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# Waggin Tales



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### Special points of Interest:

- Next Correction Clinic October 21
- FVDTC Obedience Trial November 14

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Special thanks go to Nadine Conner for having the FVDTC instructor t-shirts made and distributing them. The t-shirts will greatly help students in beginner & puppy classes as well as guest trainers & new members identify those who are instructors and resources for information and assistance. Your efforts and support of the instructional program are very much appreciated.

Gratitude and appreciation also are extended to Terri Byerly for printing the name tags. Not only did it enhance the open house, but their use indicates a willingness to serve and be available to the public and member involved in the instructional program. The name tags will also be appreciated by new members who need welcoming & encouragement to continue training and titling their dogs in the many dog sports which AKC now offers. My only regret is that I did not realize sooner that my server had failed to deliver the necessary information to Terri so that we could have had them at the beginning of the class session. My apologies to all! Any instructor who have not received their shirts or name tags, please contact your DOT.

Needed for the next session are assistants for beginner & puppy classes. Please join us in the exciting work of assisting dogs and their people have more satisfying, fulfilling relationships. Applause and commendation go to the instructors who have just finished this session. Please know that you HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

Cindy Pakenas

## Attn: Committee & Chair People



As Statistician, I need you to report your workers to record the work credits. Either give me your list of workers or you can email them to me. Agility Trial is a big one and I have nothing other then set-up. Please get

them to me.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Jan Schomer  
([goldenret11@worldnet.att.net](mailto:goldenret11@worldnet.att.net))



## Membership Meeting Highlights

October 6, 2004

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by Cheryl Hettinger. Dave Lewis was unable to attend due to his Fall teaching assignment. Vera Nyberg introduced Ronnie Bizer, AKC judge and club member. Ronnie described the information she received at a recent judges seminar regarding Rally Obedience (Rally-O) and regular Obedience. Notes from her discussion can be found in the October Waggin' Tales.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September 1 Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

(First Vice-President) Cheryl Hettinger reported that we have replaced several mats with the remaining rolls from the original order. The mats have been cleaned and are ready for the obedience trial on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) thanked Ronnie again for a very interesting synopsis of Rally-O and other miscellaneous notes about Obedience. The next program at a membership meeting will be in March 2005. Vera will check with Helen Castellano, who was to ask Dr. Patricia Meiser to give a brief presentation at the meeting.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that the Beginners' classes for 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. are filled, applications are being accepted for the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class. The Puppy class at 7:00 p.m. is filled and the 8:00 p.m. class has been started.

Cindy also stated that we need a Primary Instructor for the 8:00 p.m. Open class and Assistant instructors for the 7:00 p.m. puppy class and the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Additionally, she stated that we still need an individual to greet guests between 6:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Barb Misch suggested that Cindy contact Kathy Hubbard who has already expressed some desire to help in that capacity.

Cindy thanked all instructors who taught during Session 4 of 2004.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) stated that he had

nothing to add from the report given at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Membership meeting, other that help is needed for set-up on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at approximately 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. A meeting of the trial committee chairs was deemed unnecessary by the chairpeople.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) arrived late but had sent the following report. As of today, she has received the following entries.

Class	Entrie	Limit
Novice A	7	72
Novice B	28	
Open A	24	64
Open B	64	64
Utility A	36	56
Utility B	56	56

She also stated that if anyone is interested in serving on the board as Trial Secretary, now would be a good time to come by and see some of what is involved. Another good time would be on the day of the trial.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance due to her job-required class. However she sent her report, that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) was not in attendance due to her workday ending very late tonight because of the fiscal year end processing. However she stated that she had nothing new to report.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that only one applicant was published in the September Waggin' Tales. Peggy Seehafer made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, without any discussion. . Welcome to new member, Sheila Gut! J Sue also reported that the roster is expected to go to the printer next week.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) stated that

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# \*\* CLUB NOTICES \*\*



## October Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 21. There are a couple of spots left in open and plenty of room in novice. Utility is full with a waiting list of about 10 entries. If you have sent an entry for utility and know you won't be there, please let me know and I'll move your entry to another month. If you've sent a utility entry and I got it prior to last Thursday, chances are good that you'll make it into the match. If you sent a utility entry in the last few days, I'll try to let you know a few days before the match if you made it in. If you're still thinking about sending a utility entry for October, you might as well start thinking about the December 2 match because there's not a chance that I'll get more than 10 cancellations for October.

