

# Waggin' Tales



## Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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### Special points of interest:

☺ Correction Clinic 06/17

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## A Sunny Day at Simmons Middle School

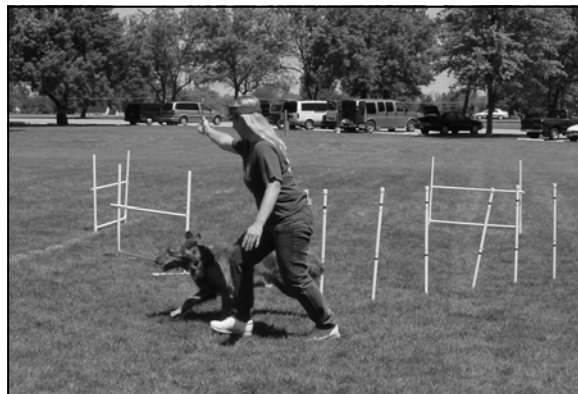


**Ingrid takes Heike's hold**

dog...if you take the time to train it!

If it weren't for generous club members like Bill Clarke, Jerry D'Aprile, Ingrid Hamburger, Cheryl Hettinger, and Suzan Scott who took time off from work and other obligations, and even loaned their equipment we never could have done it! Brenda

Many thanks to the folks who came together to put on THREE great presentations at Simmons Middle School in Aurora! It was a long day featuring agility, obedience, tracking, tricks, anxious kids, sunburns...and even a little discussion over "permits" with the Park District (oops!). We showed the kids how much fun you can have with your



**Suzan and Rico**



**Abby and Morgan throw for Cosmo**

Rivera was so kind to offer her obedience equipment and her daughter Abby Schuler and granddaughter Morgan even came to help.

In the end, a number of people inquired about training at FVDTC and we all had a nice day outside in the fresh air!

*"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts*

**-John Steinbeck**

# Goood Dooogs...& handlers too!



We offered another CGC test on May 13<sup>th</sup>, with 15 dogs passing successfully! I know that there were a few that never thought their dog could handle the 3 minutes of supervised separation, but they rose to the challenge! If you'd like to be notified when the next test is scheduled, call or email me...I'll be sure to put you on my list!

Barb Misch

630-761-0823 or [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org)



6:00 CGC Test Participants: (Left to Right) Terri Byerly & Odie, Barb Rask & Calvin, Trudi Kimm (Evaluator), Liz Newby & Jasmine, Kathy Busch & Libby (kneeling)



8:00 CGC Test Participants: (Left to Right) Robert Read & Jilly, Elizabeth May & Roscoe, Dale Swanson & Speedy, Colleen Kent & Onyx, Karen Moran & Hagrid, Sandy Davis & Holly



8:00 CGC Test Participants: (Left to Right) Rick Cox (Evaluator), Michaela Simone & Chester, Nancianne Jensen & Dalah, Karen Bormann & Belo, Barb Semenek & Wy'lee, Amy Witmer & Josie



*"A well-trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it."  
-Helen Thomson*

## Volunteers Needed

I am looking for volunteers to help with the annual dinner for next March. If anyone is interested or has any suggestions please contact Cheryl Hettinger, 630-557-9310, [herbpatch911@juno.com](mailto:herbpatch911@juno.com)

Thank you  
Cheryl



# Board Meeting Highlights

## June 4, 2004

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The April Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) requested any feedback regarding the new jumps that were delivered and are in use. She also asked whether she could have Ed Herdes put screws in the broad jumps to reinforce the boards, as the jumps are only glued and stapled. Although this change would provide a more stable jump, it would void the one-year warranty. The guarantee provides for a replacement jump for a year, however Cheryl will check into whether J & J would also pay for the return shipping. Helen stated that she did not feel that we should void the warranty because the jumps should be able to withstand the normal use of people moving them. Cheryl will remind the club members that when the jumps are positioned, they should be picked-up and moved - not dragged. The Board agreed that we would wait until the August Board Meeting to see how the jumps are withstanding our usage before readdressing that decision about the broad jumps.

