



WAGGIN' TALES

THE SHOW MUST GO ON.....

Rain, rain and more rain could not stop the Fox Valley Dog Training Club's September 2008 Agility Trials. This was the first time the September trials were held indoors. Thank goodness!! All of us, including our dogs, were wet but the trial equipment, rings and our judges were very dry.

We had fabulous judges, Kera Holm and Sally Gichner. They were a delight to work with. We had a wonderful contingent of workers, some of whom quickly volunteered when they knew we were short. My thanks to all of you for 'jumping' in. Pun intended.

I also need to personally thank my committee members, Cathy Fleury, Kent Hildebrand, Vera Nyberg, Shirley Short, and Taffy Wille. I could not do this without you.

Thanks for everything,

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson

Photo submitted by Helen Castellano

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FVDTC NOVEMBER OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

Updated November Obedience Trial information

Unfortunately we were forced to make some last minute changes to our obedience judging panel due to medical issues. Our judging panel will be:

Novice A & B: Donna Larson
 Open A: Tom Masterson
 Open B: Karen Anderson
 Utility A: Tom Masterson
 Utility B: Kathleen Lund

All Rally classes: Julia Simmons

The Premium list has been printed and delivered. The Premium list is also available on the FVDTC website (www.fvdtc.org).

Thanks,
 Rick Cox
 November Obedience Trial Chair



HELP HELP HELP

It's that time of year again. We need your help to make our November Raffle a success. Please donate any clean unused toys, blankets, grooming items, equipment, etc. that you may have and be willing to donate to our Raffle. Also consider such items as gas cards and gift cards from Panera Bread.

We ask that when you go and get something for your dogs or place an order that you pick up an additional item for the Raffle. That goes for the people stuff, as well.

If you have Raffle items, please place them in the box at the front table on training nights. Or, you can contact Francene Andresen at waggintales@fvdtc.org or Barb Misch at itsallaboutthedog@hotmail.com to make other arrangements.

We welcome any handmade items from our creatively talented members who wish to show us their special talents.

Thanks to those that have already contributed . Your support is greatly appreciated.

Francene Andresen & Barb Misch
 November Raffle Chairs

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

Members below to be voted on at the Wednesday, November 5, 2008 Membership Meeting.

Beth Franke & Kelsey Rankin
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 St. Charles, IL 60174
 (630)584-6714
 Golden Retriever mix
 Completed Beginners class
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 44W020 Main St
 Elburn, IL 60119
 630-365-2638
 German Shepherd
 Guest Trained 5 times
 e-mail: cheralami@earthlink.net

**Membership Meeting Highlights
October 01, 2008**

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

Peggy Sue Seehafer introduced herself as the program presenter. She provided a lot of wonderful information for taking better pictures of our dogs.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the red box of information has been repainted and relabeled. That information included in the box are FVDTC correction clinic entry forms, local non-FVDTC correction clinic information, pet supplies catalogs, etc.

Be sure to periodically review the information in the box.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training). Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, sent the following report for the Beginner and Puppy classes which begin on October 30th. As of today, she has the following students in each of the classes.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
7:00 p.m.	2	6
8:00 p.m.	Starts October 2 nd with 8 students	6
9:00 p.m.	n/a	None

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that he has been unable to connect with the Trial Secretary to confirm entry status. However he will keep trying. Additionally, Rick provided the following Trial Committee reports.

Chris & Dana Weller (Booth Chairs) - booth space is filled.

Bill Clarke (Catalog Chair) - reporting a poor response to inquiries regarding catalog advertising. He currently has only three catalog ads confirmed and another promised.

Carolyn Pearson (Hospitality Chair) - will host the Judges dinner on Saturday night and arrange for transportation for judges to and from the airport and to the show site on Sunday morning.

Kent Hildebrand (Publicity Chair) - will send information to the news media this week. In response to Rick's question, it was agreed by the members present that we would not charge admission to spectators this year.

Kent Hildebrand (Rally Trial Chair) - will check the Rally equipment this week.

Cathy Fleury (Ring Steward Chair) - will post the sign-up sheet for ring stewards at training this week.