Suzan



## IT'S Boner Award TIME!!



"C" may be for "Cookie"... But its also for "clumsy!" Have a laugh at your fellow members by nominating them and their uncoordinated or absent-minded behavior for the Boner Award! Just email your

nomination to [dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org), or pick up a nomination form in the grey box at training, and get it to an Annual Dinner Committee Member, like Cheryl Hettinger, Barb Misch, Anne & Margi Stuessy, Priscilla Pisarski, Nadine Connor or Linda Frary.

## Car-Dun-Al Correction Clinic

Our next Clinic is Tuesday, October 19 at the Simpson Electric Building in Elgin. We still have plenty of openings in all classes. 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, [cardunaldogtraining.com](http://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 Car-Dun-Al ODTC.



## November Obedience Trial

I am still in need of stewards for our November Trial to float and cover for the people that have offered and are showing. The board is still out at training to sign up or PLEASE contact me. The people that have signed up, your help is greatly appreciated. You do get a free lunch. I will be sending out reminders and the time to be there to those who have offered their help.

Jan Schomer

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## Interested in Public Education Activities?

If you're curious about any of the activities we use to reach out to the community, don't hesitate to ask! I'm always looking for new ideas and opportunities!

Barb Misch

[education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org)





Cheryl and Jasper show heeling



Sue and Abby teach first aid



Abby makes new friends



Cheryl, Cindee and Millie prepare for the Obedience Demo

### Success!!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our Responsible Dog Ownership Week activities. Whether you reached out to the community at the Batavia Public Library, helped with the CGC Test, or talked to Open House visitors for a half hour at a time, you really reflected well on this club and we thank you for your efforts. Hopefully, we'll see a lot of new faces in the future!



### New Member

Michelle Munn  
 15210 Wenmoth Rd  
 Batavia, IL 60510  
 (630)561-6735  
 Weimaraner



### Kitchen helpers needed

Help is needed regarding kitchen sign-up for the trials. Nadine states that she will need help Saturday evening 6:30ish to 7:30 and all day Sunday starting at 6:30am with 3 hour shifts. If anyone can help out please contact her. Also, if you have already spoken with Nadine, please re-contact Nadine so that she can finalize everything for the trials. Her phone is 630-772-1396 or feel free to email her at [nadine5544@aol.com](mailto:nadine5544@aol.com).



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due to some technical difficulties, the WOOF-Line would hopefully be updated on Thursday, October 7th. Barb also reported that the Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) week events were a success. We had a big group of people at the Batavia Public Library event, which was mentioned in an article in the Chronicle. All eleven dogs participating in the CGC test passed, and had half a dozen or so really interested visitors attended our Open House, we even ran out of Beginners Applications! Thanks to everyone who helped out! The next CGC test is scheduled for January 2005.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that 2 TDs and 2 TDxs participants passed at September 19<sup>th</sup> Tracking Test. She also stated that due to having the expenses of an out-of-town judge, the tracking test had a deficit of \$234.41. Although the judge did not charge a flat fee, his expenses and the other test related expense exceeded the \$560.00 received in entry fees. Francene stated that we will try to obtain local judges for future events, however this may not be possible due to a situation currently occurring with AKC. Francene reported that AKC might reinstate a judge who is currently suspended from judging. However a lot of local judges have already said that they will quit if this judge is reinstated.

Francene is also checking into increasing the number of TD tracks we can run from four to six. She is investigating the time and space requirements and the feasibility of this. Although this would require an extra judge, a Provisional Judge could be used.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) reported that the judges for the 2005 Agility Trials are Karen Winter and Kurt Matushek. The trials will be held in Plano at Mike Bond's place on September 17 and September 18.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) stated that the St Charles Park District has moved the Dog Park to another temporary location. Peggy asked whether the club still wished to pursue having a sign placed at the Dog Park, once the permanent location is available.

