

# Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

## TRIAL REPORT

Well, our 47th Obedience Trial has come to a conclusion. A huge thank you goes to all that volunteered their services and expertise in any way to the trial this year. Of course, we recognize those who took on the responsibility as a committee head - Carolyn Pearson, Ed Herdes, Bill Clarke, Susan Yee, Debbie & Mike Kovacevich, Jean Airey, Helen Castellano, and Bev Nicholson. There are also some individuals who were not acknowledged previously to the membership, but who were great assets prior to and the day of the trial:

- § Debbie James, who jumped in to volunteer as grounds committee head, and her "helpers" Adam and Ryan who helped in the kitchen and at the front table along with many other miscellaneous chores.
- § Georgia Fiorito, who once again organized a very successful raffle.
- § Cathy Fleury, who worked the day at the front table with her helper Sharon Fish.
- § Judy Anderson, who generously volunteered her equipment and time as a substitute photographer.

Thanks to the members who came to proof the catalog - Terry Whelan, Doris Kneip, Nancy Pederson, Suzan Scott and Will Short. Carolyn arrived while we enjoyed pizza (next year I'll order more), and then Nancy, Will and Carolyn helped stuff acknowledgements into envelopes. Carolyn stayed until the very end (10 p.m.) and they were mailed the next morning. The trial committee also had extra help the night before the trial and after the trial ended. A big thank you to Susan Yee for once more running a great smelling kitchen (my nerves were too busy to eat, but since there was only extremely small amounts of food left, I'm sure it was a great tasting kitchen, too). Ed Herdes was there on Friday night and helped ensure that the rings were close to what we were going for, so there was only a minor adjustment made on Saturday night setup. Helen had a great crew Saturday night for setup who helped decorate the tables, and Will opted to assist in setup rather than attend the judges dinner. Thank you to all the stewards for being at the trial on time and for representing Fox Valley Dog Training Club in a truly respectful manner, and thanks to the kitchen crew, especially Cheryl Lewis. Cheryl was there Saturday night helping with Susan's other Saturday night helpers, came back Sunday morning before 7:00 a.m. and was still there with Susan at 5:30 p.m. when I left. There were others still working to clean up the buildings at that time, thank you to all whom stayed. Also thank you to those who donated to the trophy fund, especially our non-training lifetime members who continue to generously support the club each year. Helen would like to thank her committee: Bev Nicholson, Mary Bradley, Cindy Rodeback, Deb Simmons, Lynn Kullman and Linda Benson. If I have missed anyone who volunteered any amount of time and energy to help the club, I sincerely apologize.

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All classes were full except for one withdrawal from Utility A and Open B. Judging started at 8 a.m. and the last class finished at 3:35 p.m. High scoring dog in trial was dog number 62, a border collie, owner Cindy Siekierke from Oshkosh with a score of 199 ½. High combined was our own club member Bridget Carlson with Hammer (golden retriever), combined score of 395 ½ (198/197 ½). Congratulations to all the winners of the special awards.

Again, thanks to all who helped the trial run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Taffy Wille  
Trial Secretary

# Bragg !

**Helen Castellano    Jena & Jesse    October 24 - Greater Racine  
October 25 - Cudahy Kennel Club**

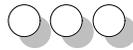
Jena ran perfect Open standard courses both days and captured 1st place on Saturday while Jesse took 3rd place in Novice B standard. On Sunday, Jesse finished her Novice Jumpers with Weaves title with a 4th place and captured another 3rd place in Novice B standard

**Tim White    Liza    October 25 - Cudahy Kennel Club**

Liza completed her AKC Novice Agility title by running a perfect course and finishing with a 3rd place. Tim and Liza earned placements at every AKC Novice show they entered.

**Cindy Pakenas    Kelsey    September 27 - Northwest Obedience Club**

Kelsey did a beautiful job in completing her track and became *Kira's Legacy by Bang UDX TD CDC CDX*. Thanks so much to tracking buddies Kay Weber and Sandy Stephenson for all the tracks you put in and to Wally O'Brien for certifying us and believing in us. If any of you would like to spend time in the most beautiful parts of Kane County, you are welcome to join us!



From Jane Weidel

## Catching Up With Old Friends

I received a phone call a couple of weeks ago from Life Member (of FVDTC) Laurie Hatcher Morrow. She's moved with her husband, assorted Vizslas and a Paso Fino horse to "God's Country"...Oregon. Laurie wanted me to let everyone know that she's retired and living on some acreage in a log cabin in Cave Junction, Oregon. Between fixing up her home and working her dogs (mostly in field work), Laurie is keeping busy.