Ed Herdes (Equipment & Tear Down) - needs HELP with tear down following the trial!

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Trial Trophy Chair) - reported that she received trophy fund donations from two veterinary offices, Dr. Minard of Elgin and Dr. Miles of St. Charles. Peggy happily reported that with the exception of the High In Trial trophy, all trophies have been sponsored for the trial. She thanked everyone who contributed to the fund!

Francene Andresen and Barb Misch (Trial Raffle Co-Chairs) - Francene reported that HELP is needed to make our November Raffle a success!!! Please donate any clean unused toys, blankets, grooming items, equipment, etc. that you may have. Additionally, items such as gas cards and gift cards from local restaurants also appear to be sought after. Consider adding an additional item or two to donate to the raffle the next time you get something for your own dogs. That applies for the people stuff, as well.

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talented members who wish to show their special talents. Thank you to those that have already contributed to the Raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Loretta Lazzara (Trial Kitchen Chair) - there will be a list available at training to sign up for items that club members can donate for the kitchen for the trial. Additionally she will need volunteers to help clean up the kitchen area after the trial is over. Clean up includes putting away tables and chairs.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the whole weekend was wonderful. The weather was great, the food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves! Ingrid encouraged everyone to check out the fantastic photo collage that Francene put together for the September Waggin' Tales. Additionally, Ingrid reported that all four of the Tracking Test exhibitors went home with their TX titles. Unfortunately the passing rate for the Tracking Excellent Test was only 50%. Ingrid also reported that the judges for the 2009 Tracking Tests will be the same as this year. The 2009 Tracking Tests will be the weekend of September 5 and 6.

Francene also reported that for the first time that she is aware, the tracking test made a profit of approximately \$25.00 thanks to all of the fundraising that was done throughout the year.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) reported via e-mail that she ordered the Beginner's Class Graduation Ribbons, after receiving Board approval. She is presently working with Kathy Jenkins to obtain the ribbons. She asked that if any Beginner's instructors, past and present, has any extra ribbons to please return them to her, in event that they are needed for the upcoming Graduation. Barb can be found assisting Vera Nyberg in the 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class.

Barb also reminded Terri Byerly and Joan Mazat to provide her with a list of students who are graduating, so she can prepare the Graduation certificates.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) Ingrid stated that she still needs stewards for the October Correction Clinic, as always. Barb Runkle volunteered for the October Correction Clinic.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next WT deadline is Sunday, October 5, 2008. She stated that she is hoping to receive information from the Agility Trial Committee to provide a report in this issue. She also would attempt to put any photos she receives into the October Waggin' Tales.

Additionally, she asked that all the November Trial Committee chairs to send her any requests for help to get their notices to her ASAP . This will allow her to put the requests front and center for special attention.

Francene also asked that members with send in Brags. She stated that she enjoys reading about others doing well and feels that she is not the only club member who does. She would also encourage others to send in any funny stunts that their special furry pals might have done. I am sure that most of us could use a good laugh or good news for a change.

She greatly appreciates all individuals who contribute to WT. She also suggested that everyone takes an opportunity to read the separate article in the October Waggin' Tales which provides information about the "Makings of the Waggin' Tales".

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$3.50 is Rick Cox as drawn by club member, Peggy Sue Seehafer. Rick donated his winnings to the Tracking Committee.

Old Business

Chicago's Mandatory Spay Neuter Ordinance

Carolyn reported that we will continue to send e-mail updates as information becomes available regarding the issue. Carolyn reminded club member that IF anyone does not wish to continue to receive these updates, simply send Jan Schomer an e-mail message asking her to please remove your name from her list.

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Conversely, IF you have not received any of these updates and would like updates, please send an e-mail message to Jan to add your name to her list.

Terri also encouraged club members to stay aware of the issue. Carolyn also stated that even though the ordinance does directly impact most club members, it would be a mistake to believe that this could not happen in closer to home.

