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Changing of the Guard

Dave Lewis, President

Last Wednesday's election brought us a "changing of the guard" of sorts, with a nice blend of the familiar and the new. I am excited about working with this group of people and I think that most of you will be pleased as well. The details of the vote are in the meeting minutes, but I think the results show a unity of purpose in the club that we have not shared in several years. I think we can, and should, take advantage of the diversity of opinion that the club offers, without succumbing to the pitfalls that same diversity sometimes brings.

Writing an article like this, praising the folks who have stepped up to take on the board positions, always concerns me because I don't want to seem to belittle the efforts of the previous board. The 2005 board worked through some unnecessarily difficult times. I think, they performed beautifully and I am proud to have been part of that group.

Please join me in thanking the 2005 board for their hard work and perseverance, and in congratulating the 2006 board on their election.

Another group of people also deserve some special recognition. The committee chairs do a lot of the day-to-day work involved

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2005 Board

President
Dave Lewis

1st Vice President
Dean Connolly

2nd Vice President
Vera Nyberg, Terri Byerly

Secretary
Carolyn Pearson

Treasurer
Amy Ford

Director of Training
Cindy Pakenas, Sandi Stephenson

Assistant DOT
Priscella Pisarski

Obedience Trial Chair
Will Short

Obd. Trial Secretary
Taffy Wille

Agility Trial Chair
Helen Castellano

Waggin' Tails Editor
Sandy Davis, David Lewis

Membership Chair
Sue MacPherson

Public Educ. Coordinator
Barb Misch

Tracking Test Chair
Francene Andresen

Director at Large

2006 Board

President
Dave Lewis

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Ed Herdes

2nd Vice President
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Secretary
Carolyn Pearson

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Dale Swanson

Director of Training
Sandi Stephenson

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Ronnie Bizer

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Public Educ. Coordinator
Nadine Conner

Tracking Test Chair
Ingrid Hamburger

Director at Large
Taffy Wille

A well-trained dog is a happy dog!

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New Committee Chairs

with keeping the club running smoothly and efficiently. Please see one or more of the following people, and volunteer your services for the next year:

Annual Dinner	Carolyn Pearson
Awards	Carolyn Pearson
CGC Coordinator	Colleen Kent
Demonstrations	<i>pending</i>
Fundraising	Joe/Kathy Busch
Graduation	Priscilla Pisarski
Historian	Nancy Pederson
Librarian	Georgia Schwender
Match Chair	Jan Schomer
Match Entries	Penny Breich
Match Judges	Sandi Stephenson
Match Stewards	Ingrid Hamburger
Publicity	<i>pending</i>
Statistician	Jan Schomer
Sunshine	Penny Breich
Waggin' Tales	Anne Stuessy
Editor	
Class Coordinator	Nancy Pederson
Woofmaster	David Lewis

One final, but very important, position is yet to be filled. Sandi Stephenson has asked **Loretta Lazzarra** to be the Assistant Director of Training. The by-laws say that the ADOT will be appointed by the DOT, subject to ratification by the membership. So, there will be a vote at the March membership meeting to ratify Loretta as the ADOT.



The dogs were never at a loss for a place to sit, but not all their human friends were as lucky in this game of musical chairs at the FVDTC's annual holiday party.



Members brought a table-full of holiday treats to share with two- and four-legged friends. Nina Herdes helped prepare the bounty.

Final Reminder! It's Awards Time!

The deadline is January 31 2006 to submit all completed forms, photos, clothing (for airbrushing) to Carolyn Pearson at 3N161 Timberline, West Chicago, IL, 60185

Membership Meeting Highlights

Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

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January 04, 2006

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

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

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) was not in attendance, but sent the following via e-mail:

Now that the madness of the Holidays is behind us, we can look forward to getting back to dog training. Tomorrow begins new classes, and all the hustle bustle that goes along with people who wonder, "what was I thinking?!". For it is very scary to come into such a large building with so many people and dogs, and not know what is expected of you. So please, be especially kind, smile at our new trainers and their dogs, they may be judging you in the ring some day!

I know I should stick to DOT "stuff", and I will after tonight. But with all the turmoil we have had to endure, as DOT I just want the membership to understand my feelings on it.