Peggy stated that she understands that some club members do not approve of dog parks and wanted to determine if we should continue with this effort. However the club members at the meeting stated that dogs at the park might be the ones that should be participating in our classes. Cheryl Hettinger stated that we should contact the Park District about their expectations about the sign and the estimated cost of the sign. It was suggested that we should include the following information on the sign: the website address, the WOOF-line number and what classes we offer. Peggy stated that she would continue searching for the cost and other sign requirements.

Peggy also reported that construction has begun for the Animal Control facility at Peck and Keslinger Roads. She asked whether the club members wanted to continue pursuing the possibility of offering classes at the facility. Although it has been previously stated that it is difficult to get volunteers currently, we would still like to pursue this opportunity.

Cheryl Hettinger/Barb Misch (Annual Dinner Chairperson). Cheryl reported that information will be published in the Waggin' Tales.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance, however Francene reported that Ingrid always needs stewards for the correction clinics. Any one interested can contact Ingrid or sign-up at the training building on the poster board.

### **Monthly Dollar Bucket**

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Terri Sidell as drawn by club member, Alison Rubendall.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Property Acquisition Discussion***

Francene Andresen reported that the property acquisition committee now consists of Helen Castellano, Barb Misch, Trudi Kimm, Dave Lewis, Taffy Wille and herself. The committee is considering a 17+ acre parcel on Wenmoth Road in Batavia. The current asking price is \$380,000, which is \$22,352.94 per acre.

Francene read the following list of positive things

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During FVDTC's recent membership meeting, Maxine Brinker passed out the following information. Recently, her dog ruptured her liver and required 2 blood transfusions. Cost for the procedures were over \$250 PER transfusion. This information is an FYI to all club member.

### **VCA Aurora Animal Hospital Best Friends Blood Bank Canine & Feline Blood Bank Program**

**Purpose:** Every day sick and injured pets across the country go without needed blood or blood product transfusions. VCA is dedicated to providing the best quality medical care for your pet, and thus have organized a blood bank program to meet this critical need. Whole blood and blood products are needed for a variety of circumstances. Blood and blood products are unique therapeutically in the sense that we have no adequate medicinal substitute for them. Some of the more common scenarios in which blood and blood products are helpful include anemia, hypoproteinemia, pancreatitis, rat poison toxicity, canine parvovirus, hemophilia A&B, von Willebrands disease, and septicemia (blood infection).

In order for your pet to be considered a potential program participant, the following minimum standards are required:

**Dogs:** 1-8 years of age, minimum 50 pounds lean body weight, current on vaccinations. Your dog must be heartworm negative and on accepted preventive the previous twelve months. Dogs must have an agreeable temperament that will allow stress free collection for both your pet and our staff. Females must be spayed and have never given birth; males must be neutered.

**Cats:** 1-8 years of age, minimum 8 pounds lean body weight, primarily indoor cats, current on vaccinations. Your cat must have an agreeable temperament that will allow a stress free examination and mild sedation. Females must be spayed and have never given birth; males must be neutered.

#### **Common Questions:**

##### **1. What is required?**

At your request, an application for consideration will be provided during a regular visit to our hospital. If you choose to involve your pet, a blood sample will be taken to assess general health, infectious disease status and blood type. If accepted into the program, dogs must donate 4 times per year at 3 month intervals, and cats donate 2-3 times per year at 4-6 month intervals.

##### **2. Will donation affect my pet?**

Dogs generally are not affected by the donation. Those that are can usually be treated by some additional attention, a treat, and some fluids. Cats generally require light sedation to reduce the stress of the collection and to allow the process to be completed in minimal time and with minimal effort. Generally the only affect seen related to collection in cats is the temporary mild sedation. We recommend all pets to refrain from strenuous activity on the day of donation.

##### **3. Is the procedure painful?**

Donation is considered a non painful procedure. Pets that do object to the collection are not encouraged to remain in the program.

##### **4. From where will blood be taken?**

Normally we collect blood from the jugular vein in the neck.