Her address is:

Laurie Morrow  
6110 Westside Road  
Cave Junction, OR 97523

Her phone number is: 541/592-2933

She'd love to hear from old time FVDTC members.



From the Courier News

# Dog Show Sniffs Out Top Obedience Performers

By George Rawlinson SPECIAL TO THE COURIER NEWS

ST. CHARLES -- Throughout a cold, slushy Sunday morning, hundreds inside the cavernous exhibit hall at the Kane County Fairgrounds were reminded of one of life's fundamental principles:

"If there is to be a winner, there must also be a loser."

And so it went as The Fox Valley Dog Training Club -- which is certified by the American Kennel Club (AKC) -- hosted its 48th annual Obedience Trial, with 272 dogs of all breeds competing in novice and open classes. There were prizes to be awarded for high marks in agility, directed jumping, obedience, retrieving and scent discrimination.

"Hunter has titles from several shows," said Lee Melka of Wood Dale, twisting at the waist to give her cheerful 8-year-old golden retriever a biscuit.

"But we're not here to talk big about our past success. We're here for another first-place finish," she said.

Scoring is based on how man's best friend measures up to each judge's image of the perfect dog as determined by documented AKC regulations. The dogs also are compared to one another.

Most dogs are competing for points toward their overall championship, which then entitles the owner to use "Ch" before the dog's name.

William Short, trial chairman at the Kane County show, said that these points are essentially based upon the number of dogs in actual competition -- the more dogs, the more points. However, the number of dogs required for points varies with the breed, the sex and the geographical location of a particular show in accordance with AKC designations to help equalize competition from breed to breed and area to area.

"There's a lot to learn about these events," said Cindi Green of Keeneyville, who was at the crowded exhibit hall with Harley, her frisky 4-year-old Australian shepherd.

"Some of these people are really into it," Green said while motioning in the direction of several intense-looking matriarchs who were waiting with their dogs to enter the "sits and downs" rectangular trial ring, where even the most spirited puppy is expected to remain in position until released by its handler. It doesn't matter if a hissing black cat passes by or if a can of gourmet canine chow is placed only a few inches away.

"Stay" means STAY.

Green, who has three young children and a husband at home, said that her time "is at a premium." Still, she decided that "this training club would make Harley a better companion for all of us. He can heel, stay on command, stand for examination and come when called. So now I'm working him on a more difficult format," she said.

Green shared a laugh when she remembered how her "Aussie" became overly excited during a recent show and "really blew it by fooling around."

In that case, it's best to smile and remember that patience often differentiates a good sport from a sore loser.

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From the Daily Herald

## St. Charles Hosts Dog Obedience Trial

Linda Benson was greeted with plenty of high fives and back slaps Sunday from fellow dog owners.

She deserved the accolades.

You see, her countless hours of training Tygr finally paid off.

Benson's African-hunting dog, a basenji breed, captured a Utility Ring, the most advanced degree in Sunday's 47th annual Obedience Trial for the Fox Valley Dog Training Club Inc.

About 230 dogs, their owners and that infamous musty dog smell were prevalent at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles.

For Benson, Sunday's triumph for Tygr was no small feat.

To win a Utility Ring, the dog must come, heel and sit based on an owner's hand signals. There is also a jump, item retrieval and scent discrimination.

In the latter, the dog must find an owner's scent on metal articles.

Basenjis are known for stubbornness and a lack of motivation to work for humans. That made Tygr's victory more gratifying.

"They work with man rather than for man," said Benson, a Kaneville resident. "It's hard keeping their attention. They like looking around. I use food to train him, and he has a fuzzy ball."

Everyone who owns a dog should enroll the animal in an obedience class, [Jinny Addington of Riverwoods] said.

"Dogs enjoy it," Addington said. "They are never too young or too old to start."

Excerpted from an article by John Ferak in the *Daily Herald*, November 9, 1998

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From Rich Gerdes

## Thanks!!

To all my friends and well-wishers at Fox Valley Dog Training Club -

Thank you for the beautiful basket of mums. Being confined to the house the golden color helps brighten the day. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Sincerely,

Rich Gerdes

News from the AKC

## New AKC Vice-President

### JAMES M. PITTS NAMED ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, OBEDIENCE, TRACKING AND AGILITY EVENTS

Alfred L. Cheauré, President & Chief Executive Officer of The American Kennel Club (AKC), announced that James M. Pitts has accepted the position of Assistant Vice President, Obedience, Tracking and Agility Events effective December 1, 1998.

