IN MEMORY OF JOAN PAYNE

This letter was written by Joan for her friends. It seems appropriate to publish in our newsletter.

Peggy Sue

To My Friends,

If I could give you a gift it would be the gift of laughter, love, patience and contentment. The greatest being love.

In striving for perfection, we look at the errors - what's wrong, what can we improve. But we forget to balance it with what is right. We blow out of proportion negative elements when in reality there are more positive and good accomplishments, friends, feelings and life experiences. Look at the good while solving problems or unhappiness

will rule your life as you search for what you already have.

Your love and support hit me in the face when I awoke from surgery to find I was surrounded by love and always have been. Yet I had spent years in the well of despair and loneliness thinking I was unloved, unliked and unwanted.

You all strengthened my reality base and taught me how to FEEL love. I want to reflect those feelings back. If I have a legacy, it is the legacy of example. Life is worth living to its fullest - so if you've always wanted to play the saxophone and with the first experience you get a split lip, you wait for the lip to heal and go on with your

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Most dogs don't think they are human; they know they are.

— Jane Swan

From Helen Castellano

AGILITY NEWS & NOTES

All club members are invited to attend FVDTC's first agility trial on Saturday, September 16 at Creekwood Meadows.

If you would like to help, we still need jump setters (no experience necessary).

Directions: Route 47 South of Sugar Grove to Galena Road (not Boulevard) go west about 10 minutes into town then look for trial site on left. (More detailed directions are on the club web site at http://www.fvdtc.org)

JOAN PAYNE

(Continued from page 1) life's dream.

My motto has been "Dare to be different but leave a back door—sometimes the back door is locked but take the risk - do what you've always wanted to do and laugh at the mistakes because they are your teaching tools.

My greatest regret is that I am not there to watch you fulfill your dreams, but by all accounts of life after death, my spirit is cheering you on.

My wish is that I'll be with you on your earth walk and will greet you (me and the dogs) when you pass over.

THANKS!

Dear Fellow Club Members.

Thank you for the beautiful Daisy Mum Plant sent to us in memory of our son Don. It is very much appreciated and it means a great deal to me to be remembered.

Thank you and GOD bless

Sincerely,

Alice and Ray Larson

Thank you for touching my life. I will love you all through eternity... Now have a party and no nasty stories - share the love!

NEW OBEDIENCE RULES

The AKC has released new rules for Open and Utility. Details are available on the AKC web site at: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/obrg4.pdf, pages 18-19 and 22-23.

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

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 handwritten 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 forsale items from members will be included.

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

From Kathy Hubbard

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Susan and Mark Brown 703 Harmony Drive North Aurora, IL 60542 Mixed Terrier Completed Beginner class

Tracy J. McMahon 1154 Fulton Drive Streamwood, IL 60107 Rottweilers Guest trained 5 times

Pam Raver 3465 Pheasant Court Geneva, IL 60134 Golden Retriever Completed Beginner class

Jacquie Kramer and Dale Hakala 42W820 Clover Hill Lane Elburn, IL 60119 Austalian Shepherd Completed Beginner class

Linda Havertine 2524 Walnut Ave. Geneva, IL 60134 Bernese Mountain Dog Completed Beginner class

From Vicky Hagens

RAW NATURAL DIET

WANTED: Contact With Other FVDTC Members Feeding a Raw Natural Diet

I would like to hear from other members who are feeding their dogs a raw natural diet, like Dr. Billinghurst's BARF (bones and raw food) diet. I am especially interested in practical details, such as how much you feed (vs. commercial dry dog food), and how & where you feed (to avoid dog fights and slimy messes on the floor!). If you have any advice that might help someone new to this adventure, please find me on training night (before or after my 7:00 Puppy class), or call me at home (847-428-3098) or at work (847-836-3608, 8am - 5pm). Thanks!!

-Vicky Hagens

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 waggintales@fvdtc.org.

From Suzan Scott

CORRECTION CLINICS

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic is Thursday, September 21. The September and October correction clinics usually get pretty busy so preentry is advised.