##### **5. How much blood is taken per donation?**

On average, dogs donate 450 ml while cats donate 50 ml per donation.

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6. Where will the blood go?

Donated blood will be used in our animal hospital as well as area animal hospitals that have patients that would benefit from transfusion.

7. Are there benefits for those accepted as donors?

Owners first and foremost receive the pleasure of knowing they have participated in a process that could save the life of someone's pet! In addition, donors have direct contact with a veterinary health care professional multiple times throughout the year. While active in the program, donors receive free of charge: annual health screens and chemistry profile, potentially identifying conditions that are asymptomatic and could be otherwise missed; heartworm preventive and tick collars; and the rabies, distemper, and bordetella (dogs only) vaccinations. Finally, donors receive free blood products on a one-for-one basis (one free unit per unit donated) if needed.

Our blood bank is a community based program. The success of the program is dependent on the reliability of the participant to meet scheduled donation dates. If you are not sure that you will be able to follow through with the scheduled donations, please reconsider your application. For additional information, please contact Amber Stuart at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital, (630) -896-8541.

## Congratulations to FVDTC's newest CGC Recipients!



From left to right, Roger Conley & Nitro, Peggy Sue Seehafer & Polar, Heidy Terlizzi & Tina, Art Kingsley & Lexi, Rick Cox & Willow, and Evaluator, Kathy Hubbard.

From left to right, Evaluator, Susan Scott, Susan Waterfall & Bagheera, Kathy Klink & Jasmine, Jason Klink & Zoe, Laura Lager & Foxy, Paulette Zecca & Cody



During our recent Membership Meeting, a presentation was given by Ronnie Bizer. Ronnie is an AKC judge and club member. The following are notes taken by the Board Secretary on Ronnie's presentation.

## Rally Obedience Notes

Ronnie stated that Rally-O is a lot of fun for handlers and dogs. Rally-O is an especially great place for a novice dog, because the dogs can compete with verbal guidance and praise and on leash. She stated that Rally-O is also great place for older retired dog to continue participating in the sport, because the dogs do not jump anything higher than a 16" jump. She recommended that anyone wishing to compete in Rally-O does not need to worry about needing much experience; taking a short class and watching a local trial should be enough preparation prior to entering. There are currently three levels of competition, they are: Novice, Advanced, and Excellent.

### Rally Trial

The trial is run in height order like in agility trials. The judges provide a paper copy or map of the course. The only thing that judges say to the competitors is "Are you ready? Forward." Once the judge says Forward, the timer starts the timing. The judges are allowed to deduct 1, 3 or 10 points off of the score, as determined by the rule infraction. A bump or tight leash (at the novice level) is considered a 3-point error. A major error results in a 10-point deduction, such as when the handler requests a "do over". A handler can request a do over when a previous station was performed incorrectly, but the next station has not yet been started. Advanced level courses are performed off leash. The handler is not allowed to clap or slap their body to get the dogs attention. The dog is also not allowed to touch the handler.

The placements are like agility, where the score is more important than the time. The time is used in the case of ties. Scores are posted as you leave the ring, but time is not known until the end of the trial. The tiebreaker for a tie for both score and time is a rerun of the course.

In order to host a Rally trial, clubs must host an obedience trial the same weekend as the rally trial. Both trials must have the same venue and the same

length of time allotted. For example, if the Obedience trial is scheduled for eight hours, the Rally trial must also be scheduled for eight hours. One scenario that Ronnie suggested that might work for Fox Valley, would be to have a Rally trial on Friday, host an Obedience trial only on Saturday, and host an Obedience trial AND a Rally trial on Sunday.

Rally entry fees should be approximately the same entry fee as the Obedience trial. The entry could also be considered the second entry of the same dog. The exercises included in Novice Rally involve Heeling (both fast and slow) and Halts.

The ring size minimum is 40' by 50', but 40' by 80' is optimal. It is possible to receive a non-qualifying score, by not completing the station, barking or rough handling by the handler. The regular obedience jumps can be used for the advanced classes, so the only special equipment necessary are the station signs. Each station has a different number.

