

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

THE SALLY COMPTON OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The Compton award began in 1995, to acknowledge Sally Compton and her many, many years of service to the club which epitomized the true spirit of volunteerism. Sally's dedication to FVDTC is genuine. She and her daughter Robin originally joined FVDTC when Robin participated and Sally volunteered in the 4-H dog training program over 30 years ago. Over the years, Sally earned a UD on one Rottweiler and Robin earned a UD on two Rottweilers. Sally faithfully supported FVDTC as the club greeter at the Front Table for 25 years. Even after "retiring" from being the club greeter, and until just recently, Sally continued to support the club by hand labeling and stamping the Waggin' Tales sent each month for many years, seeing it as her opportunity to stay in touch with her many friends at the club. Additionally, Sally and Robin continue to attend the annual Obedience Trials, greeting the exhibitors and her many friends. Club members who know Sally have been blessed.

This year's nominees are:

Marian & Loretta Lazarra

Their constant help for FVDTC and interesting helping students and members at the club deserves this nomination! Ingrid Hamburger

David Lewis

David has been involved with the FVDTC for many years and during this time he has been Club President, Director at Large (currently) and Editor of the monthly newsletter (currently). All of these positions are volunteer but he has unfailingly given his time and energy to getting the news out to fellow members. Please consider David for the Sally Compton Award. Barb Moore

Terri Byerly

Year after year remains as president continues to teach non-stop, including the 4H kids every year. Represents the club to the public in a wonderful positive manner. Great representation of what a club member should be. If all of us worked as hard no one would be bearing the weight of others.

Cheryl Hettinger

Working table every training night – with a big smile for all!

Nancy Pederson

Nancy encourages her ring ready class and others to get into competing. We talk about up coming trials and how to get the information. When at the trials she saves us a place, encourages us to do our best and then cheers us on. I have encouraged her too at trials and have celebrated our successes. It is such a great feeling at the end of the day to have your instructor stand with her students at the finish line, getting our legs and titles. We are a team (because of her) working towards our goals.



Terri Byerly

Terri Byerly has served as President of FVDTC since 2008. She has taught a Beginner class at FVDTC for many years. Because of her contact with new students, we have taken in many new members. She encourages her students to continue their dogs' education, and she has gotten a large number of her students to head in the direction of showing in Rally and/or Obedience. Terri is also coordinator for the Kane County 4H Dog Program. She shows a great interest in trying to help young handlers form a bond with their dogs. Terri feels that the "dog sport" that we all enjoy will need these young handlers/trainers for the sport to continue to grow and prosper. She has dedicated to great deal of her time and effort supporting FVDTC. I feel that Terri Byerly is deserving of the Sally Compton Service Award.

Loretta & Marian Lazarra

Why: It's almost hard to detail all the Lazarra sisters do for FVDTC. And, since they frequently work in tandem, it seemed only appropriate to nominate them together.

Whether it's teaching conformation, stewarding trials, running the kitchen at the Obedience trail, or the encouragement we see them offering young and old handlers alike on training nights, their contribution is a constant reminder for us of what our club can truly be. They've also stepped up to provide rally run-throughs, late in the evening when they've already been there for hours, so that members can get that valuable training. Their seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm should inspire us all, and in our eyes, there's no one better suited to receive and represent the Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award, than our own Dynamic Duo, the Lazarra sisters.

We'd further suggest that when the 2011 Awards come up next year, they each receive individual permanent plaques.

Cheryl Hettinger
Barb Misch



**FVDTC
Annual Awards and
Appreciation Dinner**

**Saturday, April 9
Old Towne Pub & Eatery
201 W. State St.
Geneva**

**Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)
Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
75-Limited seating**

**RSVP: Connie Crawford
1201 Averill Drive
Batavia, IL 60510**

**630-879-3570
dinner@fvdtc.org**

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person) for reservations for the following people:

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(first name) (last name)	(first name) (last name)
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OTCH WILDFIRE PILOT'S LICENSE TO FLY UDX24 OGM

2010 Top Obedience Trial Dog of the Year!

#1 Top 2010 Obedience Dog Of The Year is awarded by Purina, based on the dog with the most O.T.Ch. (Obedience Trial Champion) points earned in a year and presented at Purina Pro Plans Show Dogs of the Year awards ceremony in New York City.



Pilot has earned the AKC title of OGM, *Obedience Grand Master. OGM is earned by an accumulation of points awarded for each score over 190. The higher above the required 190, the more points earned towards the OGM title. Pilot has earned 3831 Obedience Trial Championship points including 103 Open B wins, 122 Utility B wins and 8 perfect "200" scores!

Pilot is owned and loved by Brenda Rivera who has been a member of FVDTC for about 27 years.



CALENDAR CHANGE

The April 1 Board Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, April 5.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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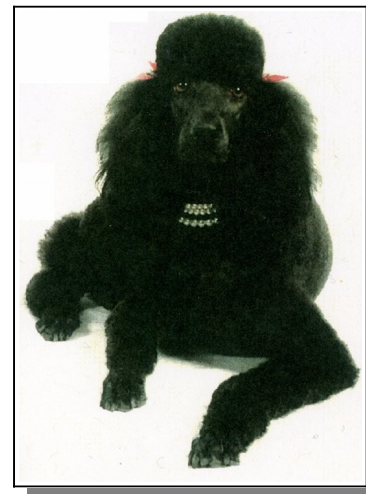
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A LETTER FROM SOPHIA

My Name is Sophia;

