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Thanks to You! Another Successful Obedience Trial



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Dear members,

We certainly have had a very busy year. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to all the hours that have been given to make this club a great place to train.

The trial was wonderful and again a big thank you for all the help. Those of you that have donated your time and items to the raffle can give yourselves a big pat on the back.

May the new year provide you with joy and good health.

Sincerely,
Peggy Sue and the clan

A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog



Thanks to You! Another Successful Obedience Trial

From Will Short - Trial Chair

I want to extend my sincere thanks to each of the members who worked to make our obedience trial a success again this year. There were nearly 75 members who volunteered to do all of the jobs necessary to make this event work smoothly; and it did run very smoothly. I want to extend an additional thank you to all who volunteered food for the kitchen and prizes for the raffle.

There were two Chief Ring Stewards this year—Jacquie Kramer and Carol Cook. Jacquie lined up most of the stewards for the trial, and Carol was there on Sunday to coordinate and make sure all of the rings ran smoothly and were fully manned. They did a great job. The stewards were Gary Fuller, Vera Nyberg, Paulette Zecca, Heidi Terlizzi, Marian Lazzara, Georgia Schwender, Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar, Beth Harris, Carol Swenson, Kent Hildebrand, Kathy Hubbard, Alison Rubendall, Suzan Scott, Brenda Rivera, Cathy Fleury, Marietta Huber, Connie Hillquist, Penny Bricich, Bob Read, Virginia Sensenbrenner, Sylvia Shultz, Vivian Hildebrand, Nancianne Jensen, Dean Connolly, Barb Misch, and Meg Graham.

Carolyn Pearson was in charge of hospitality. She made sure that the judges' hotel reservations were in order, she arranged for the judges' dinner on Saturday night, she made sure the ring crews had refreshments as the trial progressed, and she made sure that the limo picked up the judges and took them to the airport.

Ed Herdes handled set-up and cleanup ably. He and several members were at the training building on Saturday evening to set up and again on Sunday afternoon to take down equipment and clean up the hall. Those members helping with either or both were Jerry D'Aprile, Anne White, Bob Read, Kathy Hubbard, Taffy Wille, Peggy Sue Seehafer, Dale Swanson, Cheryl Lewis, Bill Clarke, Shirley Short, Carolyn Pearson and Tim White.

Barb Misch was in charge of poop patrol, making sure the grounds were clean and safe for walking. Jean Airey did the photography during the trial. Bill Clarke and Tim White were the ones in charge of catalog ads and renting booth spaces. Kent Hildebrand handled the trial publicity. Ed Herdes was in charge of the equipment.

Nadine Connor headed up the kitchen crew again this year, and once again very fine work resulted. She was assisted by several members: Shirley Short, Trudi Kimm, Cathy Labash, Kristin Cox, Barb Terrell, Rosemary Anderson, Cynthia Kelly, Carol Williams, Donna Dodson, Loretta Lazzara, Cathy and Jennifer Klink, and Stephanie Seers. Many were fed and all enjoyed.

Helen Castellano was the Trophy Chair Person. She was assisted by Peggy Sue Seehafer, Cheryl Lewis, Mary Brad-

From Priscilla Pisarski - Raffle Chair

How do you begin to say Thank You to all the wonderful people who helped make the Nov. 9th Raffle a success. I was so worried that I could not have a successful raffle and asked for your help and sure enough you were all there. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the donations, you are really a great group of people to work with.

I am hoping to do this again next year and hope that all of you will start thinking about donations. Lets make next year the best year. Thank you again for all that you did.

From Helen Castellano - Trophy Chair

I want to extend my sincere thank you to my committee members, Mary Bradley, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy Pakenas, and Peggy Sue Seehafer for the wonderful assistance in contacting club members, gathering the trophies, setting up on Saturday, and coordinating the delivery on Sunday at our trial. It is a pleasure working with each of you year after year.

Thank you to all our club members for the generous donations.

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ley, and Cynthia Pakenas. They chose the trophies, asked members to donate to the trophy fund, set up the trophy table, doled out the awards, and cleaned up everything afterward on Sunday.

Priscilla Pisarski was in charge of the raffle area this year. She very capably gathered items from members and businesses so that this raffle could be successful. And successful it was; it brought in more money this time than in previous years, and we did not run out of tickets.

And lastly, Taffy Wille, Trial Secretary, is the one per-

son without whom the trial could not have happened. She started working last year after the 2002 trial, and she continued until long after the judging was completed on Sunday. She and I are already planning next year's work. If any one has suggestions for us, please let us know as soon as possible.