The rules for Rally are included in the AKC Obedience Rule books.

### Rally Judges

One judge can award two legs towards the Rally titles. To compensate for the immediate shortage of Rally judges for the first year, judges can accept assignments anywhere. For the second and subsequent years the judges' assignments have the same limitation as in obedience. Which states that the judge cannot judge the same regular class at all-breed events within 30 days and 200 straight-line miles of each other. Dogs that have earned any obedience titles must be exhibited in the Rally B classes. Participants in Rally-O can make it as competitive as they want it to be.

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### Regular Obedience Notes

AKC is asking all judges to view the exhibitors with the mind-set that a "fictitious family of four is attending a dog show for the first time." That means that the judge should not allow behavior in the ring that could be construed as harming the dog. For example, exhibitors should be careful not to touch the ears, as it might be viewed as an ear pinch. Exhibitors should also be careful not to "bam" or otherwise roughly handle the dog between exercises.

Other reminders that were communicated at the seminar include the following.

- A Fast must be a run, not simply hopping up and down to give the illusion of a fast.
- A Slow is a slower pace, not taking tiny steps. Change of paces should be accomplished as quickly as humanly possible; otherwise you will run out of ring space. Think about HOW you handle your dog in training and showing.
- The following are correct hand positions.
  - Off Lead Heeling - right hand is swinging naturally at your side and the left hand at waist or swinging naturally at your side. The left hand should be flat, not held in a fist.
  - On Lead Heeling - Hands can be hold in any position, providing they do not interfere with the dog's movement.
  - Recalls - Hands should be held loosely at the side, not gripping your pants.



## Just a Note to All Of You.....

Entries are coming in very very slow for Novice, Open A and Utility A. Because we emailed many instead of mailing premiums, you may have forgotten about sending in your entry for the show. Spread the word that there are plenty of openings in the above mentioned classes. Premium is available online at <http://www.fvdtc.org> on the home page there will be a link for the premium list. I can also mail them, but that will take longer. Entries close on 10/27/04.



## \*\* MORE CLUB NOTICES \*\*

### Mark Your Calendars For The Next Great Gathering!

Plan now to attend the Fox Valley Dog Training Club's Annual Dinner, scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005! Share good food, fun and friendship and celebrate the bond we all share in the love of our dogs. It promises to be a woofin' good evening, with time to socialize, recognize achievements and boners...and with perhaps a few surprises too! Stay tuned to future issues of Waggin' Tales for more information and clues to this year's theme.



### Land purchase...your vote

You're already registered for this vote! If you have not already, you should receive a ballot to vote on a motion concerning the purchase of property. We really need your input, so please be sure to vote! All ballots must be postmarked no later than 10/25/04. If you do not receive a ballot by 10/15/04, please contact Barb Misch at [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org) or 630-761-0823.



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about the property and then the negative things.

### Positives

- It is large enough to handle agility training and trials.
- Agility classes could be offered immediately, outside on the property providing the weather is good.
- It is large enough to handle obedience training and trials.
- The surrounding community is conducive to the establishment of the training center.
- There are existing horse areas around the property, such as fenced pastures.
- The homes in the area are on 5-acre tracks.
- There are churches across the street from the property and churches must be given a special use variance, which is a precedence for our training center, as we would be asking the County for a special use variance as well.
- The small subdivision across the street from the property may be receptive due to past history of the property as a horse farm.
- The training center fits into the agricultural zoning for the property.
- There is an existing water well, which would need to be tested.
- There is existing electricity, although it is not currently working.

### Negatives

- The east side of the property line follows Mill Creek (the waterway, not the subdivision).
- The balance of the property is designated as a Flood Plain, with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the flood plain further designated as a Flood Way. The difference between the two is the amount of times that the property floods. A Flood Plain floods periodically. The Flood Way floods more frequently.
- The area does flood.
- There is only 30,000 sq. ft. that can be built on (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre) at one end of the property.
- The existing building needs to be removed due to the wood foundation missing in some areas and damaged in other areas, the metal shell is damaged, and the doors are broken and falling down.
- An engineering evaluation is required to determine building placement and parking arrangement.
- Flood and water management needs to be reviewed

by the engineering services.

