



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

Spring has come and with it we have welcomed back the 4-H kids. It warms your heart when you see so many of the same faces year after year. You know we are doing something right, as kids would never come back if they were not enjoying themselves and learning something! As with kids knows, they have no patience for what they don't enjoy. Thank you to Terri Byerly and David Thornell for pulling the program together and a huge thanks to all our instructors and assistants. You are making a difference!

I've had many people ask me how people earned the awesome awards that were given out at our Annual Dinner. We have so many newer members that I think a lot of people are not familiar with our award programs. We have two programs – one for volunteers who do not show their dogs and one for volunteers who earn titles showing their dogs. Eligibility for either program is simple; you must be a training member and earn ten work credits throughout the year. If you are not sure how to earn those credits, here a couple of ideas. Sign up to help out at the monthly Correction Clinics, or help at any one of our upcoming trials. The clinic sign up is on-line (there is a link to it in the upper right side of the home page of the club's web site). It takes only two hours to earn a credit and boy could we use your help.

So after that big description - and just to entice you – here are a few pictures of awards given out this year. I hope it inspires you to both volunteer and to earn those titles!



Award recipients have many items from which to choose. There are seven levels of awards based on the levels of titles awarded by AKC.

Most items are personalized – with dog names, their pictures or both. Shown here is a director's chair, a lamp, a hand-drawn sketch and a bag.



There are too many to picture – this is just a taste. 😊

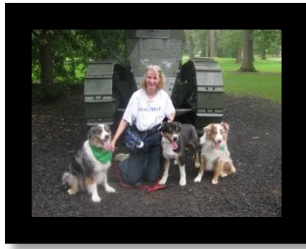


Donna Bihner

FVDTC – President



MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS



Joyce Conway

My name is Joyce Conway. You may know me as one of the co-instructors for the Rally Run-Thru class held at 7:00 pm on training nights. I began training at FVDTC in 2006 with my oldest Aussie, Murphy. We started with a drop-in class and went on to join the club. While Murphy and I were continuing to train in obedience, along came my second furry baby, Jack, who is another Aussie. This is where the passion began for me because Jack really enjoyed working with me. I refer to him as my “performance kid”.

Murphy went on to receive his CGC and TDI at FVDTC and then his RN (Rally Novice title). Jack and I have earned RN, RE, CGC, NAP, and NAJ titles together. He earned his RA title with my good friend, Ericka, when I was experiencing vision problems. Jack and I also have our ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) CD and RN titles. We received Zoom -1 C-wags title (fast Rally with no stops). My third furry baby, James, has received his UKC CH title and has AKC points in conformation.

If Ever Murphy Jordan RN TDI CGC



My future goals include adding more Agility titles behind Jack’s name, and showing James in Rally, Obedience, Conformation, and Agility to pick up as many titles as we can together.

What I have discovered with my own dogs is that each dog has their own motivation and abilities to work. Murphy taught me that not all dogs like to perform. Jack taught me that we can have a lot of fun together. So, I just need to learn to bring out the best in each of them.

My passion for Rally is to encourage others to love this sport as much as I do. That is why I pushed to have Rally taught at our club. I am thankful to Will Short who was willing to give up his “Positive” class to make room for Rally. I would also like to thank my friend, Barb Runkle for sharing the Rally passion with me.

I love to read dog training books and then share that knowledge of all that I learned. I enjoy volunteering at our Correction Clinics, Agility Trials, and Obedience Trials. What I love most about this club is spending time with the nice, knowledgeable people and their furry kids.

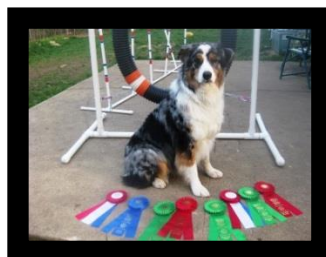
Murphy went to Rainbow Bridges on April 22nd. He will be greatly missed. Doesn’t matter how many titles you have at the end of your name it’s the journey you have together that counts.