Training dogs is more than a hobby for me, it is my passion. I am so grateful to have a club like ours, where we can go to exchange ideas, share and learn from and with each other, and to socialize, both ourselves and our dogs. My hope is that this year we can set aside our differences, and work together.

Tom and I are dog lovers from way back, and have sacrificed much for them. Perhaps some day he will share his experiences of the things he had to see, just to get a law on the books regarding animal cruelty. Suffice to say, we lost house and home, (and indirectly, even our beloved dog), but - the law was created. I mention this because when I hear the word, "abuse", I think of what some dogs must endure. This word was tossed around like a rubber ball for a while, and for what??

- We lost board members who can never be replaced.
- We lost people who devoted hours and hours of their own time, work and money, for the good of FVDTC.
- We hurt those people, we ABUSED those people, if you will.

So, please, please let's not continue to abuse the word ABUSE, and certainly not each other. The simple, "treat others as you wish to be treated" applies to us all.

FVDTC Welcomes New Members:

Dan & Linda Franciskovic
38W677 Evanswood Lane
St. Charles, IL 60175
(630)584-4509
Golden Retriever
Completed Beginners class

Bernie & Shannon Healy
914 S. 9th Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630)443-7174
e-mail: bh2902@netzero.net
Completed Beginners class

Kathie Driesbach
11N370 Hunter Trail
Elgin, IL 60123
(847)464-4913
e-mail: mrskd@att.net
Completed Beginners class
Rhodesian Ridgeback

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Loretta will be asking our devoted instructors for a brief description of their instructional method tonight. My own answer to the type of method question is, "The one that Works!". This is not a cop-out, or sarcasm, but the simple truth.

Because indeed, every dog, like every one of us, is an individual, created unique and like no other.

After all these many years, I've become a solid dog trainer, from pets to show, I'm comfortable going from puppy to utility, and have attended numerous seminars of every kind.

But I can't train like Carolyn,... or Mary,... or like YOU. We are unique, in everything that we do, a good club offers a diverse group. The commonality of all of us instructors is that we volunteer our services because we love dogs. We love helping people to train their dogs, and teaching how to develop a good relationship with them.

Not one of us would ever condone harsh or abusive methods. Can anybody really believe we would? If so, I'm sorry for you, to be so very mistaken. Thank you all for coming, on this important night of election. Once again, what a lucky club to have this many caring and qualified members volunteering for slots. Good luck to All.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, January 8th. With the exception of an error in the September dates, the 2006 calendar is available on the website.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) stated that her report has not changed from the report as the December board meeting. She stated that she still had not heard any response to her multiple attempts at confirming the judging assignment with Sue Maybourne. Taffy stated in response to Cris Mazza's statement that Sue Maybourne is participating in the Eukanuba Invitational in Tampa that may explain why Taffy has not heard from Sue, that she has sent numerous e-mail messages since November. Taffy stated in response to Helen Castellano's question that she did not know how long we could wait before pursuing another judge, but would keep us informed.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of

seven names which were published in the Waggin' Tales. Helen made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting, without any opposed or abstentions. Sue also announced that Ginger Jensen applied for membership reinstatement. Sue stated that the new rosters are available for pick-up tonight or at training.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the tracking test has been confirmed for September 9th and 10th at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Although she has verbal confirmation from the forest preserve, she is awaiting the written confirmation. She has received verbal confirmation from the two regular judges and the one provisional judge. Francene reported that the two regular judges are Donna Kircher and Pam German; and Donna Wielert is the provisional judge. Donna is only charging a mileage rate of \$0.445 per mile as her judging fee. Francene stated that she is seeking approval from the two regular judges to increase the number of the TD tests. She also will speak to the new Treasurer regarding the certificate of insurance.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the premium list for the April 1st and 2nd Agility trials is available and will be available online on January 5th. The judges are Jana Brady from Memphis, Tennessee and Suzi Bluford from Carmel, California. The Opening date is February 1st, the Drawing date February 24th and the Closing date is March 15th. Helen also read a list of the individuals who have volunteered as of this time.

