

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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## Waggin' Tales



### Come One, Come All !!!

Mat cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

The adage of 'many hands making light work' is really true when we clean our mats. The more volunteers, the easier it is to do.

Also, IF you have any of the following, please bring them with you!

Leaf Blowers

Wet/Dry Vacuums

Extra Wide Floor Squeegees

### Trials & Trophies

*Denise Schiele*

Our premium list will be going to the printer in a few weeks. We have to publish all the special awards that we are offering in the premium list. So, if you were thinking about a special trophy or cash award for your breed of dog, I need to know about it ASAP. We have had several generous club members step up and donate a special awards and I am sure there are other club member who would like to donate also. So now is your chance!!

If you have any questions about special awards or any trophy related question, please give me a call or drop me an email.

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### Open House

*Barbara Runkle*

The FVDTC will be hosting an open house to celebrate and support the American Kennel Club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 24, 2009 from 6:30PM to 8:00PM in conjunction with the Correction Clinic.

There will be instructors on hand to explain all the classes offered at FVDTC.

Representatives will be on hand for Meet the Breed and there will be a CGC evaluator in attendance to explain how your canine pal can become a certified AKC Canine Good Citizen.

If there is any group or organization that would like to join us please contact Barbara Runkle at [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org) or by phone at 630-880-8278

## Message From the 2009 Annual Dinner Committee

*Francene Andresen*

August seems like a good time to remind all of you about the Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet held by FVDTC each year.

The dinner is a great time to get a chance to mix with folks we don't necessarily see each week or month, and to meet with the people we hear about but don't know. This is especially true of newcomers to FVDTC.

It is also a time in which we honor the hard work of our members whom without there would be no club or training facility for us to utilize. We are very appreciative of all the volunteers and respect their commitment of time and energy that they give to the club.

The banquet is also a time for us honor and show case those who have taken to the show rings and obtained titles on their dogs. It is with this in mind that we are writing to you now many months before the banquet.

We would like to remind you at this time to be sure and keep track of your shows, scores, and titles, etc. We also want to remind you that in order to get your awards from the club, you must meet the requirements which do include membership meeting attendance and working for the club.

If you are planning to receive any awards for competition accomplishments, then you may want to review the rules for receiving awards. You can find the requirements using the website or checking through last year's Waggin' Tales for additional information. It is a good idea to review the information now so that you can be prepared before it is too late in the year to do all you need to get an award. The information can also be of help to organize the data you will need to fill out the forms the beginning of next year.

We also want to remind those of you who have been around awhile that this year has brought some changes to our awards format. You may remember this from our notifications last year. It may be worthwhile to again review those changes.

We hope this reminder to both the new and the well established members will be of assistance to all.

Keep an eye out for future notices regarding our Annual Dinner.

Bon Appetite,

The 2009 Annual Dinner Committee

### **Braggs and Other Great Stuff**

*Cindy Krelle*

Ch Ravenswoods Forever Fireworks, aka 'Boomer' (Doberman) finished his championship on July 28 with a 4 point major at Elkhorn, Wisconsin. He completed this in 6 months, just before turning 13 months old. Owner, Cindy Krelle is thrilled and ready to begin Obedience/Rally in earnest!! See you at training!

## Membership Report

*Sue MacPherson*

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## SONNENSCHEN XANADU

AMER / CAN CD, RA, TDI, CGC

August 19, 1997 – July 14, 2009

It is often said that animals leave unmistakable imprints on the people with whom they live. Xan has without a doubt been one of those animals. I have learned more in these 11 + years than in my previous 45 years working with and training both domestic and exotic animals. However, it is true that without previous experience I most likely would have failed him. He was not a Giant for beginners, the weak, or the faint of heart. He demanded a leader that he believed was superior or equal to his own ability to lead. And with that, our relationship began.

Xanadu would never be called an “easy” dog to live with or a “couch potato”. Oh, no, not him. Words that would best describe him would be strong willed, determined, self-centered, clever, cunning, exceptionally intelligent, extremely dominant, persistent, controlled, out-going, friendly, protective, and loving. Last but not least, Xanadu was a dog that NEVER quit or gave up without a fight.



