

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

Special Presentation! May 16th at 7pm

**What are the benefits of Animal Chiropractic?
Can it help your dog?**

By Dr. Erin O'Connor AVCA Certified Animal Chiropractor
Of Vitality Chiropractic Center in Aurora

Topics to be covered are:

- Spinal Health
- Posture and Gait
- Chiropractic Effects on Agility Performance
- Questions Welcome!

30 minute presentation just prior to the Membership Meeting

Location: Extension Center on Randall Road in St. Charles

Help Wanted!

No Experience Required, (in most cases)

Earn your Work Credits...Socialize...Get involved...Learn...Support your Club!

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
5/16/2012	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension Office	7pm: special presentation on Chiropractic benefits for dogs. 7:30 membership meeting	1
5/17/2012	Correction Clinic	Fairgrounds	Stewards(no experience required): contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
6/20/2012	4-H Show	Fairgrounds	Stewards (no experience required)/helpers needed for the 4-H show. Contact Terri Byerly (president@fvdtc.org)	1
6/21/2012	FVDTC Sanctioned Match	Fairgrounds	Stewards.(no experience required) Contact Ingrid Hamburger (tracking@fvdtc.org)	1
Thursdays	Primary Instructors	Fairgrounds	Instructor needed for Beginner class at 8pm. Earn credits PLUS reduced club dues. Contact Joan Mazat DOT@fvdtc.org	3
Thursdays	Assistant Instructors	Fairgrounds	Assistant instructors needed 8pm Advanced Beginner. No experience necessary except a desire to teach. Contact Joan Mazat DOT@fvdtc.org	2
Thursdays	Substitute Instructor	Fairgrounds	Substitutes are always needed. No experience necessary except a desire to teach. We will train you! Contact Joan Mazat DOT@fvdtc.org	1 for 4 nights

This listing will be included in each issue of Waggin Tales. If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at VP2@fvdtc.org

**Board Meeting Highlights
April 17, 2012**

Meeting brought to order at 7:47 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The February 21, 2012 Meeting minutes were approved as published. Carolyn stated that AKC recently announced that effective 2013, club's membership rosters would be required to be submitted electronically in a spreadsheet format. Sue stated that she believes that our membership database is capable of producing some type of spreadsheet, but will verify that.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the fairgrounds are installing air conditioning in Robinson Hall (where we train). During the installation, our set-up may occasionally require some flexibility on our part. Terri stated that she will contact Brian Ruppert regarding completing the repair on the outside shed and will also ask him to repair the bottom hinge on the right door.

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) stated that she has speakers arranged for the May 16th membership and the September 19th membership meeting. The programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin after the completion of the program. Donna verified that Ed will arrive early to open the Kane County Extension Center. She is currently working on a program to teach us how to read a dog food label.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the 2011 year-end financial statements which Ingrid Weihe also used to complete the club tax forms. She also distributed the financial statements through March 31st.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) reported that Barb Misch would like a break as the primary instructor for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Joan stated that the last class she will teach will be May 24th, due to advancing pregnancy and her relocation to a new home. Joan said that Sandi Stephenson is considering teaching the 8:00 Puppy class.

Joan also addressed the policy that instructors should not have their dogs in the ring during the class that they are teaching. She clarified that in addition to the dogs not being loose in the ring, the club's policy is that instructors should not have their dog on a leash in the ring during the class. She stated that she did not feel that she was able to enforce rules and policies with instructors due to their unpaid volunteer status. She introduced the idea of paying the instructors. There was a lot of discussion trying to determine whether the idea would be an effective way of obtaining instructors and whether offering payment would better enable the rules to be enforced. The discussion also included ways the other local training clubs encouraged members to instruct and to earn titles.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that the club's membership roster has been distributed or mailed to current club members. She also stated that Taffy Wille, as the New Member Liaison, has begun sending out the new welcome letters and additional club related information. Additionally, Taffy will contact all members who have joined within the past nine months.