"Mr. Pitts brings to the American Kennel Club a valuable combination of astute business experience and practical knowledge of the sport of purebred dogs. His background in finance, technology, and our sport dovetails perfectly in fulfilling AKC's obligations and responsibilities to its participants in obedience, tracking and agility events, as well as the Canine Good Citizen program. I am very pleased to have him join the AKC" said Mr. Cheauré.

Mr. Pitts has twenty years of experience in the sport of purebred dogs, including nine years as President of the Winston-Salem Dog Training Club. In that

the purchase of a training facility, and added Canine Good Citizen and Agility programs to the club's existing Obedience and Tracking interests. He has also served as Obedience Chairman and Treasurer for the Forsyth Kennel Club. Mr. Pitts is an AKC Tracking Judge and has obtained titles on his dogs in Tracking, Obedience, Agility and Conformation.

His business experience includes President of JMP Management, Inc., a company specializing in electronic commerce and procurement. Previously, as the Purchasing Manager for a major corporation, he was responsible for a highly visible reengineering effort of that department. In addition Mr. Pitts' credits include Adjunct Professor, Salem College; Founder of Piedmont EDI Business Forum; and Contributing Editor, EC World Magazine. He holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration.

"I am thrilled to accept this position," said Jim Pitts. "The opportunity to serve the fancy in the areas of obedience, tracking, agility and Canine Good Citizen is something I have always wanted to do. I view a position with The American Kennel Club as a natural expansion of my activities in local clubs. I am looking forward to working with and for my fellow dog fanciers in enhancing and improving these programs."

### How to Photograph a Puppy

1. Remove film from box and load camera.
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Choose a suitable background for photo.
5. Mount camera on tripod and focus.
6. Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.
7. Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera.
8. Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees.
9. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand.
10. Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.
11. Take flash cube from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
12. Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose.
13. Put magazines back on coffee table.
14. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.
15. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
16. Jump up in time to grab puppy and say, "No, outside! No, outside!"
17. Call spouse to clean up mess.
18. Fix a drink.
19. Sit back in Lazy Boy with drink and resolve to teach puppy "sit/stand" and "stay" the first thing in the morning.
20. Consider buying "older, trained" dog.

--Author Unknown



From Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

## Membership Meeting

### **Membership Meeting Highlights November 4, 1998**

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) - The October Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that two Puppy classes (at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.) began on October 29th. The four Beginner's classes (at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.) began on October 22nd. Cheryl announced that several of the Beginner's classes had to be declared closed prior to the reaching the maximum number of students allowed because there were not enough assistant instructors. Cheryl does not feel that it is fair to the primary instructor (or to the students) to have more students per instructor that can be comfortably taught by one person. This shortage of assistant instructors will need to be resolved before the next session begins in January. Marietta Huber stated that she would like to help instruct, however it is difficult to commit when the training nights are switched to Tuesday nights. It was explained that the club has no say when the training nights are changed by the fairgrounds events coordinators. Cheryl stated that any club members who would like to help but has a similar problem with switching to Tuesdays, should let Cheryl know. She will do her best to accommodate your schedule.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) announced that stewards need to be at the trial at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 8th. Mike and Debbie Kovacevich reported that they have enough stewards.

He also stated that there is enough help for kitchen and they need to be at the trial at 7:00 a.m.. In order

order to prevent the problems that occurred last year (stewards did not receive any food because their rings did not take a lunch break), a lunch order form has been created for the stewards and judges. The food will be reserved for whenever the ring breaks for lunch. Anyone donating baked goods are asked to be individually wrapped.

Debbie James has volunteered to be the Grounds Chairperson. Ed Herdes stated that there is enough help for take-down after the trial. Carolyn Pearson, Hospitality Chairperson, announced that the Judges dinner has been set for 6:00 p.m. at Erik & Me. Any club members who are not showing are invited to attend. There are 10 booths in the

vendor/kitchen area. Anyone who still might have raffle items should contact Georgia Fiorito. Judy Anderson will be the photographer at the trial.

### House Calls

Dr. Hansen will be visiting FVDTC on:  
Thursday, December 10

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has created a small advertisement for the trial. Anyone who knew of a location to display them should pick one up from Taffy.

She found perforated sheets of paper for the breakdown sheets. She printed the sheets with the class and judge information for each class. Rather than having the table stewards fill out a separate form, she will use the judges books to determine award winners. This will eliminate double work for the table stewards.

Helen Castellano stated that she had a newspaper article announcing our trial that featured Linda Benson.