His early years were spent attempting to dominate and control the house every waking hour. Training and consistency were the key ingredients to his ultimate ability to overcome his need to be in total control. Although I have had a number of dominate animals over the years and have had Giant Schnauzers (males and females) since 1981, Xanadu has been my most challenging. But, from our intense relationship through the training process has come an equally intense bond and partnership which I will always cherish.

From his early years of testing the limits, he moved to his middle years of acceptance with a watchful eye for any weakening on my part. But in his later years, he finally recognized that he achieved more of what he wanted by softening his attitude. He melted into a blob when children were around and loved doing therapy work at our local hospital, nursing homes, and library.

On June 2, 2008 Xan was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure. His prognosis was “grave”. We weren't sure he would live the week out and 2 months survival was considered to be out of the question. His lungs were full of fluid, the atrium of his heart was in fibrillation, all of the valves were leaking, and his ventricles were only working at 40 – 50 percent capacity. His heart rate remained above 140.

He was placed on numerous cardiac drugs, and a major issue we had was feeding him enough food to maintain his caloric need to survive and thrive. As time went on, he was able to pull himself together.

Looking at the photos above would you believe they were taken just a short time after his diagnosis? He was still very ill, but I was afraid we would never be able to get the photos if we waited much longer. So on a day that he was showing more strength, I took him to have his photos done at Peggy Sue Seehafer's home. She is a professional artist, and she did a beautiful job and never taxed him. As it turned out, Xan lived another 407 days after his diagnosis. One year and 42 days we were able to have Xan with us.

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As I had told my vet when he was diagnosed, "Xan is not ready to go. I will support him as long as he wants to keep fighting. He will let me know when it is over." Xan rarely showed signs of his illness. If you did not know he was ill you would never have guessed. Every day he trotted in and out of the house, guarded, remained a dominant leader, and insisted on play activity nearly every night. I modified his play, but we still had a great time even though it was often done while lying on the floor.

Xan did not act as though he felt well his last day. He needed encouragement to go outside and was slower than normal. He did not get up when Jeff arrived home. Shortly thereafter he had either a heart attack or a seizure. His heart rate plummeted to 37, and we took him to the vet where he died a short time later.

His strong presence is greatly missed now and will be for a very long time.

Xan, we love you and miss you but know that you are with Krista and gathering your pack to lead.

*Jeff and Francene Andresen*

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## Lost - But Found!

The following items have been accidentally left in the building at some time in the past. If you believe that it belongs to you - please check with the club member at the front table or Carolyn Pearson, and they can show you where they are.

If they are not claimed by October 29th, they will be disposed or donated.

- 1 Hooded Sweatshirt, Kids, Grey, Aqua Hood, Zipper, Size -XL - 15/17
- 1 Flexi 3 Leash, Black, Long
- 1 Lead, Nylon, Blue, Braided, 3/8" wide, 6' long
- 1 Lead, Nylon, Brown, 1/4" wide, 3' long
- 1 Metal Food/Water Bowl, Medium
- 8 PVC Pieces, ~8" length with connectors, left at the training in a plastic Meijer bag.

The following BRAND NEW items were recently left at training in a plastic Jewel-Osco bag.

- 1 Lead, Black Nylon with glittery paw prints and bones designs, 1" wide, 6' long
- 1 Collar, Black Nylon with glittery paw prints and bones designs, 1" wide, 15" - 25" long
- 1 Weaver Slip Collar, Stainless Steel, 2.5 mm, 16" long
- 1 Titan Slip Collar, Stainless Steel, 2.5 mm, 22" long



## Used Items for Sale

The following orphaned lost and found items are now for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items - please check with the club member at the front table.