The Fall Agility Trials will be held on September 16th and 17th. The trials will be outdoors at the Kane Country Fairgrounds. The contract with the Kane County Fairgrounds has been signed. Helen stated that she has one signed judges contract and one judge's contract still pending.

Francene asked what amount the judges were charging. Helen stated that because Agility judges are booking three years in advance, it would be difficult to get local judges.

Peggy Sue Sehafer (Director at Large) reported that she continues to monitor various dog legislation.

Carolyn Pearson (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the dinner is Saturday, March 18th. Alison Rubendall volun-

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teered to be the photographer for the awards offered.

Kathy and Joe Busch (Fundraising Chairs), Kathy reported that the Gift Wrapping Events raised a total of \$603. She thanked the volunteers that worked. Kathy also stated that had it not been for the help that she 'begged' from her neighbors and friends we would not have had enough workers. Of the 17 time slots that were available to fill, only 9 were filled by club members. Kathy stated that in order for this committee to continue and succeed for 2006, she NEEDS more help.

Kathy also reported that the Raffle at the Obedience Trial raised \$670. This event could also have used more volunteers. Kathy stated that the October 15, 2005 Candlelight Bowl required support from her friends and family in order to meet the 20-person minimum. She said that the fundraising efforts have netted about \$1,500, but more club members need to volunteer and participate to continue these efforts.

Peggy Sue thanked Kathy, Joe and their friends and neighbors for their efforts at fundraising for FVDTC. She also thanked Ed and Nina Herdes for making the extra time she spent so enjoyable and fun.

Dave also thanked Kathy and Joe and the other club members who volunteered their time. The club members present at the meeting applauded their efforts.

Dale Swanson (Graduation Chairperson) apologized for forgetting to provide the Graduation Certificates at the December 22, 2005 Beginner's Class Graduation.

Nancy Pederson (Historian) stated that we received a framed certificate from the City of St. Charles for the events during the Responsible Dog week in September 2005.

Georgia Schwender (Librarian) stated that she had nothing to report. Dave stated that he is still in the process of scanning the non-electronic issues of the Waggin' Tales. Once they have been scanned, they will be available in the library cabinet.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that, as usual stewards are needed. The poster board is

available at training to sign-up. Additionally, a slot has been added to volunteer to judge at any of the Correction Clinics for 2006.

Jan Schomer (Statistician), in response to Jan's question, Helen stated that she will provide the list of volunteers to the September 2005 Agility Trial to Jan as soon as possible.

Penny Brcich (Sunshine) stated that everything is sunny!

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$14.00 is Cathy Fleury as drawn by club member, Dale Swanson.

Old Business

• Christmas Party

Dave thanked Terri Byerly, Peggy Sue Seehafer and Sandy Davis for organizing and coordinating the games and activities at the December 29, 2005 Christmas party. Dave also stated that thanks to Nina Herdes' extraordinary talents there was a lovely presentation for the food and drinks. However, according to Tom Stephenson Helen 'cheated' to win the musical chairs.

Voting for 2006 Board of Directors

Prior to the election, Dave stated that tonight's election was the culmination of months of work by several people, starting last August when he asked Peggy Sue Seehafer to chair the nominating committee this year. She graciously agreed and then asked long-time members Bev Nicholson and Bill Clarke to help her. After the nominating committee was overwhelmingly approved by the Board, they started the process of seeking individuals for the slate. Dave stated that he asked all the 2005 Board members who wanted to keep their jobs or to move to a new job to let him know. Additionally the nominating committee verified that the 2005 Board members who expressed an interest in staying on the job were still interested.

The slate itself is a nomination from the nominating committee. Their job was to find the most qualified people in

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the club who were willing to take on the task of a Board position. They asked all current Board members if they wanted to continue, and then talked to a host of other members to get input and to ask for help. Dave stated that he thought that the committee had done an outstanding job of putting together a group of people with diverse opinions, who will work together and respect each other and the general membership. He thanked Peggy Sue, Bev and Bill for their hard work. Peggy Sue stated that last year no one was omitted from the slate and that was the case for this year's slate.

Prior to distributing the ballots, Dave asked whether there were any questions about the responsibilities of any of the board positions. Dave reported that the Nominating Committee updated the slate from the one published in the Waggin' Tales with the following.