Cheryl also reported that the jumps are now numbered. The numbers should be used to identify any problems with the jump. Club members are asked to report any problems to Cheryl Hettinger, Ed Herdes, Carolyn Pearson or Steve Kleinheksel.

Cheryl stated that although the Annual Mat Cleaning has typically been done during May or June, she would like to do it at date closer to the trial. After much discussion about event and

*Attn: Waggin' Tales Contributors*  
*Please forward all items for the July Newsletter by June 30th.*

activities dates, it was decided that Cheryl will contact the fairgrounds to determine whether the building is available the weekend of August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl also stated that, to be as efficient as possible, we will need a minimum of 15 volunteers to wash and dry the mats. We will also need the following equipment: 2 power washers and a minimum of 2 dryers or wet/dry vacuums.

Cheryl also asked the Board members to set aside some time, perhaps the weekend of the mat cleaning to review the equipment and mats in the shed to determine what can be kept or disposed. She stated that she knows of at least three mats used regularly at training that should be replaced with one of the three rolls of new matting in the shed.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) stated that the Midwest K-9 Emergency Response Team program is confirmed for the September 1<sup>st</sup> Membership meeting.

Penny Brcich (Assistant Director of Training) read the following Director of Training report:

The following are the class sizes for session #3 which began on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Puppy class at 7:00 p.m. has 11 students, at 8:00 p.m. there are 6 students.

Beginner's classes at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. have 15 students each.

Volunteers are needed for the following jobs.

Front Table guest greeter

Assistant Instructor at the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Sue MacPherson stated that she has a

## Please Note.....

It has come to my attention that the new broad jump is broken. Ed, Steve and myself looked at the jump Tuesday May 18th and did agree that the jump is damaged. The side board on 3 of the boards is loose. These jumps are put together with glue and staples not screws so we must be careful in the way we move them in the ring. We must pick them up on the rubber mats and not drag them or we will keep having this problem. I have contacted J & J and they are sending a replacement jump and I have to return the broken jump to them. So please be careful in the future with the new equipment and let me or Ed know of any problems immediately with any jump.

Thank you  
Cheryl

## FVDTC Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, June 17. There are still quite a few spots in novice and open. Utility is full but no waiting list - so far.

There is no FVDTC Correction Clinic in July because of the Kane County Fair. Remaining Correction Clinic dates for 2004 are: August 19, September 16, October 21 and December 2. There will be no Correction Clinic in November.

More information can be found on the entry form at [www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org) -> FVDTC Events -> Correction Clinic Night -> Pre-Entries. The entry form is in .pdf format requiring Acrobat Reader. If you don't have Acrobat Reader, a free copy can be installed from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Suzan

## Car-Dun-Al's Correction Clinic

Car-Dun-Al's next Correction Clinic for 2004 is Tuesday, June 15 at the Simpson Electric Building in Elgin. There is no limit for Novice entries & we still have openings in Open & Utility. Check in & sign up starts at 6:30 PM & we try to start judging at 7.

Any questions, call Barb at 630-497-0185 or e-mail her at [dale@dblassociates.com](mailto:dale@dblassociates.com) or check Car-Dun-Al's web site, <http://www.cardunaldogtraining.com>, for up to date info. Mail in pre entries should be sent to Barbara Lepke, P. O. Box 507, Wayne, IL 60184. Make checks payable to CODTC.

Barb Lepke

## New Members

Connie Stadelmann  
7N155 Nancy Ln  
St. Charles, IL 60175  
(847)464-2332  
Labrador Retriever  
Completed Beginners  
class



Waggin' Tales appreciates Sally Compton's assistance for mailing FVDTC's monthly newsletter out to its members.

# Preventing Dog Bites

## Information from AVMA & CDC Web Sites

Man and woman's best friend bites more than 4.7 million people a year, and key experts believe that public education can help prevent these bites. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the United States Postal Service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are each working to educate Americans about dog bite prevention. Each year, 800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of these are children. Of those injured, 386,000 require treatment in an emergency department and about a dozen die. The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for children ages 5 to 9 years, and the rate decreases as children age. Almost two thirds of injuries among children ages four years and younger are to the head or neck region. Injury rates in children are significantly higher for boys than for girls.

