



# WAGGIN' TALES



## FROM SHELTER TO THERAPY DOG MAKING A DIFFERENCE

April 24, Dorothy Warren, had a stroke. She was taken to the hospital. While in ICU, Dorothy's spirits were low and she complained of a constant headache.

Her daughter, Francene, a FVDTC member, requested that Dorothy be allowed to see her dog, Toto. She believed this would help encourage and bring some temporary relief of pain to her mom.

The moment Dorothy saw her Toto, her face

lit up and all the tension and pain appeared to melt away. They visited for approximately 45 minutes. Her good spirits and pain-free status lasted long after she was back in ICU. There she reminisced about how lucky she was to have found Toto in the shelter and "what a devoted little dog he is". "Why anyone would have wanted to get rid of him I'll never know."

Toto is no stranger to giving others pleasure. He has been an invited visitor to several nursing homes. With his charming personality and endearing antics, he frequently tugs a smile out of the most serious of people.

The top photo is Dorothy Warren, 90 years young, and Toto 10 years old. The bottom photo is Dorothy and Toto with 2 other family members, Xanadu (10) and Krista (8), also Therapy Dogs.

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## Membership Meeting Highlights

March 7, 2007

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January 3, 2007 Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance, but sent the following report via e-mail.

Great ideas for guest speakers are abundant, but actual speakers are harder to find. If you have a local individual specifically in mind, who could cover a topic that you feel the membership would be interested in, then please forward their contact information to Terri at [vp2@fvdtc.org](mailto:vp2@fvdtc.org).

Terri also volunteered to set up a Pet First Aid class with the Red Cross as she had done last year for the club. She reported that she and Sandy Davis took the class and it was well worth the time. Approximately seven individuals at the meeting stated that they would be interested in taking the class. Terri will contact the Red Cross to start the setup process.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training), made a motion to approve Loretta Lazzara as Assistant Director of Training. Bill Clarke seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Sandi announced that she has created a list of individuals who have volunteered to be substitute instructors when needed. Sandi will resend the list to all instructors and to the Board members. Sandi reminded all current instructors who could not teach their class to use the list to make arrangements for a substitute. She also suggested that when instructors contact a substitute that they provide the substitute with a syllabus for the class.

Sandi announced that Nadine Connor will be back in town on March 22 and will be guest teaching the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner. Sandi also reported that Nancy Pederson, class registrar, stated that the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's classes have 15 students each and five students for the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class.

Ronnie Bizer (Obedience Trial Chairperson) sent the following report with Sandy Davis. The following are the judges for the 2007 Obedience Trial. The Util-

ity B class judge was changed due to Ms. Botko's scheduling conflict.

Class	Judge
Novice A and B	Donna Darland
Open A	Suzanne Hemminger
Open B	Fred Buroff
Utility A	Suzanne Hemminger
Utility B	Karen Anderson replaces Louise Botko
Rally	Dan Herald

The modified ring layout has also been approved by Car-Dun-Al and will be used. Ronnie must return the fairgrounds contract with a deposit to confirm the date. Ronnie still must contact some individuals regarding the committee chair positions.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that AKC has approved the Obedience and Rally Judges for the 2007 trial. Taffy also stated that the proposed entry fees of \$22.00 for the first entry and \$15.00 for the second entry of the same dog have been confirmed.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of eleven applicants who had been published in recent Waggin' Tales. Sue made a motion to accept the list as read. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Joan Mazat who was present at the meeting.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) announced that the September 8th and 9th Tracking Test were approved by AKC. Ingrid stated that beginning in 2008 there will be an increase for 2008 for AKC Event License Fees.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she will be contacting Margi Stuessy to coordinate event announcements and press releases.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that Cathy Fleury desperately needs volunteers to work at the March 31st and April 1st Agility Trials.

Annual Dinner Chairperson - It was announced that Cathy Fleury has offered to host a pot-luck event at the Kanosak's training building to present awards. The event would not be anything 'fancy' and has not been scheduled. Cathy must contact the Awards Committee to determine when the awards would be ready for distribution.

Marietta Huber also suggested that we could also distribute the awards at a membership meeting, such as the May Membership meeting. Francene also suggested that we could have it at a training night. However, it was determined that the training building is already chaotic enough, and adding an awards presentation would only add to the normal chaos. Taffy suggested that we continue planning the evening as presented. It was also suggested that Cathy and Jan Schomer coordinate their schedules to determine the event's date.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that the addition of Rally at the correction clinics has been gradually increasing entries each month. However, some of the Rally judges typically volunteer for other places which then leaves those positions open. Sandi thanked those individuals who volunteer to work at the correction clinic.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that there are still a couple of available slots for stewards in the Open and Utility rings at the March 15th correction clinic. Sandi Stephenson thanked Erin Lewis for doing such a great job stewarding for the first time at the February correction clinic.