The remaining correction clinic dates for this year are:

October 19 - November 30

Call (630) 898-5998 or visit our web site at http://www.fvdtc.org/ for further information.

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.

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

"When the Man waked up he said, "What is Wild Dog doing here ?"

And the Women said,

"His name is not Wild Dog any more, but the First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always."

Rudyard Kipling

BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

Candlewood's Ribbonquest (Peggy) CD, SH, NA, NAJ (Anne White)

- Qualified in a SH test August 5, 2000 at Backwater Retriever Club, Syracuse, IN
- Earned a 4th Place with a qualifying score in 20" Open JWW. Tim White handled her at Agility Ability in Plano, IL
- Earned another "Senior" leg September 9, 2000 at the WLRC hunt test at Kenosha, WI ~ handler Anne White.



Jake (Sally Dillow)

- Earned a 1st Place and High-in-Trial at Smack Dab with a 195.5 in the first trial on August 5, 2000
- Earned a 2nd Place at the second trial

Two down, one to go!

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

Shadow (Dean Connolly)

• Shadow took 1st place in Novice B Jumpers Back-to-Back on Saturday and Sunday at Smack Dabs Trial. These were his first two jumpers legs.

From Carolyn Pearson

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Meeting Highlights September 6, 2000

Meeting brought to order at 7:39 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary), the May meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson (Acting Directors of Training). Carolyn reported that we are currently at week five of session four for the Beginner's classes. The last class is on Tuesday, October 10th. The fifth (and final) session for Beginner's classes begins on Thursday, October 19th. The fifth (and final) session for Puppy classes begins on Thursday, October 26th. Current instructors and **potential** instructors, primary and assistants, are encouraged to see Taffy Wille or Carolyn Pearson if they are interested in teaching for any of the future sessions.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) stated that anyone interested in stewarding at our November 12th Obedience trial should sign-up on the poster board at training. Georgia Fiorito is the raffle chairperson for this year. Anyone that has something to donate to the raffle should contact her. Will reported that all committee chair positions are filled.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that as of today, she has received 176 entries. That number is greater than the number received as of this time last year. Letters were sent out to the individuals and companies that have placed a catalog ad in the past. Taffy also reminded members that last year AKC modified the Agreement portion of the premium list. The following sentence was added, "I (we) waive any and all claims, causes of action, I (we) might otherwise have against the AKC and any AKC approved judge, judging at this show, under AKC rules, Regulations and Guidelines.". She asked that members verify that the premium lists they use to enter trials use the correct information. When asked, Taffy replied that she has not been informed as of this time that an AKC representative would be present.

Helen Castellano asked that anyone personally supplying a trophy or sending a check may give it to her, Peggy Sue Seehafer or Linda Benson.

Ed Herdes reported that help is needed to put away the equipment on the day of the trial. The breakdown usually begins while the awards are passed out. The number of volunteers determines the amount of time necessary.

Carolyn Pearson, reporting for Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales

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From Vicky Hagens

NO, IT'S NOT A MUZZLE

Lately, you might have noticed a few dogs around the training building that were wearing some pretty funny-looking collars. I've had lots of questions regarding these "head collars" so I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce them to you.

At first glance, people often think that a head collar is a muzzle, because there is a strap that goes around the dog's muzzle (the manufacturer prefers to call that strap a "nose loop"). There's also a second strap that goes round

the dog's neck and this strap is adjusted so that it is snug and high on the neck (just behind the ears). Finally, the thing that really makes this collar different is that the leash attaches to a ring that is underneath the dog's chin, rather than at the back of the neck.