Teach children basic safety around dogs and review regularly:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog and scream.
- Remain motionless (e.g., "be still like a tree") when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").
- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
- Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
- If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.

## Veggie Bones

- 3 cups minced parsley
- 1/4 cup carrots -- chopped very fine
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese - or parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 3/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons bran
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup water -- (1/2 to 1)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, rack on middle level. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. Stir together parsley, carrots, cheese, and oil. Combine all the dry ingredients and add to veggies. Gradually add 1/2 cup of water, mixing well. Make a moist but not wet dough. If needed, add a little more water. Knead for one minute. Roll dough out to 1/2 inch thickness. Using cookie cutter or a glass cut out the shapes and transfer them to the baking sheet. Gather the scraps, re-roll, and cut. Bake for 20-30 minutes until biscuits have browned and hardened slightly. (They will harden more as they cool.) Speed cooling by placing them on wire racks. Store in airtight tin.

## Bacon Bites

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cups nonfat milk
- 1/4 cups bacon fat
- 4 slices bacon (cooked, drained and crumbled)
- 1/2 cups beef or chicken broth
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

Preheat oven to 325°F. In a large bowl, combine the egg, milk, bacon fat, cooked bacon and broth. Mix well. Gradually add flour. Roll out on floured surface to 1/2 inch thickness. Use bone shaped cookie cutters and place on lightly greased cookie sheets about 1/4 inch apart. Bake for 40 minutes. Let cool. Can be frozen in freezer bags.



# The American Veterinary Medical Association

## EPA orders retailers to stop sales of counterfeit flea and tick products for pets - April 1, 2004

The Environmental Protection Agency is acting to disrupt an effort to distribute counterfeit products for controlling fleas and ticks on dogs and cats. The agency has ordered pesticide distributors and retailers in a number of states to stop selling counterfeit products that contain false EPA registration numbers and labeling for Advantage and Frontline brands of pesticides.

The orders prohibit retailers and distributors from distributing or selling the counterfeit products and make them responsible for their proper disposal.

The counterfeit pesticides appear to have been unlawfully imported and packaged in retail cartons designed to look similar to legitimately registered pesticides sold in the United States. The EPA investigation is ongoing and, so far, it appears that the counterfeit products have been sold to distributors and retailers throughout the country.

"We strongly applaud the EPA's recent actions and their notification of their efforts pertaining to counterfeit pet products. This supports Bayer's efforts to take a strong stand against counterfeit products within the industry," said Bob Walker, communications director for Bayer Corp., which markets Advantage for cats and dogs.

Legitimate Advantage and Frontline products that have been through the EPA's review process are registered for use in the United States, and are not affected by this action. Pet owners who are concerned their pet may be affected by counterfeit products should contact their veterinarian.

"A good safeguard to ensure the integrity of products such as these is to purchase them from a reputable source. The best way to be confident about the source of Frontline products is to purchase through your veterinarian," said Dr. Zachary Mills, executive director of veterinary services for Merial.

Counterfeit products should be disposed of according to local accepted procedures for other household chemicals. Many communities and municipalities have local resources to dispose of household chemicals, and consumers are encouraged to contact their local solid waste authority for more information on disposal programs for chemicals.

The EPA has identified counterfeit versions of the following products: Frontline Top Spot for Cats (EPA Reg. No. 65331-2), Frontline Top Spot for Dogs (EPA Reg. No. 65331-3), Frontline Plus for Cats (EPA Reg. No. 65331-4), Frontline Plus for Dogs (EPA Reg. No. 65331-5), Advantage 10 for Dogs (EPA Reg. No. 11556-117), Advantage 20 for Dogs (EPA Reg. No. 11556-119), Advantage 55 for Dogs (EPA Reg. No.

11556-120), Advantage 100 for Dogs (EPA Reg. No. 11556-122), Advantage 9 for Cats (EPA Reg. No. 11556-116), and Advantage 18 for Cats (EPA Reg. No. 11556-118).

