

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## OBEDIENCE

### 50TH OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Fox Valley Dog Training Club's 50th Obedience Trial will be held November 11 at the Fairgrounds.

### OBEDIENCE TRIAL TROPHIES

(From Helen Castellano) For those members who are donating a trophy for the Obedience Trial, please give your trophy to either Peggy Sue Seehafer or Taffe Wille no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

For those members who are making a cash donation, please mail your check to me at 35W075 Chillem Drive, Batavia, IL 60566.

### OBEDIENCE TRIAL RAFFLE

(From Will Short) Kristen Cox will be in charge of the raffle for this year's trial. If you have items to donate, please contact Kristen or Rick Cox, Will Short, or Taffe Wille.

### Correction to the Premium List

(From Taffe Wille) The trial secretary for the Car-Dun-Al dog club has moved. This is the correct contact information:

Jean Munger  
Trial Secretary for Car-dun-al  
47 W 656 Shirewood Farm Rd.  
Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847) 683-7123

## AGILITY

### Join Us at the Agility Trial!

Please join us at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Agility Trial, Saturday and Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have never seen an actual trial, here is a great opportunity. The trial will be held at Creekwood Meadow. Directions: Route 47 South to Galena Road (not Boulevard), go West into town and look for the show grounds on your left.

Hope to see you there,

Helen Castellano  
Trial Chairperson

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### Editor's Note:

As I write, it is the evening of September 11, and I am listening with a sick heart to news of the devastation in New York and Washington. I know I speak for all of us when I say that our thoughts prayers go out to the victims of this tragedy, and their families.

A well-trained dog is a  
happy dog

From Suzan Scott

## CORRECTION CLINIC

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic will be held on Thursday, September 20. There are still openings in novice and utility. Unless someone cancels, open is full. Stewards are needed for the September match!! If you can steward, please contact Ingrid at (630) 365-3248 or matchsteward@fvdtc.org .

The remaining clinic dates for 2001 are: October 25 - November 29

From Cathy Fleury

## CHANCE

Gino's Fleeting Chance  
CDX, TD, OA, OAJ, Can CDX  
April 23, 1994 – June 28, 2001

**If Tears Could Build a Stairway**  
If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again

No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why

Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow

What it means to  
lose you  
No one else can  
ever know

But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store

Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay  
Unknown

To all of Chance's Friends:

Your kindness and generosity during this time has been overwhelming. I can't thank you enough for all of your support and love. Your donations to Chance's garden have made it a place of peace and reflection.

Thank you again,  
Cathy and Michael Fleury

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

## 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](mailto:waggintales@fvdtc.org).

From Nadine Conner

## BEWARE

On Tuesday, August 7 a green SUV was broken in to while parked in the fairground lot during training. A cell phone and cash were stolen. Please lock your cars up if possible and keep your eyes open for wandering people in the lot. If you have any information regarding this incident please call Cathy Weiss at (630) 443-0570.

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.

## BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

**Candlewood's Ribbonquest** "Peggy" (Anne White)

08/04-05/01 MH Backwater Retriever Club, Syracuse, IN

**Trajan's Here Comes the Storm, NA, NAJ** "Storm" (Tracy J. McMahon)08/11/01 Novice Agility 3rd Leg, Agility Ability Club  
Novice B 1st Place, Score: 100**Terrifick Sail On Silver Boy CD, NA** "Bruno" (Susan and Wilson Yee)06/10/01 Novice A Std German Shepherd Dog Training Club, 3rd Place  
08/11/01 Novice A Std Agility Ability Club of Illinois, 2nd Place**Blitzen** (Susan and Wilson Yee)

08/25/01 Novice A Std Agility Club of Chicago, 1st place

Our 13 year-old daughter, Laura, handled Bruno to the novice standard agility title in 4 runs. We are especially proud since the August 25th trial was in torrential rain. The rain stopped long enough for Laura and Bruno to run through the puddles and mud to earn their 3rd qualifying leg. Another HUGE THANK YOU to their instructor, Marietta Huber.