New Business

Christmas Party Committee

Terri asked for volunteers to assist in the planning and working at the Christmas party. Terri stated that thanks to the pictures with Santa, a significant amount of money was raised for the tracking test. Terri asked Carolyn to see whether she can obtain the Santa Claus suit again.

AKC Obedience/Rally Judges seminar

Loretta Lazzara stated that she and Sandi Stephenson would like the club to consider hosting an AKC Obedience & Rally Seminar. Rick reported that AKC requires all active Judges to attend a minimum of one AKC Judges seminar every three years. Loretta stated that the next seminar to be held in the area currently is scheduled for July 2009 in Minnesota. Loretta also reported that the Stone City Kennel Club hosts the seminar every three years, but the next one is not scheduled until 2010. Rick stated that the all day seminars are conducted with Obedience one day and Rally the other day. Rick also stated that AKC staffs the seminar and provides all the learning materials. Rick reported that he attended the Obedience day of a Judges seminar in Michigan, not too long ago and thought that it was extremely informative and well worth the \$75.00 he paid for the event.

Loretta stated that AKC has the following requirements for hosting a seminar:

- Host must guarantee a minimum of 30 attendees per day.
- Host must pay a \$10.00 per attendee to the AKC.
- Host must provide dogs for demonstration purposes for all Obedience and Rally exercises
- Host must provide one fully matted ring with equipment for all classes.

In response to questions, Loretta stated that should take between six and eight months for the planning. Dave Lewis made a motion that we form a committee to coordinate an AKC Obedience & Rally Seminar with Loretta Lazzara and Sandi Stephenson as co-chairs. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without opposition or any abstentions.

Rick stated that the AKC Obedience & Rally Seminar is NOT just for judges, handlers will also benefit from the information.

Membership Meetings Format Changes

Terri stated that according to feedback from the recent Membership survey regarding the length of the Membership meetings, we are proposing the following changes to the meeting format. Unless there are any strong objections to these changes, we will begin this new format during the November meeting and continue it into 2009. We will re-evaluate its effectiveness at the June Board Meeting.

- Programs scheduled for a meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. To allow you time to plan your schedule, programs will be announced in the Waggin' Tales published the month prior to the meeting. Programs are not scheduled for the January (elections) and November (trial business) Membership Meetings, so those meetings will still begin at 7:30 p.m.
- The Business meeting will not begin prior to 7:30 p.m. However, the length of the program determines the actual starting time of the business meeting.
- During the Business meeting, only items that are a "need to hear" item will be verbalized during the meeting by the President or the Secretary. You will be able to read all of the details of the Committee report information in the WT. Any items which require discussion will be addressed immediately following the Committee report. The discussion part would not be different from what we do currently.
- Old and New Business formats remains the same as done currently.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Letter from the Editor...

Hi Folks,

After reading our President's note last month and having an extra page to fill this month, I thought that some of you might be interested in how Waggin' Tales (WT) comes to life in print and gets out to all of you. The fact is that there are a few people involved in the whole process. Below I will share a shortened version of how WT is developed and mailed.

There are about 6 basic steps to putting out Waggin' Tales.

The editor:

1. receives information and news material from the Board, Committee Chairs, and members.
2. arranges the information received and puts the newsletter in printable form, proofreads and corrects mistakes and sends the final draft to the president and secretary for a final review and any corrections or additions.
3. notifies the membership chair to print labels and send them to the mailing person, and obtains a current e-mail list to use for notifying members that WT is ready for online viewing. (This is usually done a couple of days before WT is actually sent to the printer so that the mailing person will have the labels and can be prepared for the call from the printer.)
4. sends the finalized document to the printer and woofmaster for publication.

The printer:

5. prints the newsletter and prepares it for final distribution and contacts the mailing person that the newsletters are ready to be picked up from their office. (The printing time is determined by the number of other customers ahead of our job and may take several days from the time they receive it in their office. It is not usually printed the same day and the printer does not work on Saturday or Sunday.)

The mailing person:

6. picks up the newsletter, obtains the stamps required, places the labels and stamps on the publications (approximately 100 – 130 generally) and then takes the finished publications to the post office for processing and distribution.

