



Waggin' Tales

2009 FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB FALL TRACKING TRIAL

Francene Andresen

The fog was so thick Saturday morning that the judges, tracklayers, and tracking committee members were cracking jokes about the plotting of the tracks and visually sighting distant landmarks. It turned out that by the time the teams fully gathered for the day of plotting the tracks, the fog lifted and eventually the cloud cover yielded to the sunshine. Of course this did prompt everyone to keep in mind the possibility of a repeat fog performance on Sunday and to plan their strategy appropriately. The judges made it clear that driving safely was a priority and, if needed, tracking times would be adjusted accordingly.

As luck would have it, Sunday began with a gentle rain falling as the Trial team was awakening and driving to Burnidge Forest Preserve in

Elgin, IL. The rain quickly gave way to an overcast day with no wind and a day just perfect for the tracking community. The clouds kept it just cool enough for the tracklayers, the dogs and handlers, judges, and the tracking enthusiasts who came to watch and lend their support to the contestants.



The judges stated that all the dogs did a nice job, but our very own FVDTC member, Sylvia Schultz and her Collie, was the only team given the distinction by the judges as being **"textbook perfect"**. Only one team did not pass, and this was due to handler error.

Our Judges Donna Kircher and Pam German did a wonderful job organizing the tracks, and we thank them for their professional service to our club. In addition we wish to thank all those who have donated money to the tracking fund, and to the following for their help in making the 2009 FVDTC Tracking Tests a huge success.

Members:

Ingrid Hamburger - Tracking Chair & Trial Secretary
Ed Herdes - Equipment & Tracklayer
Francene Andresen - Judges, Tracklayers, Food & Driver
Vivienne Hildebrand - Food & Comfort
Kent Hildebrand - Tracklayer & Assistant

Cathy Fleury - Tracklayer
Bob Read - Cross-tracklayer & Assistant
Hermann Hamburger - Flag Carrier & Assistant
Cheryl Hettinger - Cross-tracklayer & Misc. Assistant
Barb Misch - Cross-tracklayer, Food, & Driver
Pat McMahon - Flag Carrier & Driver
Sylvia Schultz - Food
Sue MacPherson - Food
Kristen Cox - Food
Nina Herdes - Food

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Teresa Higgins - Tracklayer
 Chris Koth - Tracklayer
 Jeff Beatty - Tracklayer
 Eibhlin Glennon - Tracklayer
 Penny Dubernat - Tracklayer
 Erin McKechnie - Cross-tracklayer & Driver

Without you we would never be able to do all that we do. Thank you very much. The tracking community has the best folks around and we appreciate them greatly.

NEW TRACKING TITLES**TD (Tracking Dog):**

Riverrun Finnegan, TD (Otterhound, Dog) and Eibhlin Glennon
 Celestial Catch Me If You Can, CD, RA, TD (Giant Schnauzer, Dog) and Laura Feldt
 Kanosak's Moon Rover II, CDX, RE, NA, NAJ, TD (Golden Retriever, Dog) and Barbara Palm
 Westwind's Sophie, TD (Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Bitch) and Jerelyn Schantz

TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent):

CH Goldshield's Gabrielle Chanel, CD, RN, HT, TDX (Rottweiler, Bitch) and Barbara Palm
 CH Rosepoint Tribute, TDX (Rough Collie, Male) and Sylvia Schultz
 Isabeau of Sunset View, TDX (German Shepherd Dog, Bitch) and John Srejma

**AGILITY TO BE FEATURED IN NOVEMBER***Peggy Sue Seehafer*

Our meeting for the month of November will feature one of our own members talking to us about Agility. Marietta Huber will give us a talk at the November 4th meeting at 7:00pm at the Extension Center. Mark your calendars since she has a great deal of experience and will share lots of information with us.

If you have not done agility, been thinking about trying agility or love the sport already, make sure you attend this meeting and learn.



THE BOOSTER BATH HAS A NEW HOME!!!

Cheryl Hettinger

Along with her "textbook perfect" performance at last Sunday's Tracking Test, Sylvia Schultz took home the first prize booster bath when Judge Donna Kircher drew her name as the winner of the Booster Bath Raffle. The booster bath raffle donated \$130 to the tracking test.

Runner ups were Harlan Housak and Barb Runkle.