When the leash is kept loose, the nose loop is also loose, and the dog can pant, eat, bark, and even bite!! (As I said, it's not a muzzle.) However, if the dog (or owner) pulls, the nose loop closes and the dog feels pressure on the top of his muzzle and the back of his neck. [People who are familiar with horse training tell me that this pressure causes certain chemicals to be released into the dog's blood stream that calm the dog, and my experience has shown that this is true.] Also, because of the way the leash attaches under the chin, if the dog pulls or lunges, it causes his head to turn back toward the handler, preventing him from making any progress in the direction he's pulling. This leverage advantage means

that the dog can be controlled without a lot of force (like a halter on a horse). That makes the collar a good option for a junior or senior handler of a strong dog. Barking can be controlled by gently pulling on the leash, to close the nose loop for a short time, and then releasing the tension.

There are a couple of different manufacturers of head collars. The ones I'm most familiar with are the Halti and the Gentle Leader (formerly the Promise collar). I like the Gentle Leader better than the Halti because the Gentle Leader has two adjustment points (Halti has one), so it's easier to get a good fit. Also the Gentle Leader comes in lots of fun colors (including bright purple and hot pink!!!), while the Halti only comes in black. Petco sells the Halti for about \$20 and the Gentle Leader is sold by some vets in the area for \$20-25. The Gentle Leader can also be purchased directly from the manufacturer (Premier Products), at wholesale prices, by trainers and instructors. I have a handful of Gentle Leader collars that I bought from Premier, and I will re-sell them to members and students at cost. I hope that once more club members become familiar with this type of collar, that the club will stock them along with the chain collars and pinch collars, as another training option.

If you have any questions about head collars, feel free to call me at 847-428-3098, or catch me on training night where I can be found teaching the 7:00 Puppy Class.

-Vicky Hagens

From Carolyn Pearson

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Editor), stated that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, September 10th. Peggy Sue reminded the club members to extend thanks to Dave for doing a wonderful on the website. We receive many compliments on the design, the set-up and that the information is kept updated.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that the bills are currently paid. She is awaiting the membership renewal checks from Kathy Hubbard.

Graduation, as reported by Carolyn Pearson. Per the July 20, 2000 Board meeting, it was decided to change the current format of the Beginner's class

Graduation, effective for the fourth session of classes (last night is October 10th). This was done because many of the Board members expressed concern about the stress level that the students experience during the runthrough. Currently the tenth week of class is devoted to the beginner's students "performing" what they have learned in the past nine weeks in front of a "judge". This is similar to a novice run-through at a pre-novice level. It was felt by many Board members that due to the stress, many students may not be exhibiting the true extent of their training improvements. During the discussion, it was suggested that perhaps the most accurate method of evaluating a beginner's student progress would be the observations of the instructors during the ten weeks of class. The final evening of class would be changed from a

From Carolyn Pearson

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night of unnecessary stress to a celebration of all that the students have accomplished. The responsibilities of the Graduation Chairperson would change to more of a "celebration coordinator". The instructors would then be responsible for providing feedback to each student whether they should continue to the Advanced Beginners classes or whether they would benefit from repeating the Beginner's class. Anyone who wishes to act as the Graduation Chairperson for the last two sessions should see Peggy Sue Seehafer or Carolyn Pearson.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) expressed concern about amount of late returns and lack of renewals for members who have been members for multiple years. She stated that most of the lifetime/non-training members (with dues of \$0.00) did not submit their renewal application. She also reported that most lifetime/training members (with dues of \$45.00) did not submit their renewal application. Kathy assured the members that have paid via check, they will be submitted to Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) shortly. She was hoping to receive more checks from renewals prior to giving them to Cathy.

Kathy Hubbard read a list of 7 new applicants for membership. Trudi Kimm made a motion to accept the list as read. Cathy Fleury seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, with none opposed or abstentions.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) asked that if any one that knew of any local schools that would like to have a dog-related program should contact her. Peggy Sue Seehafer asked whether we could do something for the national "Make A Difference Day". No suggestions were given.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) sent her report with Carolyn Pearson. Stewards are <u>al-ways</u> needed. Please sign-up early for the September 21st Correction Clinic.

