or beards to have the hair controlled by the use of rubber bands while performing specific exercises;

Lets afternoon class judging immediately follow one another with just the afternoon start time being listed in the judging program;

Allows for non-regular classes to be included even if entries are limited in regular classes;

Establishes a UDX Class when entries are limited in the Open B and/or Utility B Classes;

Allows for each section of a split class to be considered a separate class for award purposes with no run-offs being necessary between split classes to determine awards;

Provides for continuing education for judges and more ring experience for judging applicants;

Assures the same opportunity for all exhibitors to know the heeling pattern before entering the ring;

Permits judges, at their discretion, to show and discuss individual score sheets with an exhibitor after prizes have been awarded in each class;

Lets the judge to determine whether to excuse a dog from further competition due to its handler either moving towards the dog to correct it, or practicing in the ring;

Lets Novice B dogs continue to compete in this class after they have won the title CD until qualifying in an Open Class or receiving one High in Trial Award, which is in addition to any obtained before or during the 60 day period after receiving the CD title;

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From the AKC

## RULES CHANGES FOR AKC OBEDIENCE

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Limits the number of dogs judged at one time in the group exercises based on the size of the ring and allowing approximately 4 feet per dog; where there are more dogs than proper room, calls for the dogs to be judged in groups;

Permits judges to show in the Open A Class and Utility A Class;

Establishes a procedure whereby a judge makes a decision on what order of exercises shall be performed for a class with the order not to be disclosed to exhibitors prior to posting (approximately 45 minutes before the start of the class). In future assignments, judges will be required to alternate the six orders of exercises so that the orders will be used approximately the same number of times;

Allows for a variety of order for Open B exercises, but keeps Open A the same; allows for variety of order for Utility B, but keeps Utility A the same;

Any color dumbbell will be allowed;

Lets a judge determine minor to substantial point deduction for dropping the dumbbell; also for picking up the wrong article;

Enables a handler to use a different method when sending his/her dog to retrieve an article;

Permits one first place win at a Specialty Show to be counted towards the requirement for an OTCH

Allows for obedience championship points to be awarded for first through fourth place dogs in Open B and Utility B classes

Allows dogs to enter Veterans class as an additional class;

Redesigns the Judge's Book .

Thanks to Marietta Huber for submitting this article

## HELP WANTED

The following positions are open, anyone interested should contact Carolyn Pearson at (630) 231-5658 or via e-mail at [secretary@fvdtc.org](mailto:secretary@fvdtc.org).

Second Vice-President  
Director of Training  
Demonstrations  
Member-at-Large  
Graduation Chair

From David Lewis, Editor

## PUT YOUR NEWS IN WAGGIN' TALES

If you have news or announcements you would like to share with the club, put it in the Waggin' Tales.

There are a few guidelines to follow to ensure that your message is presented in the way **you** would like:

Submit your articles to:

David Lewis  
Waggin' Tales  
232 Mistwood Lane  
North Aurora, IL 60542  
(630) 897-4267  
[waggintales@fvdtc.org](mailto:waggintales@fvdtc.org)

Plain text E-Mail is the best way to get your article included. Attachments in Rich Text Format will work also. Typed letters and faxes are OK, too, but hand-

written notes are the most likely to result in errors.

Always include your name and a phone number with your article.

### What Gets Included

Waggin' Tales is the primary means of communication for the Board to the membership, so announcements from the Board and meeting minutes get highest priority. Next are news, brags and stories from the membership. If space permits, dog-related classified ads and for-sale items from members will be included.

I am always interested in your comments (both good and bad) and suggestions for improving Waggin' Tales.

From Helen Castellano

## 2000 TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

I am again the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. I would like to offer each member the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of their choice. Peggy Sue has prepared a Trophy Board which is available at training. It includes those trophies which were sponsored last year. You can also sign up on the FVDTC web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org/>) You can indicate your choice of trophy. You may also call me or send an e-mail to [pastatom@excite.com](mailto:pastatom@excite.com) with a message indicating which trophy you would like to sponsor and the amount. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. Or, you can complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail.

The following are suggestions for sponsorship of trophies. First, you may decide to provide your own award. Second, you may decide to provide a cash donation and request that something be purchased with the money. Peggy Sue has prepared a number of beautiful items which will be used for this purpose. Third, you may decide to provide a cash donation with the qualification that the winner of the trophy receives the cash. Fourth, you may choose to make a cash donation directly to the Trophy Fund. Your name will of course be listed as a sponsor of an award.

If you are providing your own trophy, I will need a description to include in the premium no later than JULY 1st. I would ask that I received the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please provide that to me no later than JUNE 15th, so that I may have time to determine the trophy and to include the description in the premium. Thank you.

Helen C. Castellano  
35W075 Chillem Drive  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-761-0411

**The July 1 deadline is approaching quickly, and we only have 18 trophies sponsored, so far.  
Please act quickly**

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Please print: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy you wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please choose one - You will provide:

\_\_\_ a. trophy \_\_\_\_\_ b. cash to purchase trophy \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ c. cash as trophy \$ \_\_\_\_\_ d. donation to Trophy Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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From Kathy Hubbard

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following two names were left out of the May WT and will need to be reported to be voted into membership in July:

J. A. Brungard 40 White Oak Circle St. Charles, IL 60174 (630) 377-3232 <a href="mailto:grimace@angelfire.com">grimace@angelfire.com</a> Neapolitan Mastiff Guest trained 5 times	Laurie Dodge 542 S. Adeline Ave. Addison, IL 60101 (630) 458-8914 <a href="mailto:louddogs@prodigy.net">louddogs@prodigy.net</a> Poodle/Chihuahua/Collie/American Bulldog/Collie/ American Bulldog/Airedale Complete Beginner Class and guest trained 5 times
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New application from:  
Vera Damitz  
40W871 Lenz Rd.  
Elgin, IL 60123-8632  
(847)464-5771  
[peg@inil.com](mailto:peg@inil.com)  
German Shepherd  
Completed Beginner Class

From Carolyn Pearson

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Board Meeting Highlights June 7, 2000

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary), the April Meeting Minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that she has put together the information necessary for the state filings.