Joyce & the boys

UKC CH Majestic Jameson Whiskey



Majestic Jack Daniels CD RE NAJ NAP ASCA CD RN and C-Wags Zoom 1



Come see us at the Rally Run-Thru ring from 7-8:30 on training nights.



FVDTC



OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIALS

NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH



SAVE THESE DATES

MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Members, we need your help to make this weekend successful
(Steward, set-up/take-down, kitchen, grounds, clean-up, raffle table)

Directions for signing up will be published at a later date.

Work credits for membership dues and awards can be earned this weekend

**YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND STILL SHOW YOUR DOG. WE CAN WORK AROUND
YOUR SHOWING SCHEDULE.**



Animal Chiropractic Care on Training Nights!

Dr. Erin O'Connor is scheduled once a month during training nights from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Her next scheduled nights are: July 8th and August 7th

Appointments are made directly through her by way of either her web site or by calling the Vitality Chiropractic Center. Walk-ins during training is always welcome however, if you know you are going to visit her please make an appointment to give her an idea of how many clients she might have. Dr. O'Connor has said she is more than flexible on training nights so people can shift their appointment on the spot as needed to accommodate their training plans.

Cost is \$45.00 (puppy under 6 months is \$25.00) for the initial visit and \$40.00 (puppy \$20.00) for a follow-up. If you have any questions, please contact Vitality Chiropractic Center. FVDTC is not involved in scheduling. We are just making this opportunity available to our members and students.

<http://www.myvitalitychiropractic.com/>

(630) 499-4078

New Members

Bob & Cris Ballenger
Wheaton IL 60187
Mixed Breed
Guest Trained

Grant & Mary Lou Douglas
Geneva IL 60134
Labrador Retriever
Completed Puppy class

Mary Fredrick
Campton Hills IL 60175
Cockapoo
Completed Puppy class

Stan & Sue Gibson
Batavia IL 60510
Nova Scotia Duck Toller
Completed Puppy class

George Ingersoll
Batavia IL 60510
English Springer Spaniel
Completed Puppy class

Rachel Innis
Elburn IL 60119
Bernese Mountain Dog
Completed Puppy class

Paul & Kathy Moecher
Batavia IL 60510
Rottweiler
Completed Beginner class

Rob Reilley
Elburn IL 60119
Labrador Retriever
Completed Puppy class

Robert & Eva Riggs
St. Charles IL 60175
Golden Retriever
Completed Puppy class



SUMMER CONFORMATION MINI-WORKSHOPS



Presenter: Cheryl Peterson, UKC Judge, retired AKC conformation, hunt test, field trial and junior showmanship judge

Want to get ready for the upcoming summer shows? Seminars Unleashed will be holding several mini-seminars at various sites throughout the area in order to help you tune-up your performance or perhaps make some modifications to help you achieve your goal in the ring – WIN! Each mini-seminar will be that of a run-through, however, each participant will be given specific suggestions for the handling of their dog to help enhance their presence to the judge. There will be group discussion pertaining to stacking, ring usage and gaiting. Classes will be held at each location through the summer. Private lessons are also available.

Working spots for all classes are limited to 15; unlimited auditing spots. Auditing spots are \$20 for all sites. Please sign up through Seminars Unleashed (info@seminarsunleashed.com) for any of these classes.

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(Thursdays) 7:30 – 9:00 pm on June 19 and August 21
Working Spots: Members - \$22.00 / Non-Members - \$30.00

Help Wanted!

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
6/19/14	Sanctioned Match & Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: On-line signup (below) or contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
8/21/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: On-line signup (below) or contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1

If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

Waggin' Tales Editor Needed!

David Thornell has decided that his real calling is teaching and would like to stop as editor of our newsletter. A HUGE thank you to David for all his help with the newsletter these past few years!

So we are now in need of a new editor! As editor you do not have to write articles – they are supplied by the members of the club. Each month the editor takes the articles, formats them into one Word document and after review by some of the Board members, sends it to the printer and to the web editor for publication.

Putting together the newsletter should not take more than a couple of hours a month, if you are proficient in MS Office products, Word being the primary tool. If you can help or have questions, please contact Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org or 630-762-8441.

Work credits (4) of course are offered to the Editor!