- \$1.00 - Buckle Collar, Nylon, Red 3/8" wide, 12" long, Adjustable
- \$2.00 - Lead, Leather, Latigo, Braided, 3/4" wide, 32" long
- \$1.00 - Utility Gloves – White w/White Cuffs, 3 gloves per set (Used but clean)
- \$1.00 - Utility Gloves – White w/Blue Cuffs, 3 gloves per set (Used but clean)
- \$1.00 - Tracking Gloves – Brown w/Brown Cuffs, 2 gloves per set (Used but clean)
- \$3.00 - Bait Bag, Outward Hound brand
- \$3.00 - Waste Bag Holder, Gray Plastic, Petnation brand
- \$1.00 - Plush Flyer with Squeaky, Purple & White, Zanies brand
- \$2.00 - Metal Food/Water Bowl, Small

### FVDTC Equipment Reduction

- VCR and Camera - MAKE AN OFFER
- \$20.00 – Brown training mats, 3'w x ~30'l

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## Board Meeting Highlights

### August 7, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the mat cleaning has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at 8:30 a.m. at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) reported that she is currently working on several program plans, but nothing has been confirmed as of now. She will announce the programs as they are confirmed.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report as of July 31, 2009. There were no questions. Dana stated that she verified the amount returned by the state to the club was the correct amount.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report. She has been in contact with Lori Kantner who has been inquiring about instructing at FV for some time now, to replace Nancy Hoffmeister, Assistant Instructor, for the 8:00 p.m. Beginners Class. Although Lori is not currently a club member, she will submit her membership application prior to assisting. Joan stated that Lori has guest trained at the club, many times but never submitted her membership application. Joan also stated

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that Lori has been a student in the FVDTC Open class, as well as has trained with her many times at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago and at Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club. Lori is currently is training her black Labrador Retriever, Ella, in Open. Joan reported that she was unsure which titles she earned with her older yellow Lab and that her youngest Lab just had cruciate ligament surgery. She also does agility and therefore cannot instruct on Tuesdays. Lori has also worked at PetSmart as a trainer.

Joan reported that Barb Misch has made a schedule for the next rotation of Assistant Instructors for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class with Vera.

Joan also reported that we are in need of substitute and regular instructors. However, in speaking with several instructors - we are currently lacking good candidates. More experienced members are either concentrating on their own goals, have family demands, or simply feel that they have done their share over the years. Joan believes that we need to look in Beginners and Advanced Beginners for those who may be interested in learning and growth by helping others. Due to her instructor commitments of two classes per night, Joan stated that she is unable to observe students in the classes and would appreciate recommendations or volunteers.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the club will host an open house on September 24th in conjunction with AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership week. She will have a table containing information and a ring set-up specifically for the event from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. She will also have a table containing information at the club's Agility Trial on September 12th and 13th.

Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that everything for the trial is coming along. She stated that she is currently working with Denise Schiele, Trophy Committee Chair on trophies. Nancy

stated that Denise has put a sign-up board at training for club members who wish to sponsor any of the class placement trophies. Nancy also reported that she added another sign-up sheet for club members who wish to sponsor any or part of the High in Trial, High Combined and Second High in Trial trophies.

Nancy stated that she will have the premium list ready for printing by September 8th. Therefore, all club members wishing to sponsor any trophy must provide the information to Denise no later than Thursday, September 3rd. The premium list will be available for distribution the week of September 14th. Nancy stated that premium lists will only be snail-mailed to those exhibitors who showed last year and are not club members. The premium list will be available to club members on the club's website. She also verified that individual donors do not need to be listed only in the trial catalog, not in premium list. The premium list will also include the information and an entry form for the November 5th correction clinic.

Nancy also verified with the Board that Denise would be able to accept a request from an individual who wished to sponsor a trophy for the "Highest Scoring Dog Who Has Been Adopted from a Rescue or Shelter". Additionally, club members wishing to sponsor a trophy "In Memory of 'Fido'" could do so.

Nancy stated that all Novice A exhibitors will receive a "Welcome Bag" similar to the ones provided last year. These bags will contain such items as a small stuffed toy, some poop bags, a small container of hand sanitizer or other small dog related items. Nancy made a motion to approve the purchase of the supplies for the welcome bags to a maximum of \$10.00 per bag. Barb Runkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present with no one opposed or abstaining.

Nancy also reported that the Trial Committee is

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meeting on Friday, August 14th, to discuss trial details and to review the draft of the premium list. The only information that will be added to the premium list after everyone's review could be some trophy donor's names.