Cheryl Lewis (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance. However, Dave Lewis stated that she had nothing to report.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that he and the judges committee were in the process of selecting judges for the 2013 trial. Brenda Rivera and Terri Byerly were the other judge's committee members.

Will also stated that he was approached by a Glenbard club member regarding the possibility of hosting their obedience trial on the Saturday of our trial weekend at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that "all is still good".

Old Business

- **Library Inventory Elimination**

Carolyn reported that most of the remaining books in the Library's inventory were donated to the St. Charles Public Library Used Book Sale. There were a few remaining books and video tapes left in the cabinet for review.

- **Membership Requirement Modifications – Discussion Continuation**

The following are the notes from the December 14, 2011 Board Meeting where the topic was originally presented and discussed:

Dave Lewis presented some ideas of modifying the current membership requirements and fees. These ideas have been discussed many times in the past, however those discussions did not provide any concrete processes. These changes are designed to encourage more club members to volunteer. Terri stated that she often is asked "what are the work requirements for new members to join the club." These changes would define the work requirements for general members to maintain their membership status. These requirements do not impact the requirements for awards presented to title earners.

Dave stated that there are currently three types of members: Active, Lifetime, and Honorary

- Active is a voting, and generally training, member
- Lifetime is a member who has been in good standing for 15 years
- Honorary is a non-voting type, awarded by the membership for either one year or for a lifetime

The types of membership would be adjusted to include the club member's willingness to volunteer. Training privileges and awards eligibility are earned by actively working for the club, along with paying dues. To accommodate these modifications, the following changes would be necessary.

- The membership application/renewal form will be modified to include the three types of membership, along with a training/non-training indicator. Any application indicating that it is for a "training member" will be required to submit three choices for committees or work opportunities that they would be willing to do, and a space to indicate special talents or skills that make the member especially appropriate for a particular position.
- The Board, or a committee of Board members, would review the membership applications and renewals and assign individuals to committees.
- The membership dues would be significantly increased (number to be determined).
- Members who train and earn a specific number of work credits (number to be determined) will have their dues discounted by 50% for the following year, offsetting a substantial increase in dues (amount to be determined) for training members who do not work for the club.

Additionally, the following recommendations were presented for review.

- Change the club membership year to be from January 1st through December 31st, to match committee membership responsibilities and the club fiscal year and the awards year.
- Modify the by-laws to eliminate the position of Second Vice-President as a Board position. It would instead be changed to a committee chair: Program Chair, with specific requirement to organize programs for the March, May, September and October meetings
- Modify the by-law requiring that there are to be regular Board meetings every other month, starting in February to say "Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President". This would better match the Membership meeting verbiage.

Dave suggested the following implementation and transition plan following the Board's approval of the suggested modifications.

- Changes provided to the membership at January meeting for approval in March
- June membership renewal is for June through December 2012, with dues modified appropriately.
- Membership application / renewal forms are modified in time for distribution in November and December 2012 for the January through December 2013 club year.
- The membership dues for the January through December 2013 year are not changed. The membership dues for the January through December 2014 are increased. Club members who work during 2013 get the 50% discount in 2014.

It was agreed that in order to finalize the plan that another special meeting should be scheduled. A tentative date of May 1st was scheduled. The date and location will be confirmed within the next few days.

- **New Business**

- Unfortunately the topic of Awards for Volunteers was unable to begin when it was discovered that neither Terri nor Carolyn had received information from Cheryl Hettinger. Carolyn stated that she will contact Cheryl to get the information.
- Dave recapped the topic of the FVDTC Scholarships that Barb Misch introduced at the March Membership meeting. High school seniors and older students would be eligible to apply for the scholarships. In response to Ed's question, Dave stated that the benefit to the club would be the increased exposure in the community. Dave also stated that the offering of the scholarships would be announced by press releases written by Barb Misch that would be sent to newspapers and local schools.

Dave made a motion that the Board members approve the scholarship plans as presented by the committee at the April board meeting. Donna Bihner seconded the motion. The motion passed by six members present, with two abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Open and Graduate Novice Workshop!