Jan Schomer reported that when a steward wishes to work AND work their dog, they should arrive at 6:15 p.m. One group of Sits and Downs is done at 6:45 p. m. for the stewards. Jan Schomer also asked whether the judges for Open B and Utility B should start incorporating the new AKC obedience regulations in their judging. Kathy Hubbard stated that she received a copy of the order of exercises that the exhibitors may encounter after October 1st at a recent

seminar that she attended. A copy of the order of the exercises will be included in the match materials for the judges to use. There are six combinations that the judge may use to judge the class. The order that will be used must be posted prior to the start of the class and will be the same for all teams judged.

Suzan Scott (Statistician Chairperson) reported that any information regarding work credits or titles that have been achieved as of this time, may be sent to her.

Peggy Sue stated that Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar (Annual Dinner Chairperson) did a wonderful job last year and is glad that she will be doing it again for the next dinner.

Linda Gustafson (Sunshine) was not in attendance. Peggy Sue stated that anyone that has cards that may be used by Linda may send them to Linda.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that she is doing the final preparations for our tracking event this weekend, September 9th and 10th. She extended thanks to Carolyn Pearson for all the hard and tedious work she has done to get this tracking event rolling by submitting the paperwork to AKC, as well as modifying the Obedience trial's premium list (which was originally created and supplied by Taffy Wille) to be used for the tracking test. Francene also thanked Cathy Fleury, for her help in getting the insurance paperwork out to the Forest Preserve and the fees sent to the various authorities.

Francene also acknowledged all of the hard work that Ingrid Hamburger had done. Ingrid was responsible for obtaining the judges as well as organizing the tracklayers. Her resources have been invaluable to this event. Ingrid deserves a special thank you as she really put herself out at a very stressful and difficult time of building a new home and selling their existing home. During the recent past they have taken possession of their new home and have begun to move in, as well as prepare for the closing on the old house. Speaking from personal experience Francene said in spite of the stress that Ingrid was dealing with, she continued to provide invaluable help, above and beyond the call of duty. She deserves a round of applause. Francene also thanked all of the club members that have made the test become a reality. It is really appreciated.

Francene stated that the committee is beginning to think ahead to the spring test. The application will be submitted for March 18, 2001. The process should begin within the next month. Francene noted that we have 3 TD en-

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From Carolyn Pearson

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trants and 4 TDX entrants, as well as the alternates, for this test. There were twelve entries submitted.

Trudi Kimm (Director at Large) reported that Sig Hansen's schedule for the rest of the year has been confirmed. The dates are September 21st, November 2nd and December 14th. Trudi asked whether more information about his services could be included on our website. Dave Lewis stated that he would add that information when it is provided to him.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Trudi Kimm as drawn by Tracey Mohr.

Old Business

- ☐ **Agility Trial** Helen Castellano reported that Linda Benson and Peggy Sue Seehafer have obtained prizes, Jan Schomer obtained the ribbons, and that Cindy Pakenas is providing the hospitality for the judges and workers for our 1st Annual Agility Trial. Cathy Fleury reported that she is still in need of ring assistants. Ring assistants are individuals who do anything needed to keep the ring moving and operational. Helen reported that the set-up would be on Friday. Suzan Scott stated that we closed Standard with 175 entries. We also had 160 entries in jumpers.
- ☐ Information Table Help Wanted Peggy Sue reported that we are in need of a friendly and smiling club member to sit at the Information Table. Please see her or Taffy Wille (the current "table-sitter") to learn more about the duties. When we do not have someone sitting at the table, we loose income and an opportunity to greet visitors (who are potentially new students).

New Business

- □ **Update on Joan Payne** Peggy Sue reported that Joan is currently at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin. The length of her stay is unknown at this time, she may stay there for final care.
- ☐ Fox Valley Wildlife Club Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that the open house is this weekend in Elburn.