I enjoyed being the Trial Chairman again this year; I look forward to serving again for 2004. I hope that I did not overlook anyone who contributed, and I certainly hope that I didn't misspell anybody's name. Thank you all for helping and making our trial so successful.

Safety Patrol

I'd like to thank Peggy Sue Seehafer, Nikon and Polar for helping with the latest Dog Safety Presentation! We were at Wasco Elementary before two Girl Scout Troops and one Boy Scout Troop. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the afternoon, and they paid attention too!! I'm trying to share this opportunity with as many members as I can. So, if you know of an organization that would enjoy a presentation, or you want to be my doggie volunteer, just let me know!

*Barb Misch-PEC
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"Book" on Over to Barnes & Noble

The WOOF Line!

What's the Next Training Date????

Now, if you don't have your calendar handy, and can't get online, you can find out quickly and easily by calling the WOOF line at 630-575-WOOF (9663)!

We've got a great group of volunteers lined up to take charge of Barnes & Noble in Geneva Commons, on November 28th and December 13th. Beginning at 4PM each day and going until closing, we'll be wrapping gifts for tips, reading stories to children, and they even caved and said we could bring dogs!! Tell your friends and neighbors to stop in and see us! If you would still like to volunteer, let me know! There are more openings to fill - especially for readers. (Reading will take under 1/2 hour!)

*Barb Misch-PEC
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Basenji Puppy

Cheryl Hettinger has a Basenji puppy that needs a loving home. If anyone is interested in Benny they can contact her via phone, email or they can see her and Benny every Thursday night at the club.

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From the DOT

On Dec. 12, 2003, FVDTC will be hosting a workshop for any members who have instructed classes, are currently instructing classes, or who are interested in instructing in the future. The purpose will be to review the current instructional program, discuss what is working and what isn't, and provide input for the homework sheets which are in the process of being revised. Bring dogs. We can train the first hour and talk the second. The time is from 7-9 p.m. and the place is Kay Weber's training rings at 205B Dempsey St. in Elburn. From RT 47 or Main St. in Elburn turn east on North Street. (Look for the library sign.) Go east approximately 3 blocks. Turn north (left) on Dempsey and go about half a block. The building is on the east side of the street just after the self-storage place. It is unit B and has a sign for Kay 9 Petiquette on the door.

Penny will be posting signs on various rings reminding members and informing guest trainers about the procedure for using the rings. We are continuing to use a random draw for individual 7 p.m. run-throughs. The draw is at 6:45 p.m. Utility will be drawn first so that Mary's instructional class may begin. The open draw will follow. Anyone not making the draw or who can't get there for the draw is welcome to request a runthrough at 8 p.m. with the DOT in the ring in which the utility run-throughs have been done.

Help is still needed for the table between 6:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. If anyone is interested in being part of the instructional staff for 2004, please contact either Penny or myself. Suggestions for seminar givers would also be welcome. Seminars are not only excellent learning opportunities but can also raise funds.

Instructors, please encourage students to attend, participate in, and assist with our correctional clinics. Not only do they provide handlers feedback on how their dog will perform in simulated trial conditions but by observing other handlers, training tips and techniques may be gained. Novice handlers will be able to observe the different levels of obedience and hopefully aspire to continue beyond the basic sit, down, come, or stay.

*Thanks,
Cindy Pakenas
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Membership Report

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Doberman Pinscher
Completed Beginners Class

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Shiba Inu
Completed Beginners Class

Candace Heideman & Wes Johnson

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Australian Shepherds
Guest Trained 5 times



Ring Layout Goes Here



Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Meeting Highlights November 5, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The October 1st Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that we recently completed Session 4 for 2003 and that Session 5 had begun. She stated that we do need someone willing to sit at the front table on training nights to greet people and take guest trainers' money. Cindy will put together a "want ad" for the Waggin' Tales. Cindy also asked for anyone who would like to be an instructor for 2004 should see Penny Brcich or Cindy.

Cindy also stated that she believed that the club had a policy for reimbursing any instructors a portion of the fees paid to attend a seminar. Carolyn stated that she would check the records to determine if that policy was defined and recorded.

Cindy reported that she would be conducting an Instructors workshop either on November 18th or December 2nd, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. She anticipates that the evening will begin with the instructors working with their dogs – perhaps demonstrating a training method that they have had success using, followed by a meeting. This first meeting will discuss the revamping of the current homework sheets that the Beginners' instructors hand out to their students. Cindy would like to conduct an Instructors' workshop once a quarter. The workshop will be at a facility in Elburn, which is rented for 2 hours at a cost of \$15.00.