Correction Clinic Help Needed!!!!



We could really use help with the Correction Clinics – no training necessary! One work credit and a free run-through for each person that helps. The entire 2014 calendar is available to schedule your training. You can sign up and if things change, you are allowed to remove your name. It takes just a second to review and sign up. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Ingrid Hamburger.

Clinic Steward signup: http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014

The link is also in the home page of the club's web site.

Board Meeting Highlights
April 16, 2014

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

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

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) announced that Sandy and Dominick Davero from County Financial in Elburn were scheduled to speak at the May 14th meeting regarding Trupanion Pet Insurance. County Financial is a local partner of Trupanion Pet Insurance.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the Income and Spending Report as of April 15, 2014, for review. She stated that the income from the Agility Trial is not included, as she had just received the corresponding documentation from the Agility Trial Secretary today.

Additionally, Dana stated that Ingrid Weihe has the 2013 financials and should be working towards filing our taxes by May 15th. In response to Dana's request for clarification, it was agreed that the Sunshine Committee should spend a maximum of \$75.00 for flowers and \$100.00 for family requested charitable donations, when in lieu of flowers.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he and ADOTs, Loretta Lazzara and Sandi Stephenson, were discussing small gifts for the instructors.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she is working on the roster with Dave Lewis.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) thanked Nancy Pedersen, Obedience Trial Publicity Chair, for announcing that we are hosting a two-day trial on November 15th and 16th. In response to Carolyn's question, it was agreed that all judges, including the local judges, should be invited to the judge's dinner on November 15th.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was in attendance, and had nothing to report for tracking. However, she thanked Donna and the entire Annual Dinner Committee for the great Annual Dinner where everyone appeared to have an enjoyable time.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however Carolyn reported that the Fall Agility Trials have been approved by AKC.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that members can now use the "Members Only" page on the club's web site to submit their "brags". Loretta Lazzara collects the electronic brags and the ones submitted on the form at training and publishes them in the latest Waggin' Tales.

Old Business

none

New Business

• **June Board Meeting Date**

All Board members agreed to change the June Board Meeting from June 18th to Tuesday, June 17th, if the room is still available.

• **Set-Up and Break-Down Compensation**

The Board reviewed the compensation paid for set-up and breakdown. The previous increase was done in July 2011. After a brief discussion, Ed Herdes made a motion to increase the weekly compensation to \$60.00 for set-up and \$65.00 for break-down, effective April 1, 2014. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with one abstention.

- **New Work Credit Opportunity**

It was agreed that the club should offer one work credit to any club members willing to assist during any set-up or break down.

- **Conformation Mini-Workshop**

Donna stated that Cheryl Petersen has offered to host a conformation mini-workshop at the fairgrounds. It was agreed that we would have the space available at the June 19th and the August 21st Correction Clinics in order to host the event. This event will be offered to club members at a slightly reduced fee. Information on how to sign-up will be available at training and through electronic announcements, such as Constant Contact messages.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.



Membership Meeting Highlights May 14, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 7:54 p.m. following the interesting presentation by Dominick and Sandy Davero, from Country Financial, about the Trupanion pet insurance.

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

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that she currently has the following programs scheduled for our remaining 2014 membership meetings.

- **Ask a Judge** - The concept would be to have a panel of our own FV judges representing the various performance events (Obedience, Conformation, Rally and Agility) available to answer club members questions. Wendy stated that this program is currently scheduled for the September 17th Membership Meeting.
- **Canine Eyes** - The specific topic for the October 15th Membership Meeting is still to be determined.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that he needs conformation instructors for the following dates in June: 5th, 12th.and 26th.