**Ramapo's Indian Jewelry, NA, NAJ, CGC** "Crystal" (Marietta Huber)04/15/01 CD Companion Dog title in 3 out of 3 trials  
06/10/02 OAJ Open Jumpers with Weaves**Willcare's Walk on the Wildside, MX, MXJ, CDX, JH** "Wrangler" (Marietta Huber)03/18/01 MX Master Agility  
04/28/01 NAC Novice Agility Certificate  
04/29/01 OGC Open Gambler's Certificate  
04/29/01 OJC Open Jumper's Certificate  
07/01/01 OAC Open Agility Certificate  
08/19/01 EJC Elite Jumpers Certificate**Ramapo's Indian Sweet Corn, MX, MXJ, UD, JH** "Popcorn" (Marietta Huber)

04/29/01 EGC Elite Gamblers Certificate

**CH Random Wag Trick or Treat** "Trixie" (Marietta Huber)06/12/01 NA Novice Agility in four out of four trials with four perfect scores and four 1<sup>st</sup> places**Squiggles** (Marietta Huber)

On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Squiggles competed in the NADAC trial at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL to earn the points needed in the Elite Gamblers class to complete her NATCH champion title. This title is the 5<sup>th</sup> such title earned in 5 agility organizations:

05/08/94	ATCH	NCDCA agility
05/10/97	ADCH	USDAA agility
02/14/98	U-ACHX	UKC agility
03/12/00	MACH 1	AKC agility
03/16/01	MACH 2	AKC agility
08/18/01	NATCH	NADAC agility

**Thaddeus** (Donna Dodson)

09/02/01 UKC CH ICDCA National Specialty, Best Male, BOB. Thaddeus finished his championship, going BOB over Buzz

## PUT YOUR BRAGS ON THE WEB

See 3 years of electronic brags on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org/news>). You can also add your dog's accomplishments to the list for all the world to see

From Trudi Kimm

## FROM THE DOT

Due to the problem with the fairgrounds, training will start at 6:00 PM. In the past, a few early birds would arrive early and set up the rings – straighten mats, set up the jumps, get the sign up boards set up, open the doors and windows. Until we get things straightened out with the fairgrounds, no one will be allowed in the building until 6:00. I anticipate that the fairgrounds’ gates will be locked until I arrive to open them. All members there will have to help set up the rings at that time.

We will also have to amend the run thru/ train on your own rules for the open & utility rings. The time limit will stay at 10 minutes maximum and we will ask that exercises that don’t require the rings – such as heeling, articles, gloves, retrieve on the flat be done in one of the other practice rings. The run thru’s done at 7:00 will remain as they are currently. On match nights, we will be hustling to get all the stewards and judges run thru before the 7:00 start time. Also, a reminder to all – our instructors have a priority in the rings prior to 7:00.

From Linda Benson

## THANK YOU MARY

The next time you see Mary Bradley, be careful if you give her a hug or pat on the back – you might bump into her angel wings.

In August I severely injured my leg, necessitating a trip to the emergency room, crutches, painkillers and pain to the max. It took but one call for help for Mary to come out and help for Mary to come u and help me with feeding my 3 basenjjs. They were so happy to see “Aunt

Hopefully we will get this situation resolved quickly and we can get back to having the full 2 hours before classes start for training on your own.

We are in need for an 8:00 beginner class instructor, starting in October. As always, we are in need of assistants for both 7:00 & 8:00.

Rick Cox has agreed to take over the Open class at 8:00 on a trial basis. I’m sure that he would welcome an assistant to cover him when he can’t be at training.

We are looking for a fulltime conformation instructor, also. We’ve tried the 3 week coverage and it started out very well and has become increasingly difficult to get an instructor. This class has been a good moneymaker for the club and we don’t want to lose this income.

Any one interested in joining our training staff, please contact Carolyn Pearson (secretary@fvdtc.org, 630/231-5658) or Trudi Kimm (dot@fvdtc.org, 630/673-0527).

Mary” as was I. For 4 mornings Mary would arrive, help me with the dogs and also help with some much-needed people talk. She also would come out in the afternoon and help with that feeding as well.

As I am writing this I am slowly healing – it has been slow going. I am ever so grateful for Mary’s help, sympathy and caring. THANK YOU MARY. You have proven how great “dog people” are.