The stewards are asked to come to the trophy tables prior to the end of the class to pick-up the special awards. The special trophies MUST be handed out in the ring at the conclusion of the class.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor), Carolyn reported for Dave that the next deadline is Tuesday, November 10, 1998.

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Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) stated that everything is ok.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson), Cheryl reported for Peggy Sue that four judges will be needed for the next Graduation to be held on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) reported that she recently received an application from Kathryn Hubbard. Kathy had

not met the beginners class or five guest training requirement. Due to her schedule, it was difficult for Kathy to guest train five times. Cathy Fleury made a motion to waive the 5 guest training or beginner's class requirements for Kathryn Hubbard, to collect the \$25.00 guest training fee, as well as the prorated membership dues. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. During the discussion that followed, several club members present at the meeting stated that Kathy had already volunteered to steward at the trial, as well as worked at correction clinics when there was a shortage of volunteers. It was felt that it would be better to continue to encourage such volunteerism and waive the requirements in this particular case. Cheryl reminded the members that the reason that we have those requirements is to allow the current club members the opportunity to observe how the potential club member interacts with their dog. It was felt that there were enough members present at the meeting that could do that, that the other club members could make an informed decision. The motion was approved by all members present, opposed by none and abstained by none.

Judy then read the list of four new applications and one reinstatement. Cathy Fleury made a motion to accept the list as read, seconded by Taffy Wille, approved by all members present with no oppositions and one abstention.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that there were more than enough stewards at the October match. She hopes that that trend continues for 1999.

Helen Castellano (Match Chairperson) announced that there are no more correction clinics for 1998.

## Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Trudi Kimm as drawn by Susan Yee.

## Old Business

Carolyn Pearson reported that the Nominating committee consists of herself, Nick Trnka and Debbie Kovacevich. Any club member that might be interested in either a Board position or Committee position should contact Carolyn, Nick or Debbie. There are always positions that are open and need to be filled.

## 1 New Business

Trudi Kimm stated that the 4-H newsletter announced that their dog training classes will begin on February 22, 1999. The club has not been contacted regarding any instructors. Trudi explained that the final evaluation is the Friday prior to the Kane County Fair (July 13 through 18, 1999). During the 1998 evaluation, the 4-Hr's had to contend with very

## Classifieds

**Dog Sitter Needed** Occasional weekends and pre-scheduled vacations. Willing to train the right person. Please contact Jackie or Jerry Parisek at (847) 464-5431

**For Sale:** Toy Fox Terrier. 8 months old. Call Brenda Rivera at (630) 851-6046 for more information.

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very poor conditions in the outside area set aside for the evaluation. Trudi asked whether the club would allow the evaluation to take place in the building on the last training night prior to the fair "break". Trudi felt that the evaluation would require only two rings. Trudi Kimm made a motion to allow the evaluation to take place in the building on the last training night prior to the fair "break", utilizing two rings. Will Short seconded the motion. The only discussion that took place was the concern of the club members reaction. It was decided that this would only inconvenience club members for one night and that the amount of time available for notification was more than sufficient. The motion was approved by all, opposed by none and without any abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m..

### Got Something for Waggin' Tales?

If you have something you'd like to see in *Waggin' Tales*, send the complete text and/or pictures to:

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or  
e-mail [dclewis@inil.com](mailto:dclewis@inil.com)

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I prefer plain-text e-mail, but e-mail attachments, floppy disks, faxes, or (typewritten) paper are OK, too. Let me know if you have questions or suggestions.

Articles may be edited for length and format. You're on your own for grammar and spellnig.

### From the Editor

## New Address

Mel and Nancy Sledden have a new address:

15476 While Willow Rd.  
Newerk, IL 60541  
(815) 736-6151

### From the Editor

## Save a Tree!

... and save FVDTC some \$\$.

You can get your "Waggin' Tales" through e-mail. Sign up by contacting Dave Lewis (630/897-4267 or

From Judy Anderson

## Membership Report

### New Members

Paul & Vicky Grosso/Hagens  
2224 Barrett Drive  
Algonquin, IL. 60102  
847-428-3098  
Siberian Huskies

Kathryn Hubbard  
403 N. 7th Street  
Dekalb, IL. 60115  
815-758-0243  
Gordon Setter

Kim Newby  
302 Willow Ln.  
Geneva, IL. 60134  
630-262-1264  
Mixed Breed

Tim & Christine Prevost  
312 Eklund Ave.  
Geneva, IL. 60134  
630-565-1544  
Mixed Breed