- Ed Herdes was slated for the First Vice-President position.
- Anne and Margi Stuessy were removed from the slate for the Public Education Coordinator position.

He stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order, the Nominating Committee makes its final report either at the meeting prior to the elections or at the meeting where elections occur, regardless of whether the slate has been published previously.

The following is a complete listing of the Nominating Com-

mittee's slate, and the individuals who were the nominated from the floor, and who they were nominated by.

In response to Dave's invitation to the nominees to say something, the following candidates spoke.

Penny Breich, First Vice President candidate, stated that she want to be on the Board to representative of all club members.

Terri Byerly, Second Vice President candidate, read the following statement.

I was told that speeches (for lack of a better word) by the nominees are not exactly the norm at the elections (and I really don't remember any in the past) but I was asked by the nominating committee to join the slate for the VP2 position, and I agreed so I thought it very important that you know my intentions for the position, before I could ask you to consider me for the position.

Most of you are already familiar with my efforts and desires to have harmony within the club, and my disinterest in the division of trainers and methods.

I have the drive (and the longtime and extensive experience with large not-for-profit organizations) to make positive changes; not necessarily unity – but definitely is harmony in the way that we run the club, not in the way we choose to train, but in the way we share all that we have to offer each other, which is much too valuable to lose to differences of

Position	Candidate	Candidate
President	Dave Lewis	
First Vice President	Ed Herdes	Penny Breich (nominated by Cris Mazza)
Second Vice President	Terri Byerly	Brenda Rivera (nominated by Jim Communale)
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson	
Treasurer	Dale Swanson	
Director of Training	Sandi Stephenson	
Obedience Trial Chair	Ronnie Bizer	Will Short (nominated by Jan Schomer)
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson	
Public Education Coordinator		Nadine Conner (nominated by Rick Cox)
Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger	
Agility Trial Chair	Helen Castellano	Jacque Kramer (nominated by Will Short)
Director at Large	Taffy Wille	Cris Mazza (nominated by Brenda Rivera)

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opinions.

This club is clearly divided. It's no secret. But I truly believe that division can be utilized as a tool to better our club. My actions with the club, over the past couple years, I hope, have shown that I have a strong desire to maintain civility, camaraderie, honesty, open mindedness and yes, friendships with those on both sides of our proverbial fence.

I would bring to the board position of VP2 a well practiced ability to view all issues brought before the board, with an open mind and no preconceived views or bias regarding those presenting issues.

In addition:

I had proposed to the board, that should I be elected I would attempt to act as a liaison between the board and club members by doing the following (in addition to the task of recruiting speakers for meetings):

- Make sure that members are well informed of all upcoming events, activities and class options, in between WT issues and membership meetings.
- Bring issues to the board from members.
- Inform members of board issues/decisions.
- Keep members informed of upcoming agendas/topics of membership meetings.
- Ensure hard copies of WT issues are available on training nights.
- Keep members well informed between WT issues and membership meetings of positions for help wanted/volunteers needed.
- Maintain a posted current calendar, visible to all on training nights.
- Attempt to organize (perhaps working with the Pub Ed Coordinator) the front table and recruit folks to tend it.

I have already begun to utilize a large bulletin board on training nights to assist me in these points. So far, it has been very useful in assisting and recruiting new members.

As far as unity and harmony goes; the differences of opin-

ions that arise should be utilized as learning tools versus points of division. I feel that while unity is not possible and achieving unity should not be a focus point, harmony on the other hand is possible.

Brenda Rivera, Second Vice President candidate, stated that she wants to help get the club back together.

Ronnie Bizer, Obedience Trial Chair candidate, stated that she has chaired more than 10 Obedience trials and five Agility trials and is an AKC approved Judge.

Will Short, Obedience Trial Chair candidate, stated that he stands by his past record.

Ingrid Hamburger, Tracking Test Chair candidate, stated that she hopes to follow Francene Andresen's wonderful job.

Helen Castellano, Agility Trial Chairperson candidate, read the following statement:

I was the club member who about 7 years ago made the motion that this club hold a two-day annual agility trial. I therefore felt some sense of responsibility to this club to act as Trial Chairperson for those agility shows and I have continued to hold that position.