Congratulations Sylvia, and thanks to everyone who contributed to the Booster Bath Raffle.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2

Carolyn Pearson

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

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

Ed Herdes (**First Vice-President**) reported that the Annual Mat Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at 8:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. Volunteers and equipment are needed. On-the-job-training is provided.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (**Second Vice-President**) reported that she is currently seeking an individual who would be able to give a brief overview about agility to new people at an upcoming membership meeting. Marietta volunteered to speak at the November 4th meeting. Peggy reminded everyone that programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the program.

Dana Weller (**Treasurer**) was not in attendance, but provided the financial reports as of 8/31/09 which were distributed at the meeting.

Joan Mazat (**Director of Training**) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. She stated that Assistant Instructors are always needed for Beginner's and Puppy classes. Additionally, although all current instructors are planning to continue, she needs club members who are willing to step in when advanced level class instructors are unable to teach. Joan reported that classes are full and progressing along; the aisle is full of students and visitors!

Sandi Stephenson (**Co-Assistant Director of Training**) was not in attendance, but sent the following

report. She stated that it was 'very cool' that we are getting a few new faces to help instruct.

Carolyn Pearson (**Obedience Trial Secretary**) reported that entries have started to arrive. The final open committee chair has been filled. Penny Brcich has agreed to be the Kitchen Committee Chair. She will be working closely with Loretta Lazzara and will be seeking volunteers to work the day of the trial.

Sue MacPherson (**Membership Chairperson**) read a list of 21 applicants for membership, which were published in recent Waggin' Tales. Four were present at the meeting. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to approve the list as read. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. WELCOME to our newest club members!

Ingrid Hamburger (**Tracking Test Chairperson**) reported that the committee is getting ready for the plotting of the tracks at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin on Saturday for Sunday's Tracking Test. She stated that although most of the preparations are done, she would still appreciate volunteers who would be able to donate food, such as pasta salads, vegetable salads or cookies, for the workers on Sunday. Anyone who is able to donate food, should contact her or Francene Andresen. In response to a question, Ingrid gave a brief description of what the beginners and advanced tracking tests entail.

Barb Runkle (**Public Education Coordinator**) reported that the club is hosting an Open House on September 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Responsible Dog Ownership Week. The event is an AKC sponsored event to encourage all dog owners to be responsible owners, etc. In addition to presenting

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club information, other local organizations will also be participating. Barb stated that when a request is sent on club letterhead, AKC will provide free rule books to the club. She will provide some of the rule books to Nancy Einwich for the thank-you gifts which will be given to all Novice A competitors at the Obedience Trial.

Cathy Fleury (**Agility Trial Co-Chairperson**) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. The 2009 Fall Agility Trials are September 12th and 13th at the SportPlex off of Dean Street in St. Charles.

According to Shelly Kellums, over 100 workers are needed each day for the trial to run smoothly. Shelly reported that during the 2009 Spring Agility Trials, only 14 were club members. She would like to see more club members volunteering for even an hour or two would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to volunteer to work at anytime during the weekend (set-up is Friday, September 11th) should contact her .

Cheryl Hettinger (**Annual Dinner Chairperson**) reported that the Dinner Committee has been formed and plans are already starting to be made for the 2010 dinner.

Ericka Koehn (**CGC & TDI Test Coordinator**) reported that she is currently working to get all of the contact information for the CGC and TDI tests changed from Colleen Kent to her name.

Barb Misch (**Graduation Chairperson**) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. She asked instructors to return any blank certificates or ribbons to her for use at future graduations.

Sandi Stephenson (**Match Co-Chairperson**) was not in attendance, but extended a big thank-you to all who have signed up to judge!

Ingrid Hamburger (**Match Steward Chairperson**) reported that she needs stewards for the next correction clinic on Thursday, September 24th. It is fun to work / participate and on-the-job-training is provided.

Bill Clarke (**Publicity**) reported that he provided more brochures to a vet's office in Geneva that he has recently visited. Additionally, he provided brochures to a vet's office in St. Charles which typically purchases an ad in our Obedience Trial catalog. He also provided his contact information for future requests.

Dave Lewis (**Waggin' Tales Editor**) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, September 6th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.50 is Ingrid Hamburger as drawn by new club member, Meghan Jourdan. The remaining \$4.50 was given to the Tracking Test committee.

