

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I want to start this month's note by thanking everyone that helped at our recent Canine Good Citizen Test. Thank you Terri Vaira, our CGC judge this month. She did a great job, making sure things ran smoothly with the large group of teams that participated. Also, thank you to Cris Ballenger who organizes all our CGC Tests. Cris also had a great group of volunteers who helped this month.

There were 13 teams that tested and 10 passed. Congratulations to all our new CGC Teams and thank you to all who helped!

As we get closer to the end of Summer, and the beginning of Fall, it starts to get busy with events at FVDTC. The first event will be our annual Tracking Test, which will take place on September 9th at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. For more information, contact our Tracking Chair, Ingrid Hamburger. Soon after the Tracking Test comes our Fall Agility Trials, which will be held on September 15th & 16th at Car-Dun-Al in Huntley. Cathy Fleury is our Agility Chair. The premium list and worker signup will be available soon.

Next comes our OFA Eye Exam, on the evening of October 4th, at the fairgrounds during regular training. The exam will be performed by Dr Denise M. Lindley of Animal Eye Consultants. This is the 3rd year Dr. Lindley has offered these exams. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's annual eye exam at a greatly reduced price of only \$35 per dog. You must reserve your spot ahead of time, so please don't delay. Send your payment to me, with checks made payable to FVDTC, to reserve your spot. The earlier you get your payment to me the better chance you have of getting the time slot you want. I also need to make sure we have enough dogs that want to participate to ensure we can still hold this event. So, please don't delay if you want a spot!

We will be offering something new at FVDTC. On Tuesday October 9th, we will be doing a special blood

draw clinic to test for Taurine Deficiencies. This deficiency can cause Taurine-Deficiency Dilated Cardiomyopathy, which is a serious heart disorder.

Golden Retrievers have been hit especially hard by this, but it can affect other breeds, too. The blood samples will be sent overnight to UC Davis, which is studying Taurine Deficiencies in dogs. The cost of the test is set by UC

Davis at \$76 per dog. There will also be a small cost for the blood draw itself, most likely about \$10 and, of course, the overnight shipping will cost, too. We will have a veterinarian doing the blood draws. More information on this clinic will be available soon; check our website for full details soon. Plus, if any dog does test deficient for Taurine it can then take advantage of our Heart Clinic and have a full echocardiogram to make sure there are no problems with your dog's heart due to this deficiency. Our Heart Clinic will be held in conjunction with our Fall Obedience and Rally Trial on November 17th. Signup for our Heart Clinic is now available, please contact Nancy Lee for more information and to sign up. The cost is \$250 per dog.

One last thing: don't forget about completing this year's Work Credits, please don't wait till the end of the year. Candy doesn't need that many people helping her at the Christmas Party! You only need 3 Work Credits to get your annual dues reduced by half and you need only 10 work credits to be eligible for a volunteer or new title award. If you are unsure how you can volunteer contact any Committee Chair.

Thank you for all you do for Fox Valley Dog Training Club and see you at training,

Wendy Waddick

Coming in November

Guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Wahlund will visit our November membership meeting to talk to us about a variety of topics. The membership meeting is at the Kane County Extension Center Building at 535 Randall Road, St. Charles, (just south of the Kane County Fairgrounds). Be there at 7pm!

OFA Eye Exam

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced fee! It is highly recommended that you get your dog's eyes examined yearly. Exams will be performed the evening of October 4th, 2018 at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exact times will be determined once we know how many dogs sign up.

Denise M Lindley, DVM of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing OFA eye exams. The cost is \$35 per dog.

You must prepay to reserve your spot. Send payment, made payable to FVDTC, to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
St Charles, IL 60175

Please include the preferred time that you would like for your exam/exams.

You need to arrive half an hour before your exam time in order to get eye drops in to dilate your dog's eyes and to fill out paperwork. Please indicate the preferred time that you would like to arrive, I will do my best to fulfill your request. Get your spot reserved early to get your preferred time! *There will be no refunds of examine fees after September 20th.*

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so I can contact you easily!