From Carolyn Pearson

## CLUB LOGO CLOTHING

A new order will be placed for club t-shirts and sweatshirts. Prior to placing this order, we are able to offer to you the opportunity of ordering a special size (i.e. anything other than a large or X large) please see Virginia at the Information table and complete the order form. You will also be able to choose between a black or red shirt.

This is a limited time offer, available only until October 1st. Anyone who pre-orders a shirt (of any size) will be asked to put a 50% deposit down - BUT - will receive a \$1.00 off the prices listed here.

	<b>T-Shirts (Red or Black)</b>	<b>Sweatshirts (Red or Black)</b>
Small—X-Large	\$12.00	\$20.00
XX Large	\$13.00	\$21.00

Currently we have the following in stock, and available for immediate purchase at training

	<b>T-Shirts</b>	<b>Sweatshirts</b>	
	Large	Medium	XX Large
Red	2	1	1
Black	1	1	1

From Carolyn Pearson

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Membership Meeting Highlights September 5, 2001

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

The May meeting minutes were approved as published. Many items of correspondence were read.

Will Short reported that Judy Anderson (First Vice-President) received her liver transplant and is currently recuperating at her mother's house. She has been out of the hospital approximately two weeks. She is available via e-mail and telephone if anyone needs to talk to her – or to just wish her a speedy recovery.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that Rick Cox has graciously accepted her request to instruct the Open class from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. He agreed to a six-week trial period beginning on September 27<sup>th</sup>. He will also continue to offer the open run-throughs from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Trudi stated that she is seeking a primary instructor for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class for the session that begins on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trudi also reported that she was approached by Dennis from the fairgrounds regarding the time at which club members begin training. In addition to the time issue, we will also determine if we are bound to a specific location on the fairground's property for our training and what fairground property (i.e. chairs and tables) we are paying to rent.

The contract between the fairgrounds and the club will be reviewed to determine if we do indeed have a time specified for training. Carolyn Pearson reported that a copy of the contract needs to be located, as she does not have a copy of it. Nor does Cathy Fleury have a copy of it. Carolyn stated that she has asked Nancy Einwich, former club Treasurer, to check in her old paperwork to see if a copy could be located. In Legner, also a former club Treasurer will be contacted to determine if she might have a copy of the contract.

Trudi also reported that the annual H.E.L.P. Dog show

is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 at the Kane County Fairgrounds. The hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping "man" our booth should contact Trudi Kimm at (630) 673-0527, DOT@fvdtc.org or at training. Tracey Mohr reported that Cindee Erhart-Malnar has volunteered to sit at the booth.

Jan Schomer and Cathy Fleury also reported that they are in desperate need of help to set up on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for the Agility Trials on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that the trial plans are progressing well. Most of the committee chairpeople have been confirmed. Any club member who wishes to become involved in the trial should contact one of the committee chairpeople.

Will also announced that this is the club's 50<sup>th</sup> Obedience trial. He stated that Car-Dun-AI, during their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary trial passed out to each exhibitor a coin (either a half-dollar or dollar). After a bit of discussion,

Obedience Trial Committee Chairs		
Committee Name	Chairperson	Needs Help
Booths	Bill Clarke	
Catalog Ads	Bill Clarke & Tim White	
Chief Ring Stewards	Debbie and Mike Kovacevich	YES
Equipment	Ed Herdes	
Grounds	Cindy Pakenas	YES
Kitchen	Nadine Conner	YES
Publicity	Kent Hildebrand	
Raffle	Kirsten Cox	Donations needed
Scoring	Taffy Wille	
Signs	Kathy Hubbard	
Tear Down	Dean Connolly	YES
Trophy	Helen Castellano	

Will Short made a motion to offer the golden \$1 coin to all exhibitors in the Regular and Non-regular classes at our trial in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> obedience trial. Cindy

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From Carolyn Pearson

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Pakenas seconded the motion. The distribution method was discussed and it was decided that the Trial Committee will determine how to distribute the coins. One suggestion made was to have the exhibitors pick it up at the Trophy table. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions. Club members were also asked to keep a look out for any "Golden Anniversary" items, which could be used

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) reported that the current paid membership is approximately the same as last year, about 170 members. She stated that of the 34 non-renewals, seventeen were members with three years or less of membership. In spite of her request to ALL members, she did not receive a great response from non-training lifetime members. She had hoped that they would take a moment to pass along any updated information to her.