- ☐ **Dorothy Vettel Memorial** It was decided that we would honor the long-time and "almost" founding member of the club by dedicating the trial to her memory.
- ☐ **Clothing Order** The t-shirts and sweatshirts have ARRIVED. Please see Nadine Conner or Carolyn Pearson at training to pick-up your order. Instructors (if you requested one) should see Nadine or Carolyn to get your shirt.
- Stimulator Collars Policy Peggy Sue Seehafer began the discussion with a brief introduction. She stated that the Board had been asked to set a policy regarding the use of electronic stimulator collars. While it is the Board's responsibility to set policy for the club, she reminded the club members, that the Board's policies may be modified by the club members, should the policies not accurately reflect the general consensus of the membership. Peggy Sue asked the members who wished to speak to please be as succinct as possible to allow enough time to have everyone's opinions heard. Peggy Sue mentioned that she had received many e-mails from club members and non-club members regarding our use of stimulator collars.

She stated that one of the board's concerns was how to monitor the expertise of the trainers using the stimulator collars. She mentioned that another concern centered on the frequencies used, was it possible for one handler to correct another handler's dog because the frequencies of the different collars were the same? A large part of the board's discussion at the July 20th meeting was spent in determining what constituted the "right" amount of correction to give to a dog. It would be difficult to determine the amount of correction based solely on whether the dog was vocal. Some dogs get vocal when they are looked at with a cross face and other dogs will take an extremely strong correction without any outward reaction. What or who would determine what is abusive training? A physical correction (i.e. a collar correction) was more visible than with other types of collar. It is difficult to "see" the amount correction given by a stimulator collar. The other part of the discussion centered on the other types of remote collars look like the stimulator collars, how do we monitor those? Cathy Fleury stated that the responsible stimulator collar using trainers use the lowest settings possible on the collars to get a response from the

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From Carolyn Pearson

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During the discussion, Cathy Fleury reminded everyone that all club members are responsible to report any type of suspected abuse to the Director of Training or ANY Board member. Cathy also discussed the training method using the clicker. This method uses the "click" as a way to reinforce a positive behavior. However, it is possible for the click given by one handler to praise their own dog to reinforce a negative behavior in another dog also using the clicker method of training. Cathy stated that there is less likelihood of having two collars using the same frequency than having two clickers being used simultaneously. Both are different but effective methods of training techniques. She also stated that of the club members she knew who used the stimulator collar training method, they were all properly trained in their use. Cathy felt that the policy would be limiting our club members to only certain types of training techniques.

Carol Cook said she feels stimulator collars should not be used at the training simply to correct a crooked front or sit. In response to that concern, many club members stated that the majority of the training problems that stimulator collars are used for are NOT for the minor infractions, such as a crooked front or finish. They are typically training issues that occur during remote exercises, which require as little handler intervention as possible. Carol stated that although she uses an electronic fence for her horses, she is not comfortable using a stimulator collar for her dog training.

Lisa Humm expressed concern that the Board held a clandestine meeting. Carolyn Pearson stated that there was never any intent to have a "secret" meeting. The special meeting was called in response to the request by the Match Committee to have a policy defined prior to the August Correction Clinic. The Match Committee Members had received several communications from match attendees regarding the club's position on the use of stimulator collars. The Match Committee Members felt it was unfair to put the burden on the individuals judging the classes. In addition to the extra burden on the judges, it also was unfair to the exhibitors who were expecting

to be able to use their stimulator collars only to be told by the judge, that the collars were not allowed in his or her ring.

Tracey Mohr reminded us that we should exercise caution in our reference to "outsiders" when referring to community members who are not currently club members. She stated that at one time we were ALL community members with the potential to become club members. Taffy Wille reminded the club members at the meeting that the beginner's and puppy class students are the people that "pay the rent". Typically, those students are not currently dues paying club members, but have great potential to become dues paying club members. To maintain a positive perception to those individuals is very important in maintaining the amount of community members that choose to take a class with us.

Carol Swensen asked if we could find a compromise that would allow the club members who use stimulator collar responsibly to continue to use them as another training technique. She offered two suggestions: perhaps the stimulator collars could be used during a specific timeframe, or perhaps the club members wishing to use them could be required to be "pre-approved" to use the collars.