During any of these steps, delays can and do occur for a host of reasons. Time issues related to people working or having family commitments are just 2 of the most common factors. There are others.

I, for one, am not as quick on the computer as others so putting the newsletter together takes me more time than it might someone else. This is especially true for photos and artwork.

The deadline date is the date by which all information to be contained in the newsletter for that month's issue should be received by the editor. It is not the date in which WT is mailed.

Sometimes folks need reminders that they didn't get their information in on the deadline date, especially for important business. These are times when the information can't wait for the next month's issue due to an event or something of importance occurring soon.

The result of the missed deadline causes a delay in getting the information to the editor.

I hope my explanation answers any questions some of you might have about the monthly publishing of our newsletter, Waggin' Tales and how there are a number of people and a number of steps involved in the process.

I enjoy doing Waggin' Tales and if anyone would like to come and do it with me I'd enjoy sharing the experience. In addition, if anyone thinks they might enjoy trying to do WT themselves please feel free to talk to me or Terri about giving it a try. You might enjoy the experience, too. You wouldn't be alone while giving it a try. I would be happy to help you get started, just as others helped me get started.

If you have any thoughts or comments I would sure like to hear them. Waggin' Tales is most interesting when the members contribute by sharing their good fortune and knowledge with the rest of us. Please drop a line for WT when you can. I hope this has given all of you a better idea of how WT comes to life in print and gets distributed to you. .

Waggin' Tales to you,

Francene Andresen
Editor, Waggin' Tales

BRAGS AND WAGS

At the Wheaton dog show in June, I finished the pretty, black-brindle AmStaff 'Tucker', and now he is CHAMPION BearFoot's Friar Tuck.

He took Best of Winners out of the Bred-by class, then went on to defeat two top ranked Specials and won Best of Breed!!

Since all of his wins were from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, AKC notified us that we have qualified for Eukanuba's National Championship Invitational in Los Angeles for 2008 and 2009.

Tucker is Bumper's 9th Champion, and several more of her get are pointed. We are very proud of our 'top mama' and her kids.

Thank you to our superior conformation instructors, Donna Dodson and Marian Lazzara for their help, guidance, and expertise.

Sandi and Tom Stephenson



Announcing a New (CT) Champion Tracker

**CT Riesenrad's Special Wheel
VCD1, TDX, AXP, MJP, RAE, CGC, TDI & Can.CD**

On Sunday, October 5th, 2008, my big boy Pally passed his Variable Surface Tracking Test at the Rand Park Obedience Club venue at the Lincolnshire Office Complex.

Pally now is the second Giant Schnauzer in the Country to achieve this prestigious title, the very first one was his big sister, Heike.

I am so proud of Pally and Heike and all of their accomplishments.

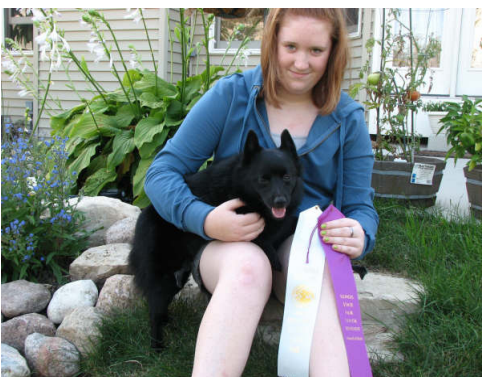
Ingrid Hamburger



Congratulations from Fox Valley Dog Training Club to Nicole and Stephanie Szczurek for their participation in the 4H State Dog Show in Springfield, Illinois, in August. Stephanie and her Sheltie, Apollo, placed 9th out of 27 teams in the Advanced Beginner level. Nicole and her Sheltie, Cody, competed at the Advanced Novice level. Your hard work and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work. Mary Szczurek provided the above information for WT.



Congratulations to Devon and Alyssa Kellums on their success during the IL 4H obedience state fair judging. Devon and Alyssa both qualified in Novice. Devon received 8th place in Novice out of 21 dog/kid teams. Alyssa also qualified but did not receive a placement. Shelly Kellums provided the above information and photos below for WT.