Several club members also brought up the fact that membership checks had not been deposited for several months. Kathy explained that she had held ALL checks for the 2001/2002 membership year until after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. During the discussion, it was decided that in the future, renewal mem-

Obedience Trial Judges			
Class	Judge	Entries Received	Trial Limits
Novice A and B	Steve Pool	9 & 31	64
Open A	Joy Pool	37	56
Open B	Bob Janek	56	56
Utility A	Sharon Hodgens-Wood	24	48
Utility B	Dick Wood	48	48
Graduate Novice	Drew Graham	1	12
Veterans	Terry Whelan	3	12

at the trial for decorations.

Will also asked for feedback regarding the playing of the National Anthem. He would like to use an orchestral version by Duke Ellington. No one present had any objections to using that version rather than the current version.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported the number of entries received as of today is as follows. Taffy also stated that most of the limits had not been reached until October 2 for the 1998 Obedience trial.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) sent the following report: the deadline is Sunday, September 9. The Web site has been updated with Agility and Obedience trial news. He is currently creating a FAQ page, which will be finalized in the near future. Anyone that has answered the same question on multiple occasions should send that information to him.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that the financial report for January 1 through June 30, 2001 was distributed with the August Waggin' Tales to all club members. Cathy also stated that all checks, including trial entries and membership payments, have been deposited.

bership checks will be given to the Treasurer for deposit on a monthly basis - they will not be held until the deadline.

Kathy read a list of 15 applicants (published in the May through August, Waggin' Tales) and one renewal membership (originally published as a new member, but "corrected" at the meeting). Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to accept the list as corrected. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Carolyn reported for Ginger Romano (Librarian) that a new method for checking out club material from the library is being developed and implemented. The library inventory database has been updated to reflect the books that were destroyed when the cart flooded. That information was published in the August Waggin' Tales. Ginger is also in the process of updating the list of books that she has recently obtained. An updated list will be published after the database is updated.

Brenda Rivera asked about whether new materials were being added to the library and who was making the decision on that material. Carolyn stated that yes, new materials are being added, as determined by Gin-

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From Carolyn Pearson

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ger AND that Ginger is seeking feedback (positive and negative) about materials that should or should not be added to the library collection.

Tracking - Brenda Rivera asked whether the club was hosting a tracking test this fall. Carolyn Pearson stated that at the time the paperwork was due, Francene Andresen was experiencing significant health concerns and was unable to commit to being able to perform all of the job's responsibilities. It is hoped that she will be able to work on the Spring test.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Cindy Pakenas as drawn by club member, Bill Clarke.

### Old Business

- Taffy Wille reported that she still has 9 Shelby Marlo books, *New Art of Dog Training - Balancing Love and Discipline*, available for sale. Anyone who would like to purchase a copy should see her at training, call her at 630-365-0423 or via email at [taffy@elnet.com](mailto:taffy@elnet.com). The cost is \$10.00 per copy.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that the equipment inventory was done in June and subsequently most of the excess equipment has been sold to club members. The only items remaining are schutzhund type dumbbells (\$4.00 each, OBO) and the wet/dry vacuum cleaner (\$15.00). Trudi Kimm stated that she would purchase it. Anyone interested in the schutzhund type dumbbells, should contact Carolyn Pearson at (630) 231-5658, via e-mail at [secretary@fvdtc.org](mailto:secretary@fvdtc.org) or at training.
- Carolyn Pearson also reported that nothing has been scheduled for the mat cleaning. We still need to contact Denny about a weekend date that we do not have to breakdown the equipment and we would be able to gain access to the fairgrounds on a Saturday. That date will be announced and ALL volunteers will be gratefully accepted.
- Lost and Found items – anything not claimed (as published in August WT) will be donated to HELP on September 20, 2001.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that Linda Benson has recently learned that she has lung and bone cancer. Linda is currently at Delnor Hospital following surgery to remove some cancerous growths. Following her release from Delnor, Linda will be at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin for rehabilitation.
- Taffy asked for an explanation of a suffix title "VCD2" that she received on an entry form. It is a Versatility title. Taffy will contact the AKC to determine how (or if) it should be listed in the catalog.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that another clothing order is being put together. See the *Waggin' Tales* for more information.
- Carolyn Pearson also reported that we are in need of a new "class registrar". It would be extremely helpful to have someone with Internet access. The person MUST also be willing to talk to people over the phone. Jerry D'Aprile will finish out the last session – BUT would be happy to have anyone interested in the position use this time for "training".

shows. She said that it was a blast! She described Rally as a cross between agility and obedience. The AKC will be offering this as a sanctioned event with titles in the future.