Francene reminded everyone that the comments stated during the open discussion should not be misconstrued as a personal attack on any Board member. The comments should be directly about the policy and not directed at specific Board members. She expressed concern that the opinion of non-dues paying people were taken more seriously than the current due-paying members. Peggy Sue stated that although that was a popular perception, that was not the case. Opinions were expressed by current club members and potential club members, both for and against the use of the collar at the training facility. Francene stated that due to a miscommunication she was not at the July 20th Board meeting. She thought that the policy should have been "temporary" for the August Correction Clinic only. She expressed concern that the ban of this type of training collar would lead to further restrictions to other types of collars currently used.

Jan Schomer reported that she checked other local clubs. Most of the other clubs do not allow the use of the stimulator collars. Dean Connolly stated that we

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should "step back" and do more investigation into the proper use of the stimulator collar. He stated that the "frequency bleed over" should not be a concern as the FCC has tens of thousands of frequencies available for use by remote devices. Kathy Hubbard stated that the Stone City Kennel Club only allows the use of stimulator collars with certain instructors.

Will Short suggested that we table the current discussion until next meeting. He suggested that we publicize the issue and begin the meeting with the discussion, rather than after all the regular business. Will Short made a motion to table the discussion until the October 4th Membership meeting. The motion was seconded by Taffy Wille and was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE TO **ALL** MEMBERS

At the September 6th Membership Meeting (see minutes) a discussion took place regarding the new policy regarding the use of stimulator collars at training. This discussion illustrated that the issue is "near and dear" to many hearts. After hearing many opinions, a motion was made (and approved) to table the discussion until the October 4th Membership Meeting.

In order to expedite the resolution of this issue, the following process will be used at the October meeting.

- Prior to start of the regular club business, a vote will be taken. This will occur no later than 7:50 p.m.
- The vote will be to decide whether the current policy will be ratified or rejected. The current policy is: "The use of stimulator collars is banned at the Fox Valley training site".
- The vote must be passed by a 2/3 majority.
- If there is not a 2/3 majority, a discussion will be initiated to determine how to resolve the issue.
- The discussion will be limited to 30 minutes to allow time to conduct the other club business.

If for some reason, you cannot attend the October meeting, but would still like to submit your opinion for consideration, you may send a note to Carolyn Pearson (3N161 Timberline, West Chicago, IL 60185-1348). The note must be received no later than October 2nd to be included at the meeting. Please mark on the outside of the envelope - "vote enclosed". The sealed envelopes would be brought to and opened at the meeting.

Please use the following format on your note:

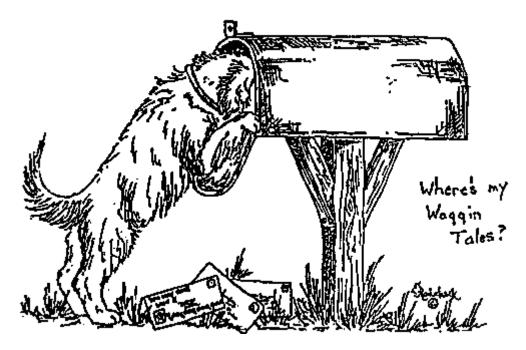
Yes, I approve the current policy to ban the use of stimulator collars at Fox Valley. - OR -

No, I do not approve the current policy to ban the use of stimulator collars at Fox Valley.

Do not forget to put your name on the note somewhere.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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FVDTC CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

September	6	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	October	4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		5	Thursday	Regular Training
	10	Sunday	Tracking Test		8	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
			Waggin' Tales Deadline		10	Tuesday	Regular Training
	14	Thursday	Regular Training				Graduation #4
	16	Saturday	Agility Trial				Puppy & Beginner Class
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		19	Thursday	Start Beginner Class #5
			Beginner Class				Correction Clinic
			Dr. Hansen Visit		26	Thursday	Regular Training
	28	Thursday	Regular Training				Start Puppy Session #5