Old Business

Tracking Committee Fundraiser Status
Cheryl Hettinger announced the interested individuals who wished to financially support the Tracking Test event AND possibly win a new Booster Bath, would have one more opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket on Thursday, September 3rd. The winner of the raffle will be drawn on Sunday at the Tracking Test.

New Business

Rally Class Proposal

Terri Byerly announced that Joyce Conway and Victoria Abraham presented a proposal to the Board and Members regarding offering a new class for Rally. The written proposal was distributed to all the club members present at the meeting and consisted of the following information.

- A Brief Description of Rally

A form of obedience where the dog and handler team perform various exercises in a predefined course of 'stations'.

- A Brief Description of Rally Titles

To obtain any of the following AKC Rally titles, the team must receive a minimum score of 70 points (out of 100 maximum) at three different AKC sanctioned Rally trials, with three different Judges. Rally Novice (RN), Rally Advanced (RA) and Rally Excellence (RE). To obtain the Rally Advanced Excellence (RAE) title, the team must receive a qualifying score (greater than 70 points) in the Rally Advanced (RA) **and** the Rally Excellence (RE) classes at a total of ten Rally trials.

- Class Objective

To have FUN!

- Why Now?

To encourage trainers to participate in the up-and-coming canine competition events.

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- Class Prerequisites
 - Participants

Dog and handler teams must be familiar and comfortable performing basic obedience commands. Handlers may train multiple dogs in the class, however only one dog at a time is allowed in the ring.

- Instructors

Must have earned the Rally Excellence (RE) title.

- Class Type

Drop-in, no pre-registration would be required.

- Class Fees

Same as all other drop-in obedience classes, or free to training members.

- Class Materials

Rally equipment (such as signs and sign holders) already exist in the equipment cabinet.

- Class Time

According to the club members surveyed at training, the 9:00 p.m. timeframe would be a good time and there is ample ring space available at that time. The class would be one hour long and conducted on nights listed as "Regular Training" on the club calendar.

- Class Syllabus

The plan is to teach the Rally class using ring signs to define stations and rotate the teams through each station until all teams are complete. All levels of Rally should be able to use the ring simultaneously because the even the novice level signs are used through the advanced level classes.

- Class Instructors

Primary: Victoria Abraham and Sandy Davis

Assistants: Connie Crawford and Joyce Conway

The following is the discussion that followed after the presentation was reviewed.

In response to Loretta Lazzara's question regarding whether the class would be taught as a class or treated more like a run-through, it was agreed that the class

should be a teaching event and that run-throughs would continue to be done only at our correction clinics. She also asked whether this would impact the Ring-Ready class, as Nancy Pederson does incorporate Rally exercises during the class.

Ericka Koehn stated that the technique that Glenbard uses for their Rally class is very similar to a run-through.

Additionally, DOT, Joan Mazat sent her written support of this proposal, stating that there is ample interest in this class. She also stated that Victoria Abraham's enthusiasm for Rally and for offering to teach the class stems from her achievement of the RAE title with her Standard Poodle, Sophie. Joan also said that Rally allows a dog/handler team to continue training and competing even when the dog is older and/or retired from Obedience.

Carolyn suggested that following all the exchange of ideas, that the Board should meet with the following individuals: Victoria, Joyce, Sandy Davis and Nancy Pederson, to discuss the details and the implementation of the Rally class.

Helping New Members Feel Welcomed

During the discussion of the Rally class, it was also brought up that newer club members do not always feel comfortable knowing the options that the club offers. Peg and Dave suggested that the information of "where to go after beginner's class –or- what to know after becoming a member" could be presented in a visual depiction, such as a tree. New club members Paula Schultz and Meghan Jourdan volunteered to assist in this endeavor.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

NOVEMBER OBEDIENCE TRIAL PREMIUM

We are pleased to announce that the FVDTC Obedience & Rally Trials Premium list is now available on our website at <http://www.fvdtc.org>

Nancy Einwich, Trial Chair
Carolyn Pearson, Trial Secretary

AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAYS

The American Kennel Club is committed to helping dog owners raise happy, healthy dogs that can be kept for the pet's entire lifetime. Among companion animals, dogs are unmatched in their devotion, loyalty and friendship to humankind, but owning a dog is a responsibility as well as a privilege.



Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about your dog and celebrate the human-canine relationship with AKC® Responsible Dog Ownership Days.