Cindy also reported that Penny has put together a list of ring rules, which will be laminated and posted, at each ring. Cindy also stated that perhaps we could put up a sign on the rings that the Puppy and Beginner classes are meeting at for the first two weeks of each new session. Taffy asked whether we could use the signs that are used at the trial. Cindy will look at them when they are used on Sunday at the trial to determine the feasibility of their use.

Penny Brcich (Assistant Director of Training) stated that the Instructors workshop is open to all members who are currently teaching a class or who are considering becoming an instructor.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) communicated the following information from the trial committee chairpeople:

- Jacquie Kramer needs floating stewards, as she currently only has two floaters signed-up. Francene volunteered as a floating steward.
- Priscilla Pisarski needs raffle items.
- Nadine Conner needs baked goods, Carolyn passed around a sign-up sheet at the meeting.
- Ed Herdes needs help with the clean-up and break-down after the trial.

Will reported that the trophy set-up starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. All workers for the trial should be at the fair-ground by 7:30 a.m. Taffy reported that the Table Stewards should be there at 7:15 a.m. and must see her before starting.

Will also reminded members that anyone noting any problems or concerns on the day of the trial should bring them to his attention immediately.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that everything is done and she is ready for the trial.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, November 16th. The requests for information from the website appear to be functioning correctly.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) reported that the roster is ready for pick-up at tonight's meeting or at training on November 6th. Sue stated that she had a list of three new applicants. Taffy Wille made a motion to waive the publication of the names in the Waggin' Tales. Francene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present. Sue read the list of three names; none of the applicants were present at the meeting. Barb made a motion to accept the list as read. France seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposed or abstentions.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF-line has been updated. Barb stated that she and Peggy Sue Seehafer presented a Dog Safety Presentation to the Boy and Girls Scouts at the Wasco Elementary School. Barb also reported that the dates for the Wrap and Read fundraiser at the Barnes and Nobles store

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in the Geneva Commons shopping center are Friday, November 28th and Saturday, December 13th.

Hours that volunteers are needed for gift-wrapping are from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., with the busiest times between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Barb still needs volunteers for readers. Volunteering for this event does qualify members for work credits.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson), it was reported that Ingrid still needs help for the November 20th Correction Clinic. Anyone available to help should send Ingrid an e-mail message or sign-up on the poster board at training.

Nancianne Jensen (Match Chairperson) sent the following report via e-mail: All 6 judge positions for the November 20th Correction Clinic have been filled as follows:

- Novice A - Rick Cox
- Novice B - Loretta Lazarra
- Open A - Sandi Stephenson
- Open B - Marian Lazarra
- Utility A - Penny Breich
- Utility B - Cindy Pakenas

There is NO correction clinic in December, so she is now taking volunteers for the January Correction Clinic.

Barb Misch reported for Karen Schneider (Annual Dinner Chairperson) that a fun theme has been selected for the Annual Banquet.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) announced that Suzan Scott has begun the process of obtaining judges for the 2004 trial. Helen reported that Amy provided a financial report which showed that the Agility trial earned a \$5,800.00 profit.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.00 is Francene Andresen as

drawn by club member, Ed Herdes.

Old Business

Land Purchase Committee Report

Barb Misch reported the results of the Land Purchase Ballot. The following is the results of the vote:

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| 27 | I want to continue renting the Kane County Fairgrounds building and not pursue this purchase at this time. |
| 109 | I want to pursue the purchase of the property at Route 38 and Meredith Road and I authorize the Fox Valley Dog Training Club Board to place an offer, negotiate and accept any appropriate counter-offer. This offer is contingent upon the land's usability for our purposes, and shall not exceed \$105,000. We will continue to rent the fairgrounds until a facility is built and ready for occupancy on this property. |
| 16 | I abstain from voting. |

Our next step is to establish a purchasing committee. The Board needs to determine how to proceed in the purchase procedure and to develop a plan of action. The entire Board will be involved in the process, as this is a significant decision-making process for the club and one or two people cannot handle the workload. The following are just a few of the areas that still need to be covered.

1. Obtain a farm real estate attorney or an attorney that has a solid understanding of the Kane County's requirements for a non-profit organization or operation such as ours. One that can be sure we are not overlooking important pitfalls or necessary documents that the county and/or the state needs.

We need to be sure that all contingencies are noted in the paperwork, that we have an attorney who understands the type of land acquisition we are seeking, and that we are soundly covered as a club and as Board members in the area of liability, etc. This list must be very detailed.