The EPA regulates all pesticides used in the United States. Before a pesticide can be marketed in this country, the agency performs a rigorous scientific review to ensure that use of the product is not likely to cause harmful effects on people, pets or the environment. According to EPA spokesman David Deegan, "We cannot make any assurances to the public that these counterfeit products would be equivalent (to the rigorously tested legitimate Advantage and Frontline products.)"

The only way to determine whether a product is legitimate or counterfeit is to open the package. The EPA has posted detailed information, including photos of legitimate products, at [www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm). Veterinarians and consumers concerned about a product's authenticity can also visit [www.nofleas.com](http://www.nofleas.com) for information about Advantage or [www.FRONTLINE.com/epa](http://www.FRONTLINE.com/epa) to find out more about Merial's products.

Among other things, counterfeit products might be missing package inserts bearing directions for use required under U.S. law. Moreover, the counterfeit Frontline products are not packaged in required child-resistant packaging. Consumers cannot be assured that the counterfeiters inserted the appropriate size applicator for the animal pictured or otherwise indicated on the retail carton.

The differences between the legitimate and counterfeit products are most pronounced on the inside applicator package. Legitimate U.S. Frontline products include the following features:

- lot number on the outer package matches the lot number of the applicator package insert and/or the individual applicator
- product is in child-resistant packaging
- instruction leaflet is included
- individual applicator has a label that includes the registrant's name, Merial, product name, EPA registration number, net contents in fluid ounces, and percentage of active ingredients
- all text is in English
- applicator label for the dog products includes the poundage of the dog on which the product is to be used

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## Counterfeit flea and tick products for pets

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The only way to determine a legitimate Advantage product from a counterfeit is by examining the product tubes inside the retail carton. Legitimate Advantage products contain tubes that are printed in English. The most obvious sign of a counterfeit is product tubes printed in a foreign language, most likely French or German.

In addition, legitimate Advantage product tubes include the EPA registration number, the word "WARNING," and a child hazard warning.

Legitimate product tubes for Advantage also include a statement referring to the main labeling directions for use and the manufacturer's name, Bayer. Product tubes should also contain an active ingredient statement that agrees with the active ingredient statement on the retail carton.

## Agility Workshops with Greg Louganis

This was sent to Waggin' Tails via  
Suzan Scott

Agility Workshops - "For The Life of Your Dog Real Life Experiences & Agility Training Workshops" with Greg Louganis, Olympic Diving Star, Author and Champion Dog Trainer.

Novice Agility Workshop (limit to 16 dog/handler teams)  
September 25, 2004 Fulton County Fairgrounds Wauseon, Ohio  
Workshop Fee:\$100 (full day)

Intermediate and Advanced Agility Workshop (limit to 16 dog/handler teams)  
Sunday, September 26, 2004

Fulton County Fairgrounds  
Wauseon, Ohio  
Workshop Fee:\$100 (full day)  
Detailed information and online reservations can be found at <http://www.mariposaltd.com/ess/louganis.htm>

Don't miss out on a full weekend of events including CGC/TDI Tests, CERF, Micro Chipping, Tattoo, Massage Workshops, TTouch, American Red Cross First Aid, Safety Around Dogs for Kids Demonstrations and much much more Free Events For Dog Lovers can be found <http://www.mariposaltd.com/ess/louganis.htm>

For the Life of Your Dog Real Life Experiences & Agility Training Workshops is a benefit for Canine Companions for Independence ([www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org))

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## FVDTTC Fall Agility Trials

The premium list and entry form for the Fox Valley Dog Training Club's fall agility trials are now available on our web site. Go to [www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org) and follow the Agility Trial link on the right side of the page. Both the premium list and entry form are in .pdf format so you'll need Acrobat Reader to view and/or print them. A free copy of Acrobat Reader can be installed from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. No premiums will be mailed unless a specific request is sent to the trial secretary.