There are about 16 "stations" to complete. For example, at one station you might: halt, left turn in place and halt again prior to proceeding to the next station. A club can buy a kit and the judge chooses the options and develops a course. The courses available are limited only by the size of the ring, and the judge's imagination.

She stated that the set of cards and holders are available through J & J Dog Supplies. The cards could then be available on training nights and set up in one of the practice rings, for those who wish to learn the exercises. Trudi stated that the club earned over \$150.00 for an hours worth of run-throughs.

### New Business

- Trudi Kimm reported that she recently participated in a Rally Obedience fun match at the Albert Lea

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From Carolyn Pearson

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- Front Table help is needed. We need to have someone who would be available to back-up or substitute for Virginia Sensenbrenner on the nights that she cannot be there. Carolyn stated that we LOSE money when we do not have someone at the table. The job is NOT hard – just need a friendly smile!
- Bill Clarke reported that one of the 4-H Advanced Beginner students received 5th place in the State competition for dog training. There were a total of 21 competing in the class.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

From Carolyn Pearson

## PHILOSOPHY OF A DOG

### Philosophy of a Dog (Author unknown)

Don't take this the wrong way, but for the longest time now, I've been trying to imitate my dog. Not his look, which is furry and chestnut brown. Not his walk, which, as with most dogs, can be more of a waddle.

And not his tail. I don't need a tail. I have enough trouble buckling my pants as it is. Also, I can live without his bathroom habits, which can be summed up this way: "Tree or bush? Tree or bush? Aw, how about right here on the grass."

No, what I admire about my dog is his fascination with the simple routine of life. Every day for him is like boarding the space shuttle.

For example: In the morning, I tumble out of bed, grumble, yawn, open the door, and ta-da! There he is, the canine answer to Richard Simmons. He is so worked up, he doesn't know which way to go, toward me or away from me. So he does both.

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy!" he seems to pant. "It's morning, and I'm gonna eat!"

Never mind that he has eaten every morning since he was born. Or that he's had the same food every morning since he was born, and that was 11 years ago. Never mind.

He pulls me downstairs and waits breathlessly as I scoop yet another helping of boring brown nuggets into his bowl.

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! Food, food, food!"

I yawn.

Three minutes later, he is off the food thing and into a new obsession: going out. Again, he runs forward and backward. "I'm going out! I'm going out! Is this great or what?"

Never mind that going out has not changed one bit since we've lived here. He is so thrilled by the notion of "exit" that he almost bites the doorknob off. He bolts into the backyard as if heading for Tomorrowland with a ack full of "E" tickets.

I slouch and yawn again. The great indoors.

Then comes the "bathroom" routine, which I already have described. Humans deal with these functions begrudgingly. Not my dog. It's a real thrill for him. He scouts for the perfect spot as if looking for beachfront real estate. "Tree or bush? Tree or bush?" And I don't have that many trees.

Then, once his business is taken care of – and I make a mental note where we're going to have to shovel come summer – he is off the going out obsession and onto a new one: going back in. It doesn't matter than he was in just two minutes ago. "Things have changed! Things have changed!" he seems to pant. "I gotta get in there! I gotta check it out! Hurry up, hurry up!"

When I open the door, he bolts in, races back and forth –

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From Carolyn Pearson

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looking for space aliens, I suppose – and when he doesn't find any, he isn't disappointed. Instead, he snarls at some ratty toy he's played with for months, throws it into the air with his teeth, and watches it land. "Look at that!" he seems to say. "It goes up, it comes down!"