Additionally, Donna announced that we will be hosting two conformation mini-workshops at the training building. The first one is scheduled for June 19th (the night of the June Sanctioned Match/Correction Clinic) and again on August 21st. The working seminars are being conducted by Cheryl Petersen, UKC conformation judge and retired AKC conformation judge for \$30.00 per person. They are scheduled to be start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. and are limited to a maximum of 15 working teams. Sign-up for the seminars is done directly through Seminars Unleashed (www.seminarsunleashed.com). FVDTC conformation instructors are invited to audit the workshop at no cost.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that plans are coming along fine at this time. She has signed contracts for the 2015 judges. Cindy reminded everyone that in order to successfully conduct a trial (especially our first two-day trial) we need LOTS of volunteers. So, save these dates– November 15th and 16th as the last opportunity you will have to earn work credits AND help out at a club event. There will not be many (if any) opportunities in December to earn work credits.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 11 applicants for membership which was published in the March Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as read. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Danamarie Izzo and Michelle Olivia who were present at the meeting!!!!

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance, however she reported that the Chicago Pet Show is scheduled for November 7th and 8th at the Kane County Fairgrounds. In exchange for performing two demonstrations each day, they will give us free booth space. The type of demonstrations is our choice. Cheryl Hettinger stated that we did have a small number of logo'd poop bag containers, in the event that we wanted to offer booth guests a token gift. Peggy Sue Seehafer and Donna Bihner volunteered to look into other ideas for tokens.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) announced that members can enter their "Braggs" on-line through the "Members Only" section of our web site. The information that is entered there is displayed on the club's home page and included in the next Waggin' Tales.

Donna Bihner (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that a successful Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet for 2013 was held on April 12th. Forty-eight individuals attended the dinner at the Geneva Historical Society. We started with a wonderful dinner made by the Food for Thought team and then had a fun filled program of awards, raffles and some friendly competition between tables. A **huge** thank-you goes to the following.

- The Awards Committee of Nancy Einwich and Carol Nightingale for their fantastic selection of items from which to choose.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer for making a wonderful picture montage of FVDTC events throughout the year.
- Pat Senne for the gorgeous floral centerpieces, which were sent home with many lucky dinner attendees.
- Cheryl Hettinger for obtaining all the items in the raffle.
- And, last but not least, Dinner Committee members: Candy Ellis, Vera Nyberg and Nancy Pedersen.

Donna also reported that the committee for next year's dinner is already formed, and consists of Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, Nita Norkus, Vera Nyberg and Cheryl Hettinger. Stay tuned for more fun next year! Candy Ellis announced that the dinner will be scheduled for April 11, 2015 and we will be returning to the Geneva Historical Society. Although next year's theme has yet to be finalized, attendees can count on the night being enjoyable – so 'save the date' in your 2015 calendar.

Donna also mentioned that she has contact information for the baker who made the cookies which were sent home as parting gifts. Donna said that she offers special cookies for ANY type of event. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she already contacted her to do the sweet table for her son's upcoming wedding.

Additionally, Peggy Sue announced that Fisherman's Inn has reopened for banquets and they will be having an Open House on June 7th. Donna stated that she did contact them while looking for the 2014 location and ruled them out after learning their prices.

Pat Senne (Match Co-chairperson) announced that on June 19th, we will be hosting a combination of an AKC sanctioned match AND a correction clinic. This format change was done to reduce the number of exhibitors who choose not to attend, because they want to be able to correct their dogs. However we still need to host sanctioned match to enable local individuals who are seeking to become AKC judges to meet the AKC requirement of judging at a certain number of sanctioned matches. Additionally, handlers will be able to choose whether they want to use food in the ring or not. Donna Nuger (as the owner of a 'nose-to-the-floor' beagle) suggested that the handlers who do not want to use food should exhibit prior to the food-users. Donna Bihner thanked Pat Senne for taking on the extra work needed to host a sanctioned match.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that volunteers are still needed for the May 15th correction clinic in the Utility-1, Utility-2 and Open-2.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) reminded all Committee Chairs to send her a list of the club members who have volunteered in the first quarter. This enables Sue to update her database throughout the year, rather than in a mad-dash at the end of the year. This also helps the Committee Chairs in December from forgetting those who worked in January.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however Donna Bihner reported that the Therapy Dog Evaluation scheduled for May 15th was cancelled due to the unexpected unavailability of the evaluator. Wendy Waddick stated to enable individuals to receive Pet Partner's complex certification level, the test must not be hosted at the location that they train. Wendy also stated that she does have an evaluator for the Pet Partner's test. Individuals who are interested in participating should get more information from their web site at www.petpartners.org.