I live with my forever family now and I am very content, happy and settled. But I wasn't always that way. I had a bit of a rough start with a backyard breeder in New Douglas, Illinois in 2006. My litter-mates, and myself included, were underweight, flea infested, badly matted, dirty and neglected. We were all AKC registered Standard Poodles.....yikes what happened! Thankfully we were taken to

Adopt-A-Pet Animal Shelter in Benld, Illinois. There I met lifelong, dedicated women who diligently responded to my medical needs first, then with serious thought, made plans to establish what would change my future. The goal was to obtain a foundation to achieve my magnificent poodle potential. I was now in good hands. One day I was introduced to Joy Laughlin (an advocate for me) and she learned of a women interested in poodles who drove four hours just to meet me. Well, it was love at first sight, the deal was sealed! I was so shy, I didn't make a peep all the way home in the car, and it took months for me to gradually overcome my shyness. I carefully investigated my new home. I was shown where to go potty and where to eat. And because of my shyness I would do these things at night. I was still a little fearful of men, but my new owner would hug me and be reassuring. I started going to dog training class with Victoria and met a really nice German Shepherd. Abby (GS) and I became and still are best friends to this day. We would meet and train for years and would have regular outings....she seemed to understand me. I didn't have to do much to impress her. I started to learn to trust more and make friends with other k-9's too and soon looked forward to going to my training classes. Victoria and I started in Rally classes and after about two years of training and showing, I started to be more confident. We achieved our Rally



Advanced Excellent title (RAE). In 2007 through 2009, Victoria attended our training club annual awards banquet to honor k-9's and their handlers' achievements. Victoria received numerous awards and ribbons on my behalf. We celebrated a lot throughout the Rally years (must have something to do with the word). Later that year I earned a Companion Dog Obedience title (CD) and that's when I realized Victoria and I were a dream team.

I do have a personal favorite.... Agility. It provided a way for me to run my heart out, jump high and be with all my doggie friends. And for all the obstacles they put in front of me, I still flew like the wind. This year 2010, I earned three new Agility titles (NAP/NJP, GAP). I'm currently going to agility class on Wednesday evenings, and striving to improve on the communication skills it takes to compete in Agility. Victoria kept her goals in sight for us and my shyness became something of my past. We are both walking with great strides and our heads held high, and looking forward to more challenges yet to come.

The women who rescued my litter-mates and I have my deepest gratitude for finding us all forever homes. We have all been showered with love, kindness, and the respect we deserve. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the best dog I can be. After all, I am a Standard Poodle.

Love to you all,

Sophia (a proud black standard poodle)
CGC, RN, RA, RAE1, REA2, CD, NAP/NJP, OAP.

Dear Reader,

Don't be afraid to adopt a pet. I can't imagine life without Sophia.

She has enhanced my life and brought great joy to our family.

We include her in all our plans and travel with her. We have met so many nice people because of Sophia is in our life. She is my dream girl and my best friend.

Love Victoria

NEWS FROM THE AKC

The AKC National Agility Championship will be held April 1-3 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Results will be available via Twitter: <http://twitter.com/AKCNACResults>

You can also follow the AKC on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AmericanKennelClub>

IF YOU FOLLOWED FVDTC ON FACEBOOK

You would know that:

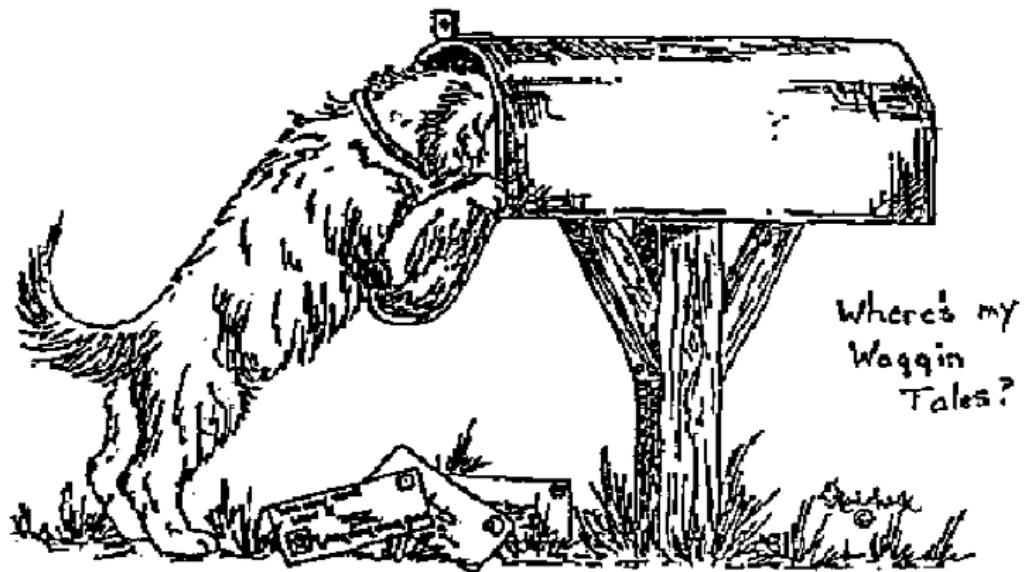
The next puppy class starts May 5th at 8:00pm

The next beginner class starts June 2nd, with options for 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00pm

Josh Billings (1818-1885) said "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself"



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April 2011

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| 1 | Friday | Agility Trial Setup |
| 2 | Saturday | Agility Trial |
| 3 | Sunday | Agility Trial |
| | | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 7 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 9 | Saturday | Annual Dinner |
| 14 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 21 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 28 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| | | End Puppy Session |

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