2. Develop a list of contingencies to be met prior to finalizing the purchase. For example: land use approval by County, the zoning, licensing for Special Use, building approval, soil testing, etc.

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3. Develop a list of people and/or agencies necessary to complete each inspection, test, or contingency.
4. Develop a preliminary building plan for County approval, as necessary or appropriate.

We need to be sure, however, that our use plan does not meet serious blocks in the future, when we are actually ready to build and put our plans into action. The more obstacles we confront now, the better our success will be later.

Helen asked the attorney she is working with for an attorney's name to assist us in our project. She received the name of John Gosalin. Trudi Kimm volunteered to assist the Board during the land purchase process. It was agreed that the attorney should be secured prior to the Board meeting to dividing the workload. Helen will notify the Board once the attorney has been secured.

Will Short asked whether there was timeframe for the sale of the property. Francene Andresen said she did not know and was uncertain if anyone else has expressed any interest in the property. Cindy Pakenas asked whether we could start the process at this time. It was agreed that we must have an attorney and a list of the contingencies.

Barb also stated that given the number of yes responses on the ballots, that other properties continue to be sought.

Peggy Sue Seehafer thanked Barb Misch and Francene Andresen for all their hard work.

Eye CERF Clinic Report

Trudi Kimm reported that she continues to seek an animal eye doctor to perform an eye CERF clinic.

Spatial Dog Identifying Bandana

Will Short asked for a brief explanation about the orange "no sniff" bandanas. It was explained that the bandanas are to identify dogs that are spatial and do not want to be approached by other dogs. The bandanas are in the gray box and are available for sale for \$1.00. Will Short

stated that he felt that the dogs wearing the bandanas will be perceived as aggressive. He felt that the dogs not wearing a bandana will be perceived as open to being freely approached by any dog or person.

Cindy Pakenas stated that the program is necessary because dogs that are spatial are not always aggressive and deserve the courtesy of space from other dogs and people. She also stated that spatial dogs should not have to be muzzled, as if it were an aggressive dog. Penny Breich agreed that using the bandana should not be perceived as a bad thing by the public.

Jerry D'Aprile stated that he feels that this is another law that cannot be enforced. It was stated that this was not a law, rather a way of providing a little extra help to people who have spatial dogs to keep progressing forward in the work necessary to overcome the space issue. Tracey Mohr stated that this should be looked upon as a tool to make more people aware of the situation – not as a license to be lax in our responsibility to pay attention to our dogs' position.

Trudi Kimm said that her dog was attacked four times in one evening for no reason. She stated that she is considering getting a bandana for her dog – to perhaps prevent further incidents.

Francene stated that we should use this as a training tool to increase our opportunities to inform the public of dogs that have space issues. Penny Breich stated that horses that have a kicking problem are identified with a red ribbon on their tails. This is a visual reminder not to approach too closely to that particular horse. She also stated that information about the no sniff bandanas is included on the laminated ring rules.

New Business

None.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



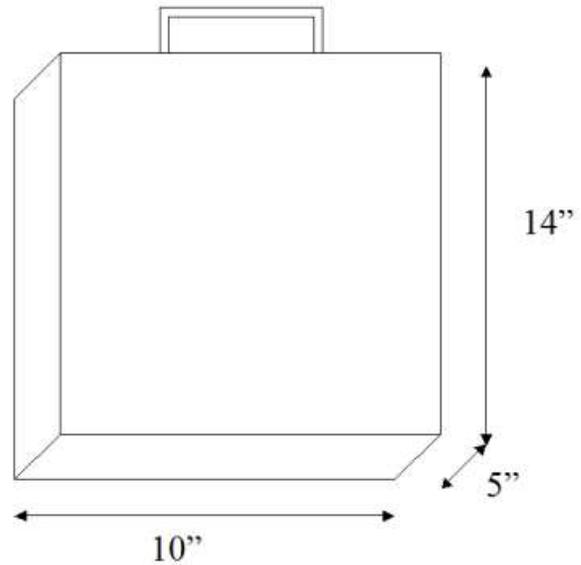
For Sale

I have a complete used set of articles for Utility for sale. The metal is 2 3/4" x 2" and the leather is 3 1/2" x 2".

Also included are gloves, 2 wooden dumbbells, tongs, and the case. It was used by a Sheltie (Tara) — Ask Mary Bradley.

Everything is in good condition. \$50.00

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From the AKC

This article is excerpted from the AKC web site at <<http://www.akc.org>>. Details are available from the AKC

The "Puppy Protection Act" Introduced in the House

The so-called "Puppy Protection Act" (PPA) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) designated H.R. 3484. The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call your U.S. Representative asking him or her NOT TO CO-SPONSOR H.R. 3484.