Any questions, email Wendy at president@fvdtc.org

Calendar

September 2018

06 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
08 Sat Tracking Test Setup
09 Sun Tracking Test
12 Wed Membership Meeting
13 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
14 Fri Agility Trial Setup
15 Sat Agility Trial
16 Sun Agility Trial
20 Thu Fun Match
27 Thu Regular Training

October 2018

04 Thu Regular Training
09 Tue Regular Training
Taurine Testing Clinic
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
10 Wed Board Meeting
18 Thu Fun Match
25 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

FVDTC Heart Clinic

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is hosting a heart clinic in conjunction with our fall obedience and rally trials.

DR. HEIDI KELLIHAN DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin -Madison will be performing the exams.

Dr. Kellihan will be offering the following heart exams:

- AN AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 17, 2018 from 8:00 am through 3:00 pm

WHERE: At our trial site at the Kane County Fairgrounds

COSTS: Echocardiogram exam, which includes an auscultation exam \$250.00 per dog Auscultation exam only \$50.00 per dog. This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced costs!

* EXAMS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TRIAL *

To reserve your spot for either exam, send your pre-registration payment, with checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and breed, along with your contact information. Include your email address and phone number. Nancy will set up the time schedule for the exams once the judging schedule is out; she will do her best to work around your ring times. You will need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your exam time to fill out any necessary paperwork.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:

Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

Membershp Report

Jon & Kathy Marchuk
Terrier mix & Cattle dog mix
Completed Beginner class

Emily Kelly
Rottweiler
Completed Puppy class

George & Kathy Kazaa
Sheltie
Completed Puppy class

Liz Cardello
Golden Retiever
Guest trained 8 times

Susan Brinkworth
German Shepherds, Australian
Shepherd
Completed Puppy class

Canine Good Citizen Test – August 16, 2018

Congratulations to our newest Canine Good Citizen award winners! At our August 16th test ten out of 13 teams passed.

They were :

Cara Smith and Wrangler, Cheron Waller and Trooper, Hilary Vaughan and Sydney, Jennifer Haskins and Ripley, Melissa Petrowich and Taylor, Jennifer Cornele and Fiona, Jennifer Rudolph and Gambit, Amy Miller and Gunnar, Robin Elson and Cooper, Rich Fisher and Leo.

A big thank you to Terri Vaira, our awesome judge, who made everything run smoothly and as quickly as possible. Thanks also to Donna Matthews, Donna Hartwig, Ninette Sandefur, Jacqui Fountain, Joan Leste, Margi Stuessy, Jennifer Fulkerson, and David Thornell, who volunteered the whole evening to help with the dogs, acting as the “crowd,” handling, and paper work. The club will host another CGC test in April 2019. The registration form for this test will be available in January and on the web site.

Cris Ballenger

CGC Coordinator

Board Meeting Highlights - August 15, 2018

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The June Meeting minutes were not available for approval. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that there are no weekends available at the fairgrounds to schedule our annual mat cleaning. Ed stated that he will consult with the fairgrounds to determine a date (probably on a Monday) and will announce it when able. Additionally, in response to Carolyn's question, he will ask the fairgrounds whether the southwest doors are scheduled to be replaced. Those doors are in ring that the Open A / Utility A classes are held.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) reported that the speaker for the November meeting will be Dr. Jennifer Wahlund with Peaceful Endings for Pets, an in-home euthanasia service.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, however he reported that the club is a couple of thousand dollars ahead of last year's pace, notwithstanding some delayed expense reimbursement requests. Additionally, the Morgan

Stanley account as of July 31st showed an approximately \$5,000 increase in value over 2017, which has not been booked or realized this year in the financials. Additionally, he submitted the Statement of Activity Comparison, between 2018 and 2017, and the Statement of Financial Position, all as of August 15th.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that all remaining 2018 slots for the Conformation run-through have been filled. Will also stated that he would like to replace the signup whiteboards at the Beginner Novice/Novice, Open and Utility rings with a clipboard with paper and pen for each ring. Carolyn and Ed stated that they will both look to see whether there are any not-currently-used clipboards available in the club's supply of equipment.