Elizabeth & Kathy Schneider  
Forest Ridge Rd.  
St. Charles, IL. 60174  
English Cocker Spaniel



### Reinstatement

Sharon Fish  
Willow Creek Road  
West Chicago, IL. 60185  
Australian Shepherd

### New Addresses

Fred & Joyce Scharringhausen  
E. Menodora Circle  
Gold Canyon, AZ. 85219

Dorothy And Bernhardt Vettel  
Alta Vista Ct.  
Harrison, AR 72601

## Help Wanted

### What

Match Stewards

Graduation Night Judges

Instructors

### When

Match Nights

December 22

Thursday Nights

### Contact

Ingrid (630/232-6034)

Peggy Sue Seehafer (630/377-3025)

Cheryl Lewis (630/897-4267 / dclewis@inil.com)

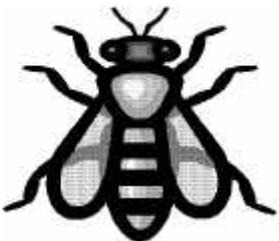
From Ingrid Hamburger

## Remembrances of 1998

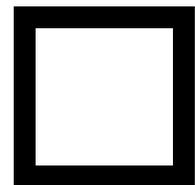
The year 1998 is just about gone by and it is time for me to reflect on the good and sad times the year had in store for us.

Heike accomplished a lot during the last 12 months. First she got her TD in October of 1997, then on May 3rd, 1998 she passed her TDX test; on June 7th she got her CD, finishing in third place; on October 3rd and 4th she got 4 Can. CD legs, again with a third place finish. I am proud of my now 19 month old Giant puppy.

These all were wonderful experiences for me. But we also had the sad loss of our dear Shari to accept. May 3rd started out to be so wonderful with Heike passing her TDX test; Shari was with us the whole day. She had no apparent problems. On the contrary, while I was running the TDX track with Heike, I could hear her barking in the car; she wanted to be out on the track with us, too. Then in the early evening, the unthinkable happened: she didn't want her food, something she never refused, and before I could figure out why, she started bloating right in front of me. We managed to be at the Vets in just a short time, but because of her age I could not bring myself to attempt surgery. Saying good-bye so suddenly and unexpectedly was very painful.



THERE or



**March 13, 1999**

From Marietta Huber

# Puppies !

## **RAINBOW**

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Puppies due in Fall '98. For further information & pedigrees, please contact:

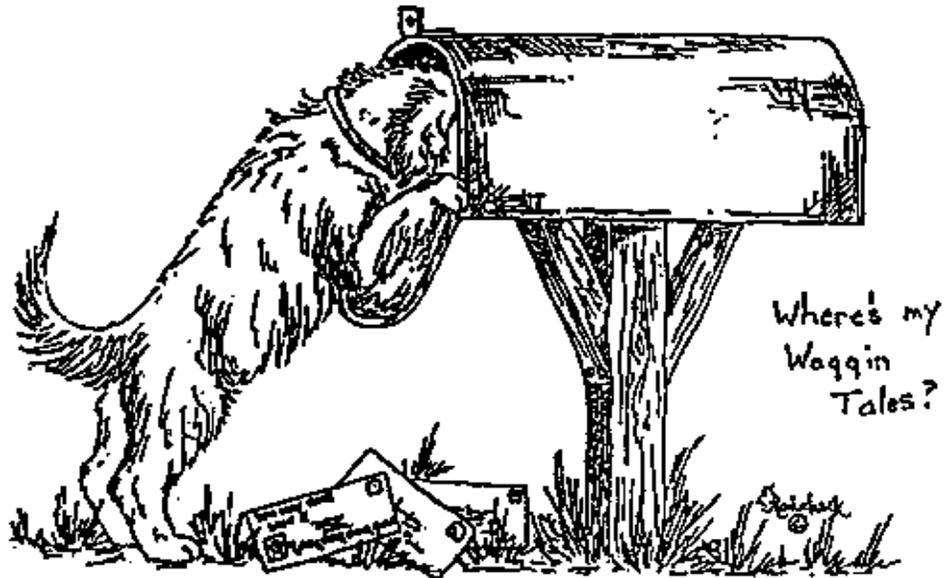
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**November/December**

<b>November</b>	4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	<b>December</b>	2	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		3	Thursday	Regular Training
	8	Sunday	Trial		10	Thursday	Regular Training
	10	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training		13	Sunday	WT Deadline
			WT Deadline		17	Thursday	Regular Training
	19	Thursday	Regular Training		22	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
	24	Tuesday	Regular Training		29	Tuesday	Christmas Party