- Water tiling the area probably will be required and that can be expensive.
- Hosting a Tracking test would probably not be feasible due to the area being used for agility. Tracking takes up a large amount of open unused space, but we could re-evaluate this at a later time.

Additionally Dennis Halfpenny has met with a representative from Kane County and learned the following information about the property. However an engineering study must still confirm this information

- The Mill Creek elevation is 699'.
- The road elevation, at the north end of property, is 699'.
- The elevation for the area acceptable for building is at approximately 715'.
- There is an abundance of engineering information available on this particular piece of property, according to Kane County, as this area has had a lot of interest. Therefore, we should be able to have our engineering group tap into that existing information.
- Dennis discussed with Kane County about the idea of a dry retention pond on the north end and was told that we would potentially gain 1 acre of buildable land, with the help of a 2-acre retention pond. There is a 2:1 ratio - we must give land to raise land. This might even be a benefit to the neighbors.

The following is more information regarding the price of the property. Dennis Halfpenny's professional opinion is that the current price of \$380,000 is out of line for the following reasons.

- The property was for sale for many years before it was purchased by the current owner, a realtor.
- The property was initially offered at \$165,000.
- The price was reduced to about \$158,000.
- The actual selling price was \$150,000 in 2001.

Dennis believes that realistically we could offer \$165,000, but not higher than \$170,000. He also stated that from a realtor's standpoint even if we own the property and decided to sell it at a future time, but had done the excavation work necessary to help eliminate the flooding issues, we should be able to resell it. The cost of the excavation work is not available until the engineering studies are done.

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We will continue to explore all avenues, but currently we are focused on this property as the most feasible at this time. Dennis Halfpenny also continues to research "rent to buy" properties. Currently he is investigating the following properties.

- Dominicks
- Franks Nursery & Craft (all stores will be closed by 2004 year end)
- Industrial sites, which generally cost between \$5.00 and \$12.00 per sq. ft.
- Any other properties which fall into this category

Dennis is also investigating the following properties.

- The Steben farm property (on Route 64, east of Anderson Road), although he has not received a firm asking price for the property. The property includes a house and approximately 30 acres of land.
- At Beith Road and Route 47, which includes a house and some out buildings. The owner was denied the permits to operate manufacturing operations in the buildings, after the buildings were already built.

Dennis will continue to gather the information and forward to Francene for the committee to further review, assess, discuss, and possibly look at to rent and/or buy

Francene also reported that, to date, we have not received any bills from the engineering firm or the attorney's office.

Francene stated that following a recent Open Space committee meeting for ball fields, she contacted the owner of the property adjacent to the proposed ball fields regarding the club and our search for land. He stated that he was not originally planning on selling, but will discuss the proposal with his wife. The property includes 6 acres of flat land, a well maintained 100-year old house committee, fenced pasture areas, horse barns and a huge dairy barn. The property is located just north of Empire Road.

Helen Castellano stated that the committee would like to present a new motion for the membership to consider and vote. The committee felt that this motion is necessary because the last motion presented to the membership was specifically for the property on Route 38. This new motion would allow the property acquisition committee the ability to move more quickly

on suitable properties. Helen made the following motion.

Motion that a ballot be sent via email or regular mail to current members in good standing and that this ballot be signed and returned via regular mail for the following:

To allow the Board of Directors to negotiate the purchase or lease of property or space for use as a training center by Fox Valley Dog Training Club. This request to include expenses needed to negotiate, test, inspect, and otherwise obtain all necessary approvals and financing to close on the property or lease. The amount not to exceed what is determined to be financially feasible for this club by the Board of Directors based upon input from our Treasurer.

I vote YES \_\_\_\_\_  
I vote NO \_\_\_\_\_  
I abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Peggy Seehafer seconded the motion as read. During the discussion, several club members stated that we should not use email to send out the ballot, due to various reasons. Barb Misch made a motion that we strike the words "email or" from the ballot. Margi Stuessy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all club members present. There were none opposed or abstained. That completed the discussion for the original motion. The following motion was reread with the amended wording.