Last year, I made a motion that this club hold a two-day indoor agility trial. I worked very hard and spent a lot of my free time, searching for sites, meeting with the owners, obtaining contracts and prices, and preparing a budget for Board approval. I also searched for agility equipment to rent and a trial secretary to hire because we did not have a volunteer for that position within this club.

This coming year will be especially difficult for the Agility Trial Chairperson and the Agility committee. We will be holding our first ever indoor agility trial. The coordination of that event has been and will continue to be significant. Further, our outdoor trial will be at a new location with different equipment. Again, a significant challenge for the Agility Trial Chairperson and the Agility Committee.

However, being Agility Trial Chairperson is more than just running these trials, it is a Board position with a responsibility to fellow club members, which includes active participation at board meetings and membership meetings. With

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your continued support, I would be happy to continue to serve as the Agility Trial Chair and continue my active participation on this board in 2006.

Jacquie Kramer, Agility Trial Chairperson candidate, was not present at the meeting.

Taffy Wille, Director at Large candidate, stated she is extremely objective and is able to look at issues and vote the way that is best for the club, not her personal beliefs.

Cris Mazza, Director at Large candidate, stated that she has been a club member for 13 years and thought it was time to put forth some effort into running the club.

In response to Cheryl Hettinger’s question, Dave stated that the Board is responsible to lead the club by setting policies and making tough decisions. Because the club is a democracy, the diversity of our club members is good, but can also make running the club difficult.

Kathy Busch, Bill Clarke and Rick Cox, collected and counted the ballots. Dave announced the following winners of the election. *(Secretary’s note: Although the following numeric values were not read at the meeting, they are included here in the minutes.)*

Dave thanked all 2005 Board members and Committee chairs for all the hard work done in the past year.

Position	Candidate	Candidate
President	Dave Lewis (58)	
First Vice President	Ed Herdes (49)	Penny Breich (23)
Second Vice President	Terri Byerly (48)	Brenda Rivera (23)
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson (56)	
Treasurer	Dale Swanson (63)	
Director of Training	Sandi Stephenson (67)	
Obedience Trial Chair	Ronnie Bizer (48)	Will Short (23)
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson (65)	
Public Education Coordinator		Nadine Conner (42)
Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger (67)	
Agility Trial Chair	Helen Castellano (54)	Jacquie Kramer (18)
Director at Large	Taffy Wille (48)	Cris Mazza (23)

New Business

Land Co-op with Car-Dun-AI

Dave read an e-mail message from Patti Keeler, President of the Car-Dun-AI Obedience Dog Training Club, which the Board discussed at the December Board meeting. Patti proposed that FVDTC and Car-Dun-AI form a co-op of such to purchase land and buildings. However, at the time of the December Board meeting, that idea had not been proposed to the members of Car-Dun-AI. Therefore it was decided at the Board meeting, not to continue the discussion, until Car-Dun-AI members either supported or rejected the idea. After the Car-Dun-AI membership meeting, Patti stated that the Car-Dun-AI members seemed interested in the co-op idea.

Nadine Conner asked how forming a co-op with a club states that they “are a Koehler-based dog training club” would be perceived. Jim Communale stated that it probably would be a non-issue because we probably would not be at the training facility simultaneously.

In response to Cris Mazza’s question about how north we would be willing to relocate our training facility, Peggy Sue stated that when the search for property was initiated, the northern boundary given to the realtor was Route 20, and even that seemed to be too far north for many club members. Barb Misch stated they were VERY FIRM on our limit of an area of 10 miles from the fairgrounds.

Penny Breich stated that she thought that is was a good idea and suggested that we consider not forming a co-op but offering a lease to Car-Dun-AI. Dave stated that we are investigating leasing another building. Scott Pearson stated that the lessor is still responsible for everything for leased buildings. Nancy Pederson stated that we have enough problems on our own and should not try to add any other issues to the mix. Terri Byerly stated that combining organizations during ‘good times’ is risky initially, but with the situations that FVDTC is currently experiencing, the club is not ready for the work.

In response to Francene’s question

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about how much money are Car-Dun-Al is willing to invest, Dave stated that that question has not been answered. Francene stated that she and the committee have spent many hours in the past and it is hard and expensive to locate a new training facility. She agreed with Terri and Nancy that adding another club would not be a good idea at this time.