May 24th at 8pm (1 Hour) at the Fairgrounds

Presenter: Rick Cox, AKC Obedience and Rally Judge

Demonstrations: Nancy Pederson

Do you have your CD (or are working on it) and wondering what is next? Or maybe you are showing in Open/Graduate Novice and have questions on the exercises and how they should be performed? Rick and Nancy will unravel the mystery and answer all your questions at a one-hour workshop in May!

Topics to be covered:

1. Open and Graduate Novice Exercises (description and demonstrations)
2. Explanation of what the judge is looking for and how the scoring is done
3. Handouts describing the exercises and rules will be available.

There is no charge for the workshop, but we do ask that you sign up in advance just so we can send you the handouts ahead of time. To sign up either send an email to Donna Bihner (dbihner@gmail.com) or sign up at the information desk at training.

Reminder
Anyone interested in helping out
with the 4H Dog show this year
please contact Terri Byerly at
terribyerly@aol.com

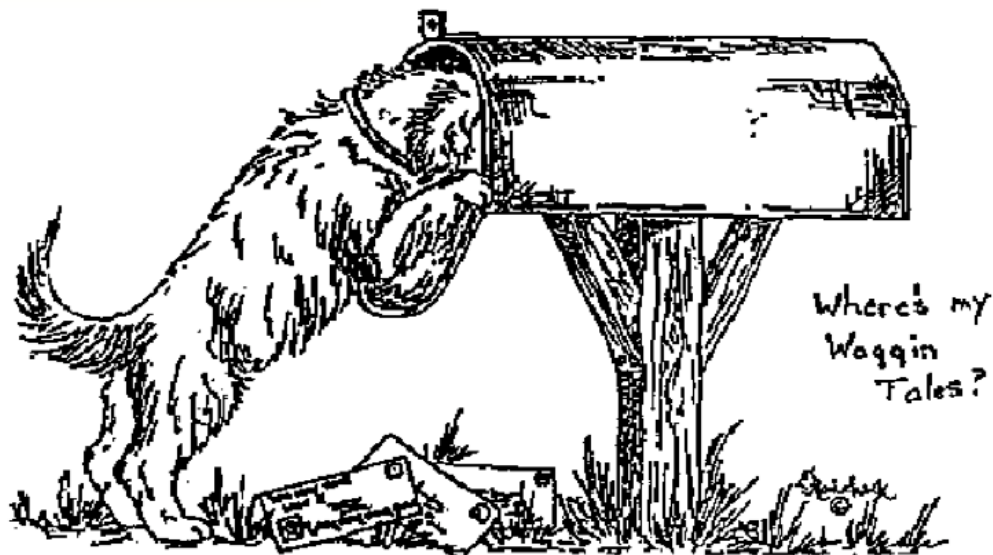
Brag!!!

On April 11th, Winnie, my enthusiastic Yorkie/Poodle mix, and I received the yearly Pet Therapy Award that Rush/Copley Medical Center presents for outstanding service while visiting patients. Winnie attends classes at FVDTC to stay current with her obedience skills. She also trained with Terri Byerly to become certified with Therapy Dog International. Winnie and I visit nursing facilities, schools, libraries and most recently participated in a "de-stressing" session for students taking final exams at Aurora University.

Thanks, Dottie Pokorny

Fox Valley Dog Training Club would like to congratulate Dottie and Winnie on their wonderful achievement, this award really is a sign of all your dedication and constant training. Keep up the Great Work.

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May 2012

- 3 Thursday Regular Training
Start Puppy Session
- 10 Thursday Regular Training
- 12 Saturday Annual Dinner
- 16 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 17 Thursday Correction Clinic

- 24 Thursday Regular Training
Seminar
- 31 Thursday Regular Training
Start Puppy Session
Start Beginner Session

June 2012

- 7 Thursday Regular Training
- 14 Thursday Regular Training
- 19 Tuesday Board Meeting
- 21 Thursday Sanctioned Match
- 28 Thursday Regular Training

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