Date:	September 10, 2009
Hosted By:	Fox Valley Dog Training Club
Event Location:	Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd. St. Charles, IL
Time:	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Activities:	Open House
More Info:	Barb Runkle, education@fvdtc.org



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 Nylon Insulated Lunch Bag, Blue, "Turano" logo
- 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.

PILLARS OF HEALTH SEMINAR

Karen Shaw Becker, DVM

Pillars of Health: Proactive Health Care for Companion Animals

Elgin Community College ATC Auditorium

Saturday, September 26, 9am -- 3pm

Learn the basics to promote a long healthy life for your companion animals! It's vital information whether you're a proactive animal caretaker or an animal health professional. If you're a beginner, get a good foundation! This seminar provides you with: condensed, distilled principles, critical points you need to know a framework to refer to, to evaluate and think about all health concerns and topics In the 5 years since this seminar was last presented, huge leaps in knowledge have been made. Update your information!

Nutrition

Historic perspective

Commercial foods

Optimal nutrition

Diseases of nutrition

Components of a healthy diet (ancestral diet translated)

The Body: All systems need to work!

Genetics and Environment

Factors that influence the immune system

Immunologic Degradation

The Endocrine Axis

Growth Regulation, Thyroid Function, Adrenal Function, Sex organs

The Immune System

Underactive - failure: cancer

The Balanced Immune System

Healthy guts and Leaky Gut

The Overactive Immune System

Allergies

Autoimmune problems

The inflammatory cascade

Treat the root of the problems: heal the gut

The Frame: muscles and bones

Factors that lead to frame disease

Factors that enhance graceful aging

Top Factors that influence the frame

Weight: diet, hormone balance, exercise

Movement

Trauma

Central Nervous System

Prevention: what you can do

Diet, exercise and fitness, avoid toxins

Making food, step by step (featuring Beth Taylor, author of See Spot Live

Longer and Real Food for Dogs and Cats)

Why is homemade food a good idea?

We show you how...

Seminar registration: \$69.00. Online registration @ naturalpetproductions.com or contact Beth Taylor at 31 Lovell St., Elgin, IL 60120

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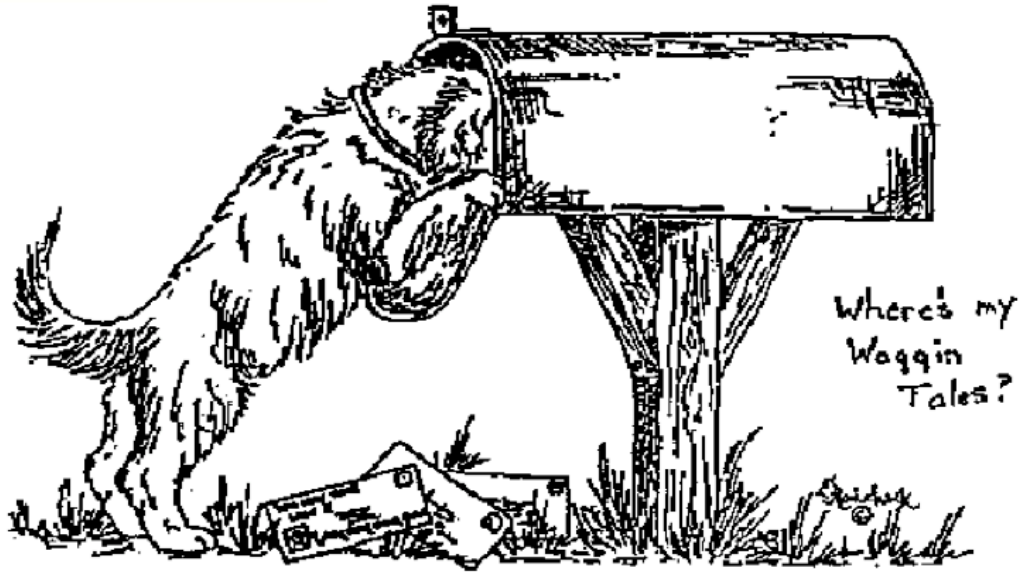
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September

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 Setup
12	Saturday	Agility Trial
13	Sunday	Agility Trial
17	Thursday	No Training
24	Thursday	Correction Clinic
		RDO Open House
26	Saturday	Mat Cleaning

October

1	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
8	Thursday	Regular Training
11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic
22	Thursday	Regular Training
29	Thursday	Regular Training

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