Peggy Sue stated that it has been almost five years since we initiated the search for property. She also stated that IF Fox Valley's membership wants to go forward with Car-Dun-Al's suggestion that she and Francene could act as the liaison between Car-Dun-Al and FVDTC. Francene stated that times are changing rapidly making grounds and/or facilities difficult to attain and that prices are rapidly becoming untouchable. Even farmland prices are out of the world. The fundraising effort began as a way to assist our goal of purchasing land on which eventually a training facility could be built. We believe that unless property has a usable building, the club cannot afford to buy property and build at the same time.

Ronnie made a motion to consider joining with Car-Dun-Al on a mutual training site. Terri Byerly seconded the motion. Helen thanked the property committee and Francene for all the work that they have done in the past. Helen reported that the properties that she has been investigating for lease is \$9,000/month for 15,000 sq. ft. The size of the building that we currently rent is 20,000 sq. ft.

Dean stated that we should get a proposal from Car-Dun-Al. Anne White asked if there were any ramifications, if we purchased land, but then sold it in the future, due to FVDTC's tax status. The details of any co-operative effort would require very specific information and legal documentation. The co-op would probably require that another Board, composed of Car-Dun-Al members and FVDTC members, be created.

Nadine Conner called for the vote to end the discussion. Dean Connolly seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Dave stated that by voting **Yes** to the motion "to consider joining with Car-Dun-Al on a mutual training site", we will continue discussions with Car-Dun-Al, by voting **No**, we will not continue discussions with Car-Dun-Al. The following are the results.

- 38 Yes – We should continue discussing a co-op effort with Car-Dun-Al
- 18 No - We should NOT continue discussing a co-op effort with Car-Dun-Al
- 2 I abstain from this vote

Taffy asked whether Car-Dun-Al has a specific timeline because they currently do not have a training facility. Marietta Huber stated that Car-Dun-Al needs to get into a training site to begin generating income again. Francene stated that Car-Dun-Al may have found a piece of land with a building that was reportedly more than \$500,000. However, this information was not confirmed. Francene stated that the unconfirmed Car-Dun-Al site is beyond the 10-mile limit.

Scott Pearson stated that FVDTC should determine our criteria then let Car-Dun-Al decide whether they want to work. Peggy Sue stated that during her conversations with FVDTC members about a new training facility, many club members stated that they liked the current facility because is simulated a chaotic show environment. If we move to another location, that environment would likely be lost.

Helen Castellano suggested that we contact Dennis Halfpenny, our realtor, about the property, as he is aware of our criteria and can determine the appropriateness of the property. Previously, the landowner did not want to work with us because he was pursuing an annexation agreement with the city of Elgin. Brenda asked why we were continuing the discussion about the property when it is outside of the 10-mile limit. Helen stated that our maximum price range is \$300,000. Barb stated that initially the bank would approve a mortgage for us to a maximum of \$300,000.

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Jon reminded us that we voted to end the discussion. Anne White stated that when we are ready to pursue property, the club members must have a current financial statement to make an informed decision.

Peggy Sue also stated that she has discussed the possibility of training two nights a week on a Tuesday and Wednesday. The verbal quote for that arrangement is twice the weekly rent plus an additional 10%. The following are the advantages of that arrangement.

- This would eliminate the occasional training night switch.
- The equipment would still only need to be set-up once and broken down once.

In response to Dave Krantz's question, Francene stated that we were searching for another training facility, because for many years, the Kane County Fairgrounds was rumored to be moving to their property on Route 47 between Routes 64 and 38. This would eliminate our training site. However, rather than selling the entire property on Randall Road, and moving, the fairground is selling parcels of the land on Randall Road to finance upgrades to the property. We also proposed to the Kane County we would lease or purchase the property on Route 47. However that idea was not well received. Peggy stated that we tried many different avenues to explore.

Available Practice Rings

In response to Brenda Rivera's question, Dave stated that there is one available practice ring at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl Lewis stated that as a former Director of Training, she always had to balance of the space requirement of the actively competing members and the space requirement of the classes.