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### Essential trial info:

**Dates:** September 11-12, 2004  
**Place:** Creekwood Meadows, Plano, IL  
**Fees:** \$20.00/\$10.00  
**Judges:** Earl Kyle and Deanna Corboy-Lulik

**Trial Secretary:** Jacquie Kramer, 42W820 Clover Hill Lane, Elburn, IL 60119  
Email: [sevenway@mchsi.com](mailto:sevenway@mchsi.com) -  
Phone 630-365-1802

**Entries Open:** At 8:00 AM on July 14, 2004 on a First Received Basis.

**Entries Close:** At 6:00 PM on August 20, 2004

Suzan Scott

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friend who might be interested in assisting.

Cindy would like to have the next Instructors' Workshop on July 15, when we do not have any classes due to the fair. She would like to have pizza, pop and dessert at someone's house. Barb Misch made a motion to allow Cindy to spend a maximum of \$85 for the food and drink at the Instructor's Workshop. Penny Brcich seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

The topic for the workshop is Instructor Guidelines/Standards/Expectation. Any members who are currently instructing, have instructed, or are interested in instructing are invited. Feedback will be gathered and a committee established to write the guidelines and policy for instructors. Any other issues which need to be addressed should be communicated to Cindy Pakenas at 815-827-4317 or [dot@fvdtc.org](mailto:dot@fvdtc.org) or Penny Brcich at 630-980-0881. Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson asked if the date could possibly be changed, as they had previous commitments for that date due to the fair. Penny stated that she would discuss that possibility with Cindy.

PA Systems - Barb Misch reported about she had not placed an order for any PA systems. Barb did the investigation and discovered the Apollo PA-7 unit appears to satisfy our needs. The unit is not wireless, the microphone is wired to the speaker and the speaker can be hung anywhere on a person's body. The Apollo unit has a 30 day return policy to allow the instructors to evaluate the unit and possibly return it if the unit does not meet our needs. Penny volunteered to do the actual ordering. Taffy Wille also volunteered to check on eBay for prices.

Penny also asked whether she could get a set of keys for the training building to allow her to also be able to open the building. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she would check with Denny at the fairgrounds about getting another set of keys for her.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) announced that the wording regarding refunds in this year's obedience trial premium list will match Agility Trial premium list "Entry fees will not be returned after the closing date for any reason other than the following exceptions. Ill or injured dogs may have their entry fee returned, less the \$3.00 AKC Recording Fee, after delivering a signed statement from a veterinarian to the Trial Secretary no later than 8:00 a.m. the day of the trial. No refund for bitches in season."

Taffy reported that according to AKC rules, we can have any type of refund policy that we want as long as we submit the appropriate Recording Fee to AKC. Helen stated that Suzan Scott reported that she has only had a couple of requests for refunds in past five years. Peggy stated that if your dog has a known injury, you should be cautious about submitting entries. More discussion ensued regarding whether the wording currently used for the Obedience Trial's refund policy was fair and just for exhibitors and the club or should it be modified to match the Agility Trial's policy wording. Following the discussion regarding the wording for the Obedience Trial's refund policy, Carolyn made a motion that we continue to use the current wording which states "Entry fees will not be returned after the closing date or when classes close, whichever comes first, for any reason. Entry fees will not be refunded for bitches in season." The motion was seconded by Barb

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Misch. The motion was passed with the following tally:

- 7 - A
- 1 - O
- 2 - A

Taffy also stated that although the Opening Date field had previously been available for completion in the on-line event application, AKC has since eliminated the use of the Opening Date. AKC states that any entries received must be accepted at any time. Taffy did receive and return two entries prior to the originally scheduled opening date. She will attempt to contact those individuals.

New obedience trial rules were approved during the AKC April Board meeting. The following is a partial list of the updated rules. All of these rules are effective October 1, 2004. For a complete list, see <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/obedience/> on the AKC website.

When a dog earns a title, it may be moved to the next class even after the closing date has passed, as long as the class is open and available. The change must occur at least 30 minutes prior to the trial start.

The following trial ribbons must have the trial's date on the ribbon: High In Trial, High Combined and the placement ribbons for regular classes.

The ribbons received for Qualifying scores may have the dates but are not required.

The High Combined trophy can be handed out as soon as the classes have finished rather than waiting until the trial has completed.