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I vote YES \_\_\_\_\_  
I vote NO \_\_\_\_\_  
I abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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The motion was approved by all club members present. There were none opposed or abstained. The schedule to prepare the ballot distribute it to all club members would be determined by the committee and communicated in the October Waggin' Tales.

### Grievance Process Discussion

Cheryl Hettinger reported that the Board met last weekend to continue the discussion for the grievance process. However, a quorum was not present. The board members present discussed different ideas, which will be presented to the entire board at the December Board meeting. The recommended changes for the grievance process will be presented to the membership at the January Membership meeting.

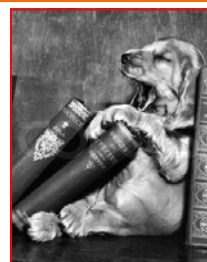
### New Business

Maxine Brinker stated that due to a recent incident with her dog, she would like some information about canine blood transfusions to be published in the October Waggin' Tales. Maxine reported that her 2-year-old dog's liver ruptured and required two blood transfusions. She reported that her dog is in the process of recovering. Several people offered to help publicize the information.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

## From ASPCA: DOG DAYS OF AUTUMN

Throughout October, the ASPCA and IAMS Dog Foods will be encouraging Americans to visit their local animal shelters, in lieu of pet stores or breeders, in pursuit of their ideal dog. With approximately 60 million owned dogs in this country sadly, less than 20 percent were adopted from shelters. This year, ASPCA will highlight the importance of training a newly adopted shelter dog to ensure a lasting bond between owner and pet. Behavior issues are common reasons why dogs are relinquished or returned to shelters. To make dogs more adoptable, the ASPCA encourages shelters and training facilities to evaluate behavior and use training to correct behavior issues.