Waggin' Tales Editor - The next deadline is Sunday, March 11th. In response to Francene Andresen's query, Dave stated that he generally spends between eight and ten hours each month preparing the Waggin' Tales. Dave stated that the completed document is sent to the printer via e-mail. The printer contacts Sally Compton to pick-up the completed hard-copies. Sally then labels, stamps and mails them to the club members who receive a hard-copy of the issue.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Joan Mazat as drawn by new club member, Joan Mazat. Although it looked suspicious, an exhaustive investigation revealed no evidence of cheating. Tracking received \$3.00.

### Old Business

Taffy Wille announced, per the November 2006 Membership meeting, that she is forming a committee to decide how best to restructure the awards with the recommendation that it be implemented for titles earned in 2007. She asked that any club member who was interested in volunteering on the committee to contact her. She stated that several board members have already volunteered. Cathy Fleury and Sandy Davis volunteered, while Francene volunteered to host the first meeting at her house.

### New Business

Sue MacPherson announced that the club is hosting a CERF Eye Clinic. The date will be either on May 10th or May 22nd, as determined by Dr. Gerding's schedule.

Sandi announced that she is grateful to Joan Mazat who was voted in as a new club member tonight and has already volunteered to assist the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class instructor when the next session begins.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Our apologies to Kay Weber for the omission of her titling dogs, for 2006, with the others in last month's WT. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

UACHX,UCD,UCh,ARCH,WebFoot's Born To Be Wild,CD,MX,MXJ,EAC,TN-N,OGC,OJC,RL1,RL2,RL3,CD-H,CDX-H  
"Rider", Labrador Retriever ARCH, CD-H, CDX-H

UAGI,Webfoot's Living Legacy,RL1,RL2,CD-H,NA,NAC  
"Luci", Labrador Retriever RL2,CD-H

UAGII,UCD,Webfoot's Postman's Holliday,CD CKC CD,OA,OAJ,OJP,OAP,RN,RL1,RL2,CD-H  
"Holli" Labrador Retriever RL2,CD-H

UACH WebFoot's Federal Expresso,CD,CKC CD,TD,VCD1,OA,OAJ,OJP,OAP,RL1,NAC,NJC,CD-H  
"GoFer", Labrador Retriever CD-H

UAGI WebFoot's Special Dark P.S.,NA,TD,CD-H  
"Baker", CD-H

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## MOTHER AND SON TOGETHER FOREVER!

POPCORN, age 13 and his mother, RAINBOW, almost 17, were laid to rest on April 23, beside each other, in the home cemetery, in Wayne, where they join the rest of their lab family: Chamois, Cacao, Licorice and Wrangler.

Besides earning obedience & hunting titles, RAINBOW had earned numerous master level titles in AKC, NADAC, NCDA, UKC, & USDAA styles of agility

and was awarded "Top Labrador Retriever" for 3 years in AKC agility.

Besides earning AKC & UKC UD's and hunting titles, POPCORN, also earned master level titles in AKC, NADAC, UKC & USDAA styles of agility. He had earned a placement in the first run, AKC State Championship trial to help Illinois take 1st place! POPCORN was selected to produce a litter of puppies for the Support Dogs in St. Louis,

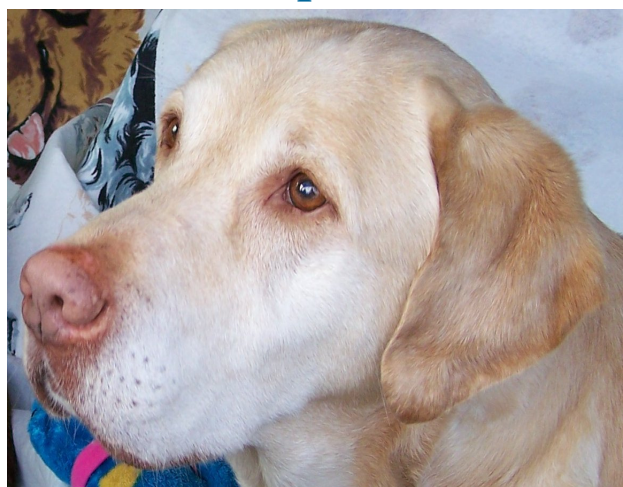
where all 12 puppies were accepted into the program, and were trained & placed in homes as support dogs! On his 10th birthday, POPCORN earned the elusive, MACH agility title! In 2006, POPCORN continued to earn 3 more titles in preferred agility!

Both labs will be truly missed, but leave an indelible imprint upon Marietta's heart! (Submitted by club member, Marietta Huber.)

### Rainbow



### Popcorn



## JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog". Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog"

brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Author Unknown (Submitted by Francene Andresen)

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2007**

**DUES FOR THE 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2007**

Your name will be omitted from the 2007-2008 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-07

**Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.**

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "Via e-mail" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.

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Signature

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## 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 7-9-07*

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

(630) 584-1002

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

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St. Charles, IL 60175**

**membership@fvdtc.org**

Dear Members,

The fall trial is underway in the planning department. As Trophy person, I would like to request you let me know if you will be sponsoring the classes you sponsored in the past. Or maybe you might like to sponsor a different class. That would be great too.