In response to Nancy's question regarding the quantity of ribbons, Peggy stated that she did order extra last year, so the only ribbons which needed to be ordered was for the "New Title" earned. Peggy stated that she would also check her schedule to see whether she would be able to meet with the current trial committee chairs during a meeting on August.

Additionally, Nancy said that Taffy has been great answering her many questions while she gets up to speed on what activities must be performed. Dana provided Nancy with the date that the Trial Deposit check was written to the fairgrounds. Nancy will order the judge's books and armbands from Roy Jones.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, she sent the budget for the 2009 Tracking Test for review. She stated that the budget is still not complete, as she is awaiting a quote from Jenkins Trophies. Ingrid reported that she has enough volunteers for tracklayers and cross-track layers/walkers. Other volunteers, such as cooks, bakers, etc., will be sought when it is closer to the test date. Peggy made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Barb Runkle. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposed or any abstentions.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Co-Chairperson) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report:

- The trial numbers at the draw date are below the maximum, therefore the draw will not be necessary.
- The entries will be accepted up until the actual closing date of August 22nd.
- A request to the Board to approve a cash

expenditure for the purchase of a toy and/or treat per dog entered to be given to all exhibitors at the Agility Trials.

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the purchase of a toy/treat per dog entered to be given to all exhibitors at the Agility Trials on September 12th and 13th, to a maximum of \$350.00. The motion was seconded by Peggy Sue Seehafer. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposed or any abstentions.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report:

- The next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, August 9th.
- Updated the club's Website's home page to highlight the Agility trials, the Tracking test, and the Obedience/Rally trials and renewed the [www.fvdtc.com](http://www.fvdtc.com) domain for two more years.

### Old Business

- Carolyn Pearson reported that she did complete the online survey she received from an east coast obedience club.

### New Business

- Carolyn Pearson reported she signed the club up for the new AKC Club Outreach pilot program.
- Carolyn Pearson stated that based on past conversations, the following policies in the "GENERAL POLICY FOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES" needed further definition. After much discussion the policies were modified to state the following:
  - All Board Members have a maximum limit of \$50.00 per occurrence to an annual amount of \$250.00 per fiscal year for non-budgeted expenses. Expenses over the per occurrence amount must be pre-approved by the Board.



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- All Committee Chairs have a maximum limit of \$50.00 per occurrence to an annual amount of \$250.00 per fiscal year for non-budgeted expenses. Expenses over the per occurrence amount must be pre-approved by the Board.

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the policies as modified. The motion was seconded by Barb Runkle. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposed or any abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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## Training Tips From Ian Dunbar

*William Short (Source: Ian Dunbar)*

The following are three of the many things that Ian Dunbar shared at his recent local seminar.