As I make a cup of coffee, he jumps up to watch. "Whatcha doing? Whatcha doing? Coffee, huh? That's amazing!" He then clamps onto my leg and does a dance that, were it the early '50s, I might call the "Hootchie Coo." I am not sure what he gets out of this -- "Oh boy, a leg! Oh boy, a leg!" – but he seems to be having a better time than many of the dates I've had.

When I disengage and disappear behind a door, he lies down outside and waits for me to come out again. If it is only 30 seconds later, he will still react as if I were a released hostage.

The sunny side.

Now, my dog does not work. He does not pay taxes. He

does not create anything new (unless you consider the bushes outside). But he also doesn't need clothes, doesn't covet cars or jewelry, and doesn't care about houses, as long as he can find a sunny spot on the floor and lie there for a few hours.

Meanwhile, I am bored with my same routine. Getting up is a drag. I can't get excited about breakfast. And going out then coming back only makes me wonder how many flies I've let in. So I'm trying to imitate my dog. I'm trying to find wonder in the everyday. After all, when you think about it, it is pretty remarkable that you open your eyes each morning. And since every few hours you get to quench your hunger, well, that's a thrill, when you consider the alternative.

So while I can't match my dog's drool, I am trying to match his zeal. Don't worry. If you come to visit, I will not clamp on your leg and do the Hootchie Coo. On the other hand, that sunny spot on the floor looks pretty tempting.

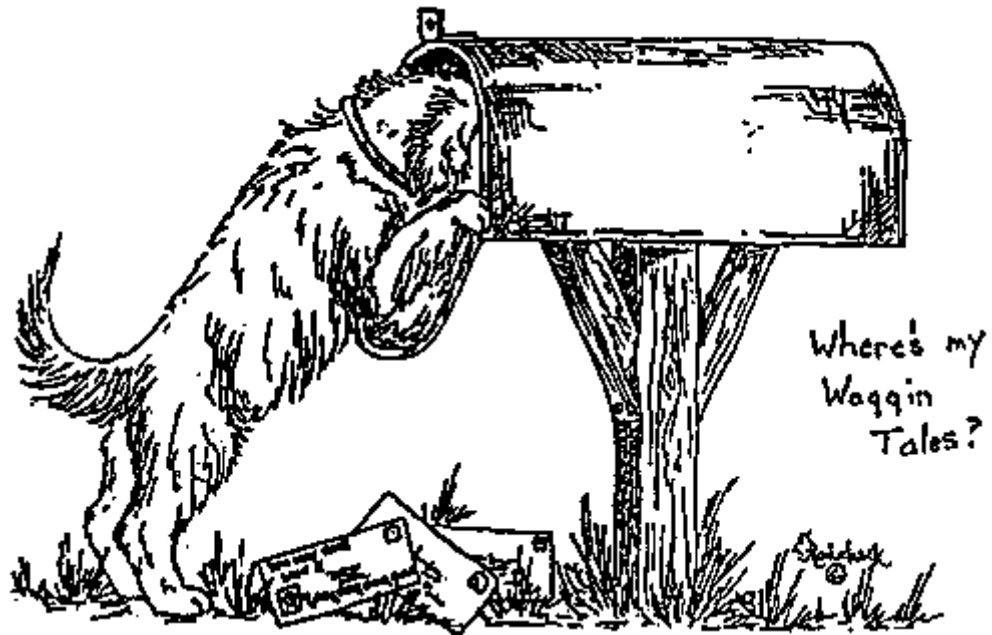
From Penny Brich

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR A NEW PUPPY

- Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
- Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
- Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"
- Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
- Play "catch" with a wet tennis ball.
- Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.
- Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.
- Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
- Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.
- Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
- Gouge the leg of the dinning room table several times with a screwdriver - it's going to get chewed on anyway.
- Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.

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## FVDTC CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

<b>September</b>	5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	<b>October</b>	3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		4	Thursday	Regular Training
	8	Saturday	Tracking Test Set-Up		7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Sunday	Tracking Test		11	Thursday	Regular Training
			Waggin' Tales Deadline		16	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		25	Thursday	Correction Clinic
	15	Saturday	Agility Trial				Beginner Class
	16	Sunday	Agility Trial				
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic				
			Beginner Class				
	27	Thursday	Regular Training				