The judge's program must list a cellular phone number of someone present on the trial grounds. The board suggested that the Trial Chair's phone

be used as the contact number.

The stewards assisting in the Utility scent exercise may put the scented article out. The judge is not required to place the article in the pile.

Exhibitors can now add the number of UDX titles received after the dog's name. For example, when the dog has earned a total of 40 UDX legs, the dog can be listed as "Fido, UDX-4"

The club may offer a warm-up ring in the building. However, the ring's location must not be disruptive and the ring usage must be monitored.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that she has noticed a problem with the timing of the Waggin' Tales distribution and the request for volunteers to work at the correction clinics. She wanted to remind chairpeople to please be cognizant of the timing.

Sandy also reported that she will be on vacation from July 7<sup>th</sup> until July 18<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, it was agreed that the deadline for the July Waggin' Tales will be changed to June 30, NOT July 4<sup>th</sup> as originally announced.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. She will be in China from June 16<sup>th</sup> until June 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, any requests for checks should be forwarded to Amy, as soon as possible. However, if an emergency check must be written while she is away, contact Carolyn Pearson who also has authority to sign FVDTC checks.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that a mishap prevented the membership renewal forms from being published in the May Waggin' Tales. The membership renewal forms will be available as a link on the club's website and in the June Waggin' Tales.

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Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF-line has been updated. Barb also reported that PetSmart is also offering CGC tests. Barb stated that in spite of a little confusion on the lack of a park district permit obtained by the school, a fun time was had at multi-faceted demonstration at the Simmons School in Aurora. Barb was contacted with less than two weeks notice to provide a demonstration for the sixth and seventh graders at Simmons School. Barb extended thanks to many wonderful volunteers. Because of their efforts, she was able to demonstrate agility, obedience, flyball and other activities at 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Following the demonstrations, many pieces of information were passed out.

Barb expressed frustration and anger about a situation that happened to her during her walk prior the meeting, and also on other occasions. She has once again encountered an unleashed dog, which is illegal in Batavia. According to the Batavia ordinances, dogs must be contained by a fenced yard, leashed or tied. Barb proposed the following three plans to remind local dog owners that they have rights as well as responsibilities.

Barb stated that her husband, Ken suggested that the club draft a letter to each town asking them to remind the dog owners about local leash ordinances. Sandy Davis stated that while she understands Barb's frustration, based on her knowledge of how city government operates, she suggested that we ask to have the letter published in the city newsletter. Cheryl Hettinger asked whether we should contact someone directly in the city to provide a dog program. Sandy Davis stated that she knows that Geneva has an ordinance ticket, but does not know if Batavia has such an entity.

Barb also suggested that we perhaps we could ask the Animal Control Department include information in the rabies reminders. However, most of the rabies information is now handled electronically.

Another idea that Barb presented was to get a copy of the local ordinances and pass them out to the beginners students. However, the consensus was that the dog owners in our classes probably were not the ones violating the laws.

Barb presented the following ideas to participate in the Responsible Dog Ownership week, which begins September 13<sup>th</sup>. The locations that were suggested were local libraries (Taffy suggested that the Elburn library would be large enough), the Geneva chamber meeting room, etc. With the exception of the CGC test, the location should be the same each night for consistency.

Monday, 09/13 - Meet the Breed

Tuesday, 09/14 - How to Pick a Puppy

Wednesday, 09/15 - Basic First Aid (to be presented by a vet)

Thursday, 09/16 - CGC Test

Friday, 09/17 - Dog Safety Presentation

Saturday, 09/18 - Pass out club information to the tri-city area

Barb suggested that we could host an open house at training on September 23rd.

It was also suggested that for future participation in this event, perhaps we could do everything on one day. Taffy Wille stated the Republican newspaper has a reporter that writes a lot of dog-related stories that should be contacted to publicize these events. Taffy also suggested that we might combine some of the events, such as hosting "Meet the Breed" and the Open House if volunteers are difficult to obtain.