Will stated that he was advised by a former club member that several local rescue organizations do not recommend FVDTC to their adopters because “we all use pinch collars.” He assured the individual that the club's instructors do not “force” students to use pinch collars. Pat Senne (Advanced Puppy class instructor) and Carolyn Pearson (Advanced Beginner's class instructor) both stated that they have never, nor will they ever, force a handler to use a pinch collar. They

assured Will that none of the other instructors would do that either. However, the instructors do offer a discussion of types of collars, which includes pinch collars, on the first night of classes. After more discussion of collars, Peggy volunteered to create a "collar board" that Puppy and Beginner class instructors can use during their class' first night talk to demonstrate different types of training collars and harnesses. Several Board members asked Ed to make copies for them of the article that he has, which discusses different types of collars and harnesses.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that after "a few struggles," we have the following judge's slate for 2018:

- Karen J Anderson from Minnesota
- Rick Cox from Florida
- **Anita Eisthen** from **Ohio**
- **Alice A. Peterson** from **Idaho**
- **Hazel Olbrich** from **California**

Old Business

- **Mats and Equipment**
Peggy Seehafer described the different ideas she had about gaining more storage space at the fairgrounds for the equipment that we use weekly. The Board discussed those ideas and other options that can be presented to the fairgrounds for more storage for us. Wendy stated that during her discussion with the fairgrounds regarding that topic, she was told that the club cannot get anymore floor space in the building, as we already have the existing cabinet and the external shed. The discussions will continue to determine how best to solve the storage problem.

New Business

- **Taurine Blood Draw Clinic**

Wendy Waddick stated that she recently received a message from Donna Bihner regarding hosting a "Taurine Blood Draw Clinic" to participate in a UC Davis study of a possible link between low taurine and the dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) heart condition in dogs, especially in Golden Retrievers. Taurine is a type of amino acid found throughout the body. It is particularly concentrated in the brain, eyes, heart and muscles, and unlike most other amino acids, it is not used to build proteins in the body. The FDA research is looking into grain free diets and this issue. If the blood test shows a low-level of taurine, it is recommended that dogs receive further heart testing, such as during the FVDTC's heart clinic.

A proposal was made to offer a group blood draw and send the blood to UC Davis to participate in the research. The blood would have to be drawn by a veterinarian or veterinary technician and shipped overnight to California. The cost would be \$79.00 plus the cost of the blood draw plus shipping (determined by the number of dogs participating). In order to get the blood to UC Davis during a weekday, it was suggested that the clinic should be conducted on a Tuesday at training. It was recommended that we set a minimum number of dogs in order to host the event and include all dogs, not just Golden Retrievers. Sue MacPherson stated that she will ask one of the doctors at Amberleaf Animal Hospital to do the draw on October 9th. Sue also volunteered to look more into the study, determine how the blood samples are to be shipped to UC Davis and whether any type of paperwork is required to accompany the samples.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.



Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Work Credits



for Membership and Awards

Effective January 1, 2015

To maintain reduced membership dues, you must:

- Earn one work credit, in your first year of membership
- or**
- Earn three work credits, in each year after your first year of membership

To receive a club award, you must:

- have a minimum of ten work credits for the year, automatically includes the work credits for dues.
- and**
- be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

ONE credit:

- Attend a membership meeting
- Steward one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Steward one Correction Clinic
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk for two nights
- Work 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- Work 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant Instructor for two nights
- Instructor for Conformation Class for two nights
- Work at an Event (not on the committee)

TWO credits:

- Judge one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Judge one Correction Clinic (OR the monetary compensation - NOT both)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test
- Work Full day at the Mat Cleaning
- Work Full day at the Tracking Test
- Work Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Work Full day at the Agility Trial

THREE credits:

- *Primary Instructor or Assistant Instructor for 4-H Class for one year
- Serve on a Committee for one year

FOUR credits:

- *Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- *Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- *Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as Puppy/Beginner Class coordinator for one year
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Chairperson on a Committee for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Coordinator for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for one year

* Instructors must be present for at least 75% of the classes to receive the work credit.

Work credits for other services to the club may be awarded by the Board on a per-event basis.



Thank you
ms. Terri
I Really Learned
a lot with dog
training and so
excited that me
and my dog

Won all this
because of your
help.
I Thank
you
Willa Getzelman and
Mystic

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