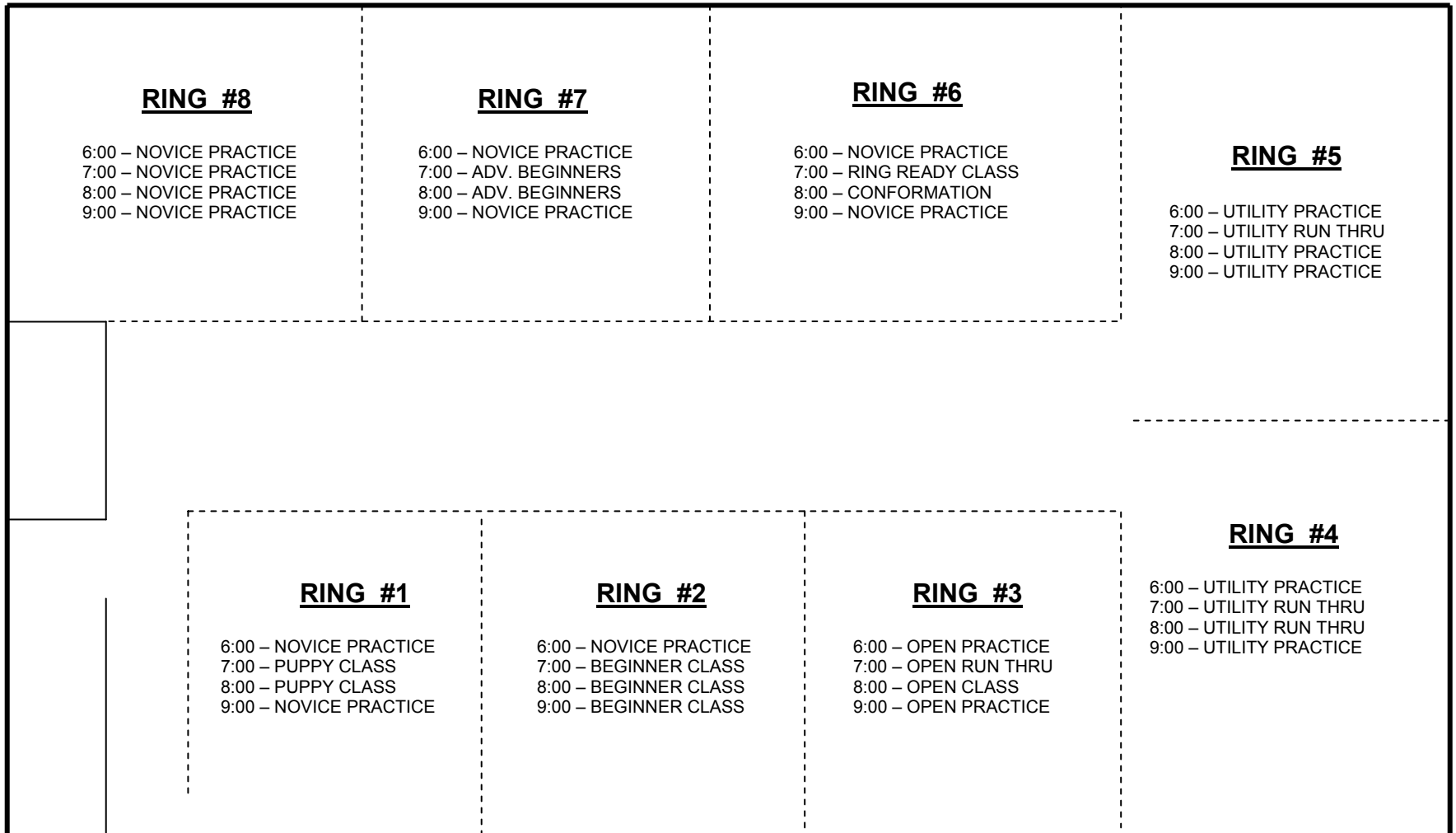
**Halloween Pumpkin Stew**

*Dogs don't get to trick or treat much, so why not serve up their own special treat at home*

1 can pumpkin	1 cup rice milk
1/2 cup millet	1/2 cup quinoa
1 cup tempeh, cubed	2 tablespoons liquid soy lecithin
1 pinch cumin	1 pinch cinnamon
3 cups mixed fall veggies of your choice, chopped (carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes, etc.)	
vegetable stock, water, or rice milk to cover	

In a frying pan, sauté tempeh in a bit of oil till browned. In a large pot, combine all ingredients except tempeh. Cook over medium heat till vegetables are tender (time will vary depending on your choice of vegetables.) Stir frequently to prevent burning. When vegetables are done, stir in the tempeh. Serve with Canine Corn Bread, if desired, or over rice

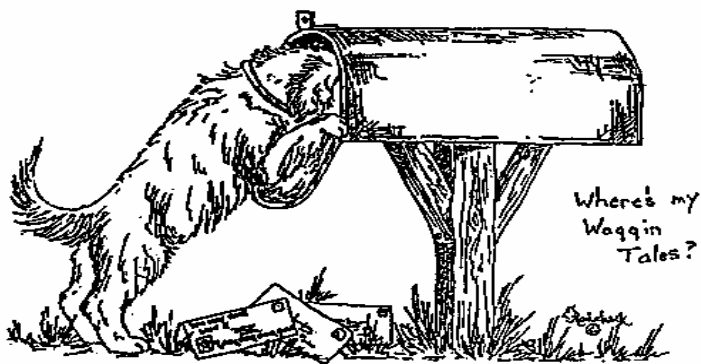
**OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2004 RING LAYOUT**



**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER  
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## October 2004

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6 Wednesday | Membership Meeting                  |
| 7 Thursday  | Regular Training                    |
| 10 Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline              |
| 12 Tuesday  | Regular Training<br>End Session 4   |
| 21 Thursday | Correction Clinic                   |
| 28 Thursday | Regular Training<br>Begin Session 5 |

## November 2004

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| 3 Wednesday | Membership Meeting     |
| 4 Thursday  | Regular Training       |
| 9 Tuesday   | Regular Training       |
| 14 Sunday   | Obedience Trial        |
| 18 Thursday | Regular Training       |
| 21 Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 23 Tuesday  | Regular Training       |