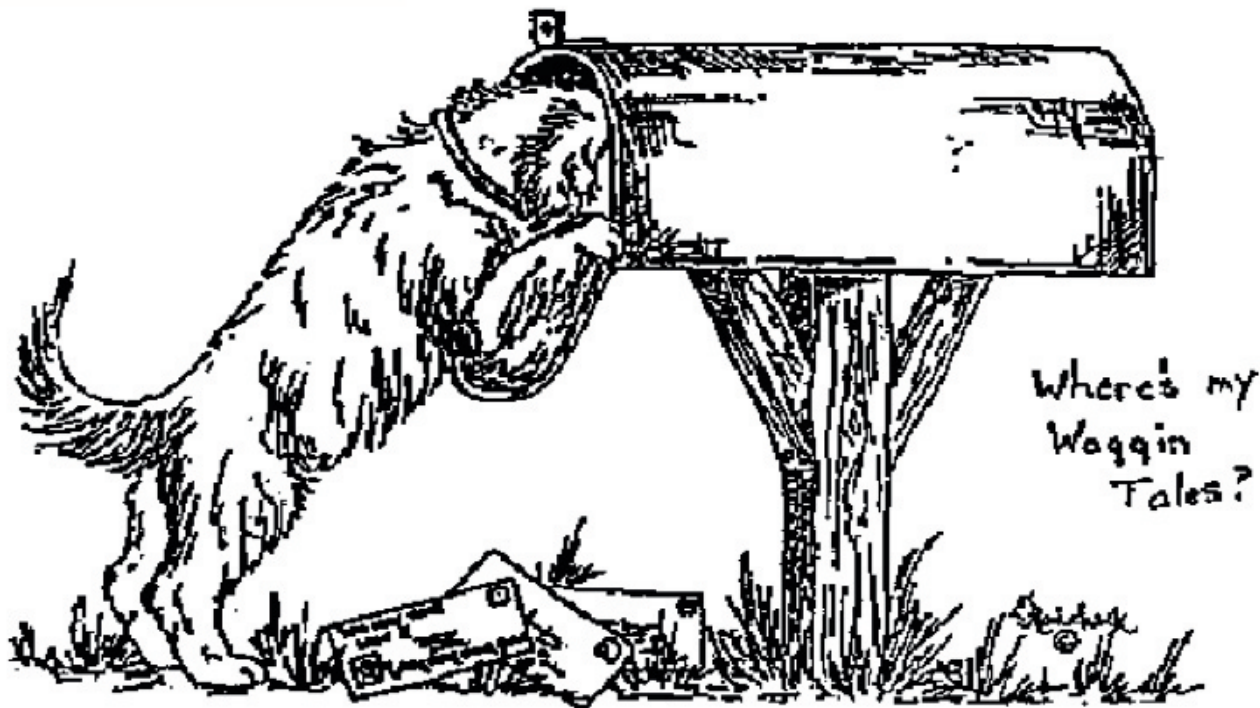
*What is an owner to do when his dog suddenly lunges and growls at an approaching dog?* First of all, your dog sees the approaching dog as a threat. When you overreact physically, you are telling you dog two things: the approaching dog is dangerous, and you will hurt him when another dog approaches. Therefore, he must take the situation in hand and try to scare off the intruder. Here are steps you can take in this situation:

1. if your dog growls or lunges at an approaching dog, simply ask him to be quiet, to come to you and sit;
2. if you need to lure him to a sit, use a treat when you call him;
3. tell him what a good dog he is for doing this and give him the treat

*What is an owner to do when his dog shies away from new people coming to greet him, even when food is offered?* It is very important that you take steps to help your dog, or somewhere in the future your dog is likely to bite someone. One suggestion is to hand feed your dog for several days for at least one meal. Get everyone in the house and, if possible, some friends to do the same thing for at least 3 days. In a different setting ask your friend to stand several feet in front of your dog and toss treats over the top of your dog's head so that he has to turn around to get them. You may need to repeat this before moving to the next step, which is for the friend to stand still, not approaching your dog, but offering a treat held in front and at the dog's eye level. If your dog comes for the treat, tell him good dog, give the treat, and ask the friend to back up and do it again. If this is successful, have the friend offer another treat and when your dog comes for it ask him to sit. When he sits, tell him what a good dog he is and offer the treat. Do this with as many people that you can find who are willing to be patient and help. Just expecting your dog to be accepting of anyone who comes up to him puts three individuals in potential danger: the friend, you, and especially your dog.

*What is an owner to do when his dog runs out of the ring while training?* Would you go after him, or call him to come to you? When you follow your dog, and call him to return it is a great idea for you to be as positive as you can. If your dog willingly returns to you, give him several treats and tell him what a good dog he is. If you had to chase him down, calmly get him under control, get his lead on, ask him to come to you and sit, tell him how great he is, and then give him several treats. If you decide to punish your dog for coming back to you under these conditions, don't be surprised when it happens again, that he will not return. After you have safely recovered your dog, it would be a good idea if you could figure out why your dog left you in the first place.

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## August

4	Tuesday	Regular Training
7	Friday	Board Meeting
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
13	Thursday	Regular Training
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
27	Thursday	Regular Training

## September

2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training
5	Saturday	Tracking Test Setup
6	Sunday	Tracking Test
		Waggin' Tales Deadline
10	Thursday	Regular Training
11	Friday	Agility Trial Setup
12	Saturday	Agility Trial
13	Sunday	Agility Trial
17	Thursday	St. Peter's Barn Sale
		No Training!
24	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Saturday	Mat Cleaning