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Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) reported that AKC has FINALLY approved the Agility Trial. Premium lists are available on the club's website with an opening date is July 14<sup>th</sup>. Helen stated that the Agility Trial committee is currently in need of a Hospitality Chairperson and a volunteer to hand out the ribbons at the trials.

### Old Business

Dave Lewis reported that the club's Web Site has been fixed and moved a new ISP. This move was done to help prevent the many problems we were having with the website inaccessibility, etc. Dave also stated that a group e-mail address has been created for the entire board. Anyone wishing to send an e-mail message to the whole board can use [boardmembers@fvdtc.org](mailto:boardmembers@fvdtc.org).

Job Description Updates (Dave Lewis) - The following Board members stated that the job descriptions were fine as is, and did not require any changes: Vera Nyberg, Peggy Sue Seehafer and Taffy Wille. Will Short provided updates for the Trial Chair's position.

Grievance Committee Process (Dave Lewis) - Due to the length of the meeting, this topic was deferred until the August 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### New Business

2003 Obedience Trial Refund Issue: Will Short sent an e-mail to the board requesting a refund for an exhibitor from last year's obedience trial whose dog died unexpectedly. Will noted that CarDunAl refunded her entry fee but we did not, and that we should make allowances for situations such as this, even if it is not specifically addressed in the premium list.

Taffy Wille stated that the reason that this

situation was being readdressed at this time was Will Short's feeling that that we did the wrong thing not to issue a refund to the exhibitor. Taffy stated that according to the 2003 premium list, the decision was appropriate. Helen stated that although we feel bad about the loss of any dogs and can sympathize with the owner, the premium list explicitly states that we do not offer refunds for any reason.

Penny Bricich stated that as an exhibitor we are signing a contract when we complete and sign our entry forms. The entry forms state that by signing the form, "I (we) agree to abide by the rules...and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event..." Peggy Seehafer agreed that we are not being heartless, however we need to remember that we are running the club as a business. Vera Nyberg stated that as exhibitors we often run into situations where things are out of our control and can only be defined as "Acts of God", such as the rain that cancelled a recent outdoor Agility Trial. Vera stated that the club sponsoring the trial did not give any refunds to the exhibitors.

When Dave Lewis asked whether we needed to propose a motion regarding this situation, we all agreed that we did not need to, because no policies or rules were going to be changed. We simply enforced a current rule that was previously addressed in the Trial Secretary's report.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.



**PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

**REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00\*\***

**REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00**

**LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00\*\***

**LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE**

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)  
Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

\*\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_\***

*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-10-04*

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

(630) 293-5741

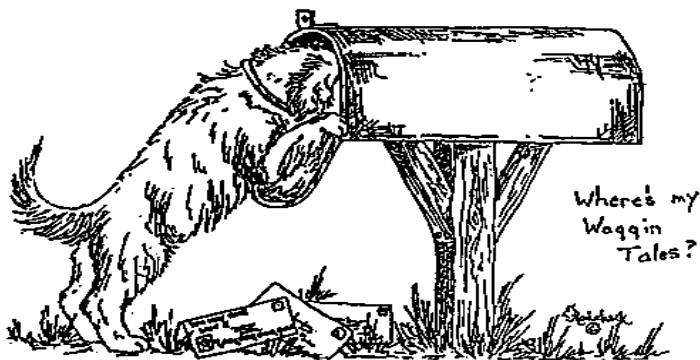
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### June 2004

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| 2  | Wednesday | Board Meeting   |
| 3  | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Beginning Session 3               |
| 6  | Sunday    | Waggin' Tales<br>Deadline                             |
| 10 | Thursday  | Regular Training                                      |
| 17 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic                                     |
| 24 | Thursday  | Regular Training                                      |
| 30 | Wednesday | Waggin/Tales<br>Deadline (July<br>Newsletter Edition) |

### July 2004

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| 1  | Thursday | Regular Training   |
| 6  | Tuesday  | Regular Training   |
| 15 | Thursday | <b><u>NO TRAINING</u></b><br><b><u>KANE CO. FAIR</u></b> |
| 22 | Thursday | Regular Training   |
| 29 | Thursday | Regular Training   |