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

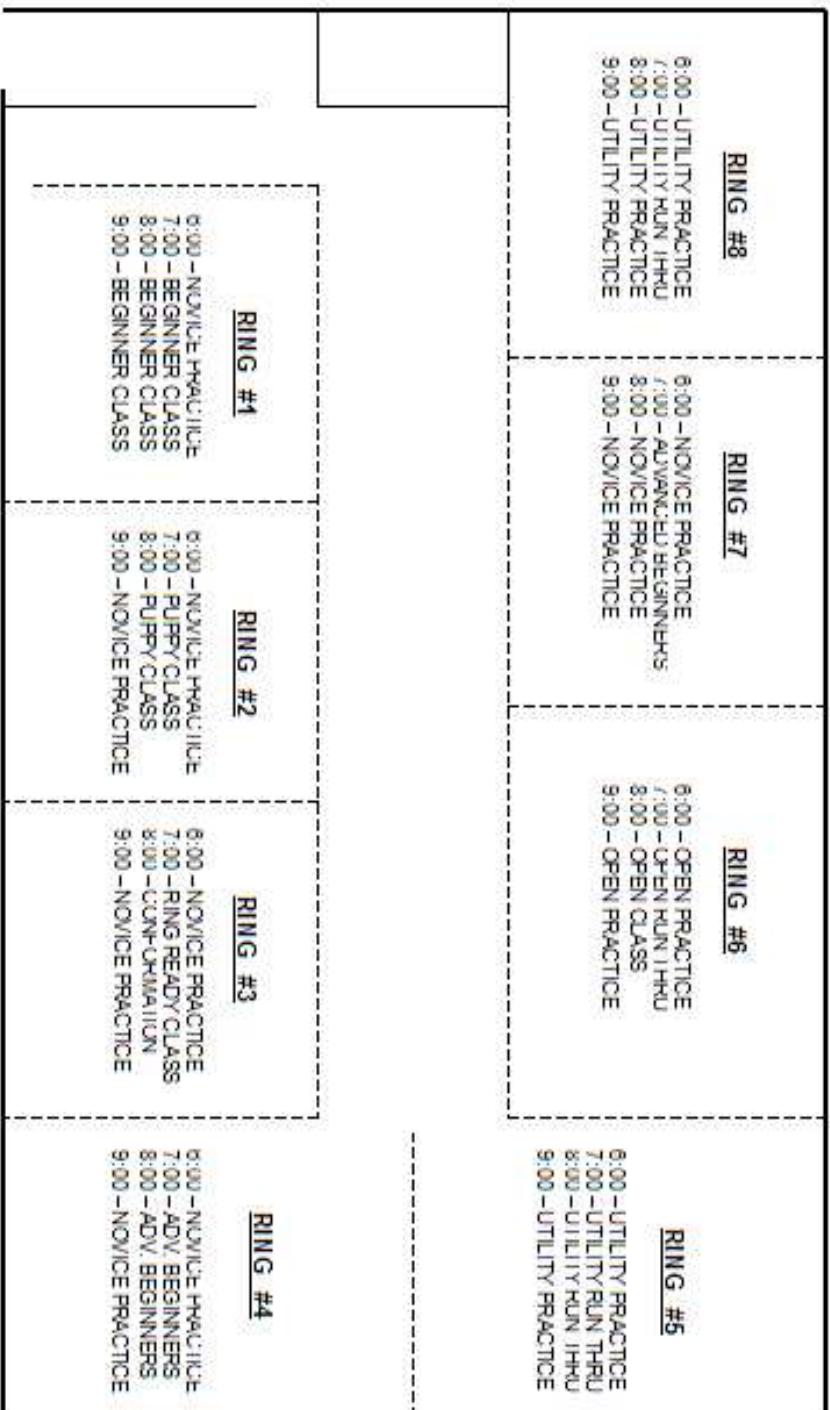
Puzzle Me This!

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NOTE: ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER AT THE INFORMATION DESK

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS**



Calendar of Events

January 2006

12	Thursday	Regular Training
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC Test
26	Thursday	Regular Training

February 2006

2	Thursday	Regular Training
5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Regular Training
16	Thursday	Correction Clinic
23	Thursday	Regular Training