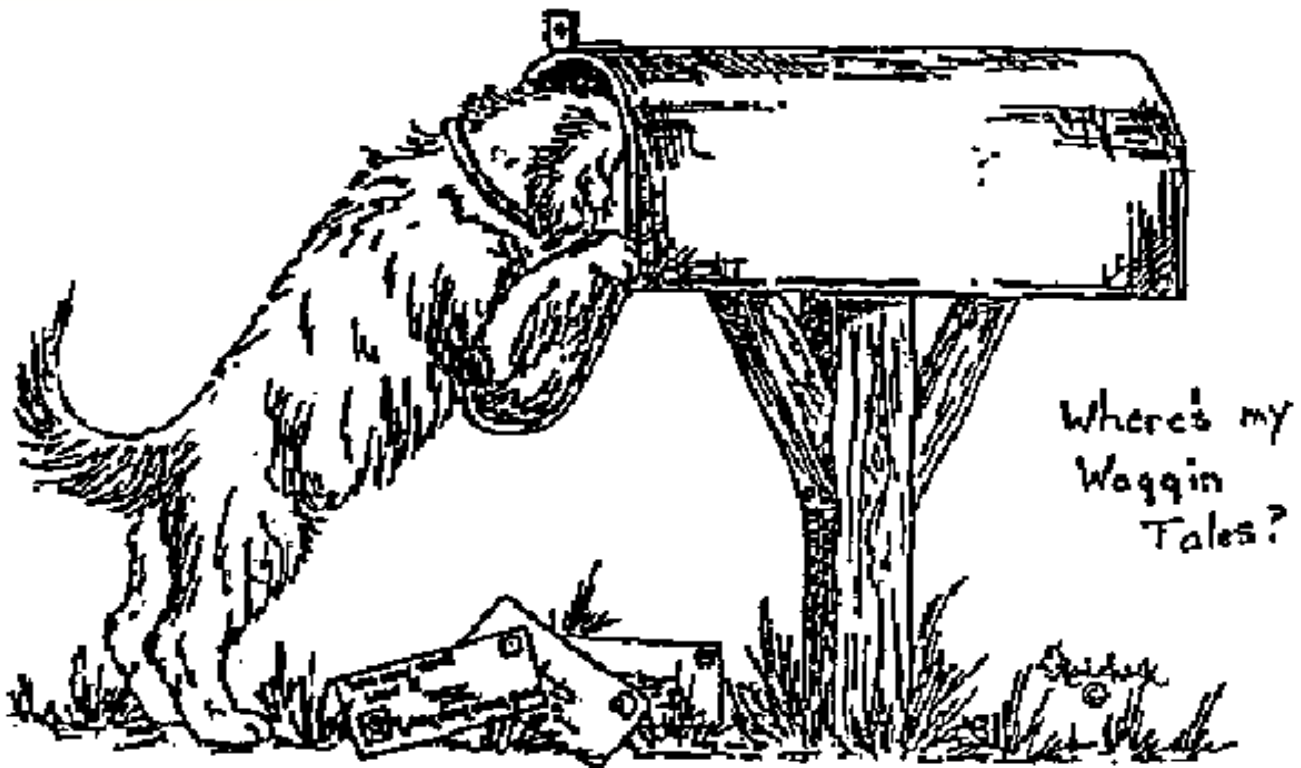
← Devon Kellums

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is very proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations!!! You both did great!



Alyssa Kellums →





OCTOBER		
1	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
2	Thursday	Regular Training Start Puppy (8:00)
5	SUNDAY	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Regular Training
14	TUESDAY	Regular Training Graduation Session 4 Puppy (7:00) & Beginner
23	Thursday	Correction Clinic
30	Thursday	Regular Training Start Session 5 Puppy (7:00) & Beginner

NOVEMBER		
5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
6	Thursday	Regular Training
9	SUNDAY	FVDTC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL
13	Thursday	Regular Training
16	SUNDAY	Waggin' Tales Deadline
18	TUESDAY	Regular Training
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	TUESDAY	Regular Training End Puppy (8:00)