Additionally, Dave Lewis reported that colleges, such as Judson, often seek dogs who can be brought to the school during finals week.

David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the new Waggin' Tales is available on the club's web site and has been mailed.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Nancy Pederson as drawn by NEW club member, Danamarie Izzo. The remaining \$4.00 was given to Ingrid Hamburger for Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

none

New Business

- **New AKC Therapy Dog Titles Now Offered**

It was reported that AKC is accepting applications for the four new therapy dog titles will be accepted beginning June 1st, with titles awarded beginning July 1st. To learn more about the AKC Therapy Dog program, visit <http://www.akc.org/dogowner/therapy/index.cfm>. The following are the five levels of titles available.

- AKC Therapy Dog Novice (ThDN) – Awarded after 10 visits
- AKC Therapy Dog (ThD) – Awarded after 50 visits (currently awarded)
- AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (ThDA) – Awarded after 100 visits
- AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (ThDX) – Awarded after 200 visits
- AKC Therapy Dog Novice (ThDD) – Awarded after 400 visits

- **Front Table Help**

Cheryl Hettinger reported that she will schedule a couple of dates in the near future for club member who are interested in volunteering to work at the front table to learn the job. This is one of the few club work positions that do require prior training. Anyone who is interested should watch for those dates to be announced.

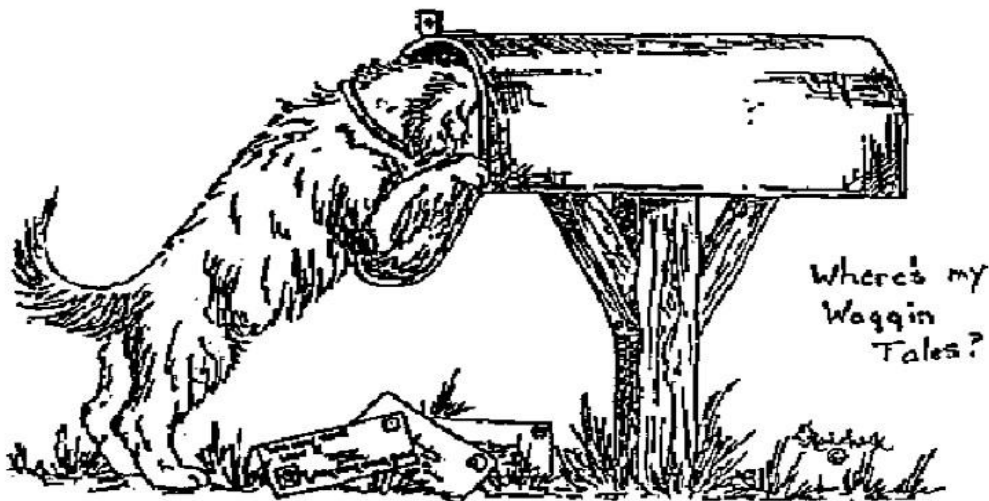
A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

HUMANEWATCH.ORG

When someone tells you that they support the Humane Society of the United States, share this web site address with them. The mission of the HUMANEWATCH.ORG web site is to keep "a watchful eye on the Humane Society of the United States".

According to their information, only 1% of the HSUS budget goes to local shelters. According to its 2011 tax return, HSUS only shared about one-quarter of one percent (0.24%) of its total budget as grants to support pet sheltering that year. According to their records, the state of Illinois receives 0.0051% of the HSUS budget, that is between \$5,001 and \$10,000.

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June 2014

5	Thursday	Regular Training Animal Chiropractic
12	Thursday	Regular Training
17	Tuesday	Board Meeting
19	Thursday	Sanctioned Match & Correction Clinic
25	Wednesday	4-H Show
20	Friday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
26	Thursday	Regular Training

July 2014

3	Thursday	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00 p.m.)
8	TUESDAY	Regular Training Animal Chiropractic Puppy Begins (8:00 p.m.)
17	Thursday	No Training Board Meeting
20	Tuesday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
24	Thursday	Regular Training
31	Thursday	Regular Training Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.) Puppy Ends (7:00 p.m.)

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