Carolyn Pearson (Acting Director of Training) reported that there are currently three Beginner's classes, one each at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Each Primary Instructor has at least one Assistant Instructor. Currently have one Puppy class at 7:00 p.m. Would like to get at least one more Assistant Instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) announced that Helen Castellano has volunteered to be the Trial Trophy Chairperson again.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The website has a place to allow members to sign-up for a trophy for the obedience trial. The website continues to be visited by many people.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she currently has two jobs offers out-standing that will require a move out-of-state. Although she has not decided which job to take, a move is imminent. A new Graduation Chairperson will be needed for the next Graduation on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. She is currently in the process of creating an updated job description. Anyone who is interested in filling the void should contact her at (847) 695-0826 (quickly).

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that the club has received an invitation, via our website, from the Charlestown Mall, regarding a tentative August 12<sup>th</sup> event. She will contact them shortly to determine whether we should be a participant.

### Old Business

Discussed the date and location of the annual July Picnic/Meeting. It was the impression of many Board members that there was not a lot of interest expressed by club members at the May Membership meeting when it was last discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that a summer picnic had several significant disadvantages: always too many summer activities scheduled, the bugs are horrible during the evenings and it is usually extremely hot. With

those thoughts in mind, it was decided to host a "Picnic in December"- guaranteed to be a "bug-free picnic"!!

Therefore – there will NOT be a July Membership Picnic/Meeting. But there WILL be a December Christmas "Picnic"/Meeting at the Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas party.

### New Business

A letter was sent to the Board by a club member expressing concern about a handler and the correction methods used in a ring at a correction clinic. In response to those concerns, and after much discussion, it was decided that in addition to the current policies (see below), the Puppy and Beginner's class instructors will be asked to mention to their students that alternative methods of training do exist. BUT, the puppy and beginner student will not be asked to use them during their classes. The alternative methods of training are to be utilized by more experienced handlers, who have been properly taught in their use.

### Current Policy

- Any questions or concerns about any handler and/or dog should be brought to attention of the Director of Training (DOT), the Assistant Director of Training (ADOT) or to any current Board member.
- Additionally, at a correction clinic, the judges determine what behavior is acceptable in his or her ring. Note: A sign will be created and posted on each match table to encourage all of the handlers to use positive training methods as much as possible.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

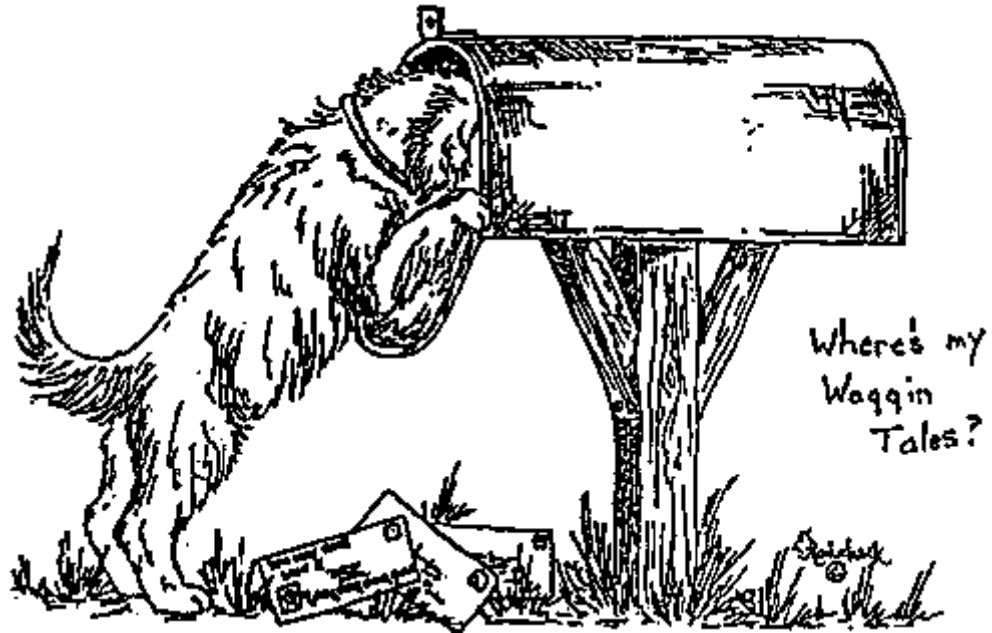
## FOR SALE

Lifetime member Verdel Howell would like to sell her extensive collection of china dog breed figurines. Please leave a message at the phone number listed below mentioning what breed(s) you are interested in and your name and phone number. She will return your call with availability and price.

Verdel Howell  
(630)898-6352 (Aurora)

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## FVDTC CALENDAR— JUNE / JULY

<b>June</b>	1	Thursday	Regular Training	<b>July</b>	6	Thursday	Regular Training
	7	Wednesday	Board Meeting		9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	8	Thursday	Regular Training		11	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
	11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline				4-H Graduation
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic Beginner's Class Only		20	Thursday	<b>NO TRAINING</b>
	22	Thursday	Regular Training		27	Thursday	Regular Training
	29	Thursday	Regular Training				