I will keep the fees the same as they were last year and as you may know that pricing has not changed in many years past. So that is a good thing.

If you are offering an award that you are purchasing, please inform me as we have to list that item. If you want the prize to be cash, you need to inform me of that.

Thanks for all your continued support of this organization. It is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sue

[artisticpeggysue@yahoo.com](mailto:artisticpeggysue@yahoo.com)

630-377-3025

## BRAGS

Sonnenshein Dazzlin Krista Amer/Can CD TD RA RN was presented by Dogs in Canada the "Top Obedience Dog 2006 Award" for placing "First in the total number of points won by a Giant Schnauzer" in Canada.

Krista loves to work and I am very pleased with how she performed in Canada. This was quite a pleasant surprise for us.

Krista has also passed, for the second time, the Therapy Dog International Test that was held at FVDTC on May 17, 2007, from Tom Stephenson, Evaluator.

Sonnenschein Xanadu Amer/Can CD and JeFran Toto, a Giant Schnauzer and Sheltie respectively, have also passed the Therapy Dog International Test given on May 17, 2007. This was Xan's second time passing and Toto's first time.

I am very honored and proud of all of them for the love and devotion and total faith they have working with me.

Francene Andresen



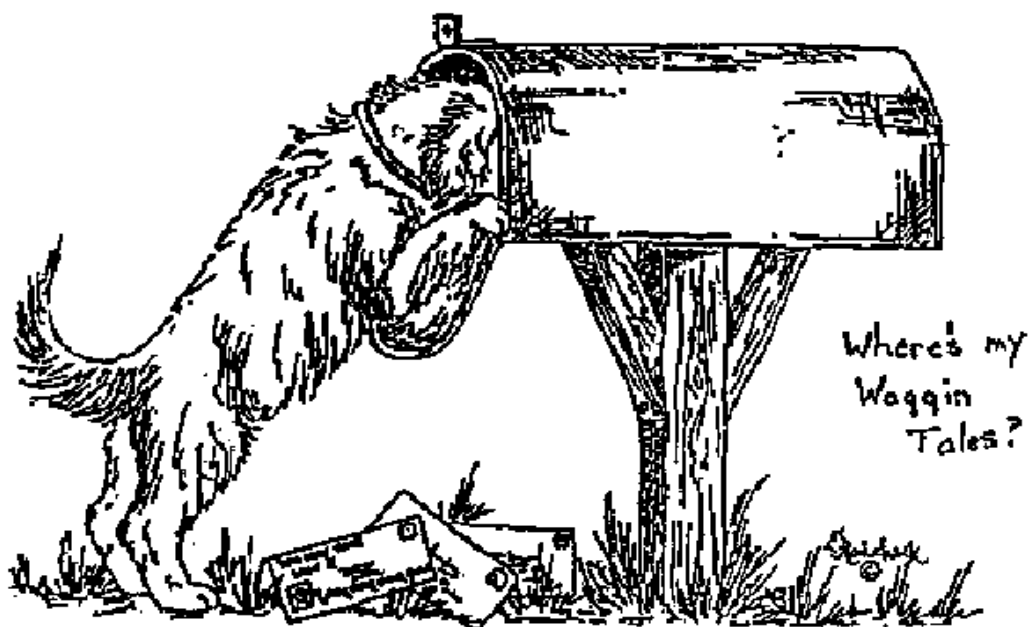
Sock Hop Brisco County Jr. earned his Canine Good Citizen award on May 17, 2007, from Rick Cox, Evaluator. Congratulations to Barb Misch and Brisco.

"We've worked really hard, and thanks to him I've learned a lot more about dog training than I ever planned. It's really nice to have a marker of our progress. Barb"

*Change of E-mail Address:*

*As of 5/28 I am [colliehaus@toast.net](mailto:colliehaus@toast.net)*

*Sylvia Schultz*



| MAY |                 |                                                                            | June |                 |                                                                     |
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| 2   | Wednesday       | Membership Meeting                                                         | 7    | Thursday        | Regular Training                                                    |
| 3   | Thursday        | Regular Training                                                           | 14   | Thursday        | Regular Training                                                    |
| 6   | Sunday          | WT Deadline                                                                | 15   | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                                |
| 10  | Thursday        | Regular Training                                                           | 17   | Sunday          | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                              |
| 17  | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Correction &amp; Cerf Clinics<br/>CGC &amp; TDI Tests</b>               | 21   | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                                            |
| 22  | <b>Tuesday</b>  | Regular Training<br><b>End Session 2<br/>Puppy 7 p.m. &amp; Beginner</b>   | 28   | <b>Thursday</b> | Regular Training<br><b>4-H Classes End &amp; End<br/>Puppy 8:00</b> |
| 31  | <b>Thursday</b> | Regular Training<br><b>Start Session 3<br/>Puppy 7 p.m. &amp; Beginner</b> |      |                 |                                                                     |
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