The PPA is once again being promoted by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), a Washington-based animal rights organization that opposes all purposeful breeding of purebred dogs. The PPA would amend the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to require the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to regulate the breeding practices of dog breeders covered by the Act, including the frequency and age at which bitches are bred.

In the 107th Congress the PPA was opposed by the AKC, the American Veterinary Medical Association, most other animal interest organizations, and even some animal welfare organizations.

The AKC strongly supports the Animal Welfare Act and has a longstanding history of opposing substandard kennel operations. The AKC maintains care and condition standards which it enforces through regular inspections of all breeding establishments. The AKC denies registration and other privileges to breeders who do not comply with the AKC's standards. Nevertheless, the AKC opposes H.R. 3484 because it is bad public policy and sets dangerous federal legislative precedents.

- The Animal Welfare Act currently does not regulate breeding practices of any species of animals. There is no scientific

basis for the specific breeding restrictions included in H.R. 3484.

- The USDA's Animal Care regulations already require commercial dog breeders to follow a program of veterinary care developed and supervised by a licensed veterinarian to protect the health of all animals in commercial breeding facilities, including the breeding stock. Breeding decisions should be made by breeders and their veterinarians. H.R. 3484 would co-opt the judgment and discretion of breeders and veterinarians.

The AKC believes that what is needed to improve the welfare of dogs in substandard kennel operations is not legislation imposing new standards on dog breeders, but legislation that strengthens the USDA's tools for achieving compliance with the existing standards. The AKC is working with several members of Congress on the introduction of legislation that would strengthen enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, and truly address the problems of commercial breeders who do not comply with the Act, without imposing additional restrictions on responsible breeders.

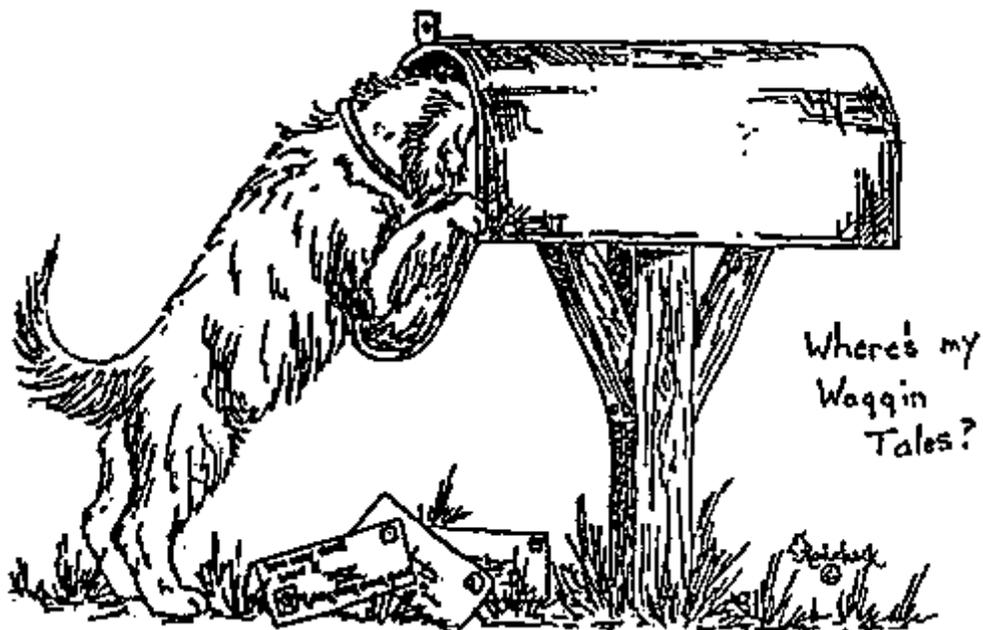
The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call their Representatives asking them not to co-sponsor H.R. 3484. The AKC has also sent letters to all members of the House of Representatives urging them not to cosponsor the bill.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact your U.S. Representative in Washington. Ask them not to sponsor H.R. 3484 for the reasons stated above. You may also phone the United States Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and an operator will connect you directly with the House office you request.

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November

5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
6	Thursday	Regular Training
9	Sunday	Obedience Trial
11	Tuesday	Regular Training
16	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	Tuesday	Regular Training

December

3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
11	Thursday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	Regular Training
23	Tuesday	Regular Training
		No Puppy Classes
		No Beginner Classes
30	Tuesday	Christmas Party
		Membership Meeting