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A Matter of Concern...

As editor of this club's newsletter for the past year and a half, it has been my responsibility to post items from all club members that they want to share, tell or notify as outlined in the description of the Waggin' Tales Editor. Today though, I am taking off my editor's hat so that I can write

a piece that I believe is of importance to ALL of the members of Fox Valley Dog Training Club. So instead of being editor, I'm writing as member Sandy Davis.

Let me first say that I believe **everyone** is entitled to his or her own opinion. I am not writing this to condemn or find fault. I, too, have my own opinion regarding puppy mills. But what is being asked of the club should be presented to all members of the club. Do I expect a "fall-out" from those upset that I've addressed this issue in the newsletter? Yes most definitely and I await your email. But to those who become upset I can only say that I hope you understand my reasoning for doing this first before you voice your opinion. Your comments will also be included in my compilation of information that I'm hoping to gather. And, your comments will be shared with others on the board as well as the new committee that was formed at the last Membership Meeting.

But what am I talking about?

At the May membership meeting, a motion was made by a club member that the Fox Valley Dog Training Club disassociates itself from businesses that sell puppies and kittens. This member originally made his dislike known to the Waggin' Tales editor via an email on October 4th for an event that was sponsored by the Valley Shopping Center in St. Charles. Critters Pet shop thanked the club for their appearance by way of a short memo that was also published alongside demonstration photos of club members and their dogs. In addition, one of our instructors also put a "blurb" in the newsletter stating that those who had inquired with her about training equipment could contact her at Critters because they were available. (She ended her working relationship with the store mid-fall of last year.) All of these items were published in the September 2004 issue of Waggin' Tales.

This past April, the club member again addressed his concerns due to a donation that was made at our club's dinner. A discussion between this member and the club's president ensued and it was agreed between the two that the issue would be addressed at the next board meeting in June. Instead of waiting to discuss the issue before the board, he chose to write an email to a group of his friends telling of his dismay. In his email, he asked that someone "...put forth a motion at the next membership meeting stating that FVDTC ought not have any dealings with any business that sells puppies and kittens. By that I would include money donations, ads in our catalog, material donations for the annual dinner or any trial, etc. Also, someone would need to second this". He then added, "It does seem that some of our leadership feel that in the absence of any policy that it is OK to have relations with these merchants. I personally find pet stores appalling places, and I would never set foot in one much less send anyone else into one for any reason. It is my opinion that we ought to make our case heard (if in deed [sic] there is one besides mine) because I do not want a club to which I belong sanctioning either tacitly or overtly these businesses." He finished his email with, "I would appreciate your help in this matter if you have feelings similar to mine. Please come to the meeting and express your opinions and please vote to not [sic] our club's association with these people."

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Again, let me state that everyone is entitled to his/her own opinion. This member is within his rights to voice what he feels is of concern. But I believe that his opinion should have been shared with the entire club

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Membership Meeting Highlights

May 4, 2005

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m. Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The March Meeting minutes were approved as published. (Secretary's note: Jan Schomer indicated immediately after the March meeting minutes were published that the judges for correction clinics only receive \$15.00 not \$20.00 as stated. This should have been addressed as a correction to the minutes prior to their approval, my apologies.) Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) thanked all instructors for Session 2 and the 4-H instructors for their time and efforts. Cindy also reported that a volunteer is still needed to work the information table, this does get work credits. Cindy reminded the club members that there is a ten-minute time limit for Open and Utility rings usage, especially when people are waiting.

Cindy stated that the 7:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's classes for Session 3 are already full. The 7:00 p.m. Puppy class is approximately half full. The next Correction Clinic on May 12th. The remainder of May training nights are on Tuesday's, May 17th and 24th.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) report that the next deadline is Sunday, May 8th.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that he has openings for the following two trial committee chairs: catalog ads and a co-chair for the raffle. Will stated that although he wanted to purchase the items for the raffle, that idea was not well received. Therefore, donated items will be used. He stated that the items must be new and in good condition. He stated that last year, Priscilla received items that were used and in poor condition. Will also stated that if the committee does not receive enough donations, the raffle will not be held.

The Obedience Trial Committee currently consists of the following individuals:

Awards - Penny Brcich and Brenda Rivera.

Booth Rental - Carol Cook

Chief Ring Steward - Jan Schomer

Grounds - Barb Misch

Hospitality - Carolyn Pearson

Kitchen - Susan Yee

Publicity - Kent Hildebrand

Raffle - Barb Raske

Set up and Break down - Dean Connolly and Ed Herdes

Will announced that in addition to himself, the Obedience Judges Selection Committee for the 2006 Trial consists of Jim Comunale, Dave Lewis, Brenda Rivera, Jan Schomer, and Taffy Wille. The majority of the committee is set on five judges. The list of judges will be published in the Waggin' Tales once the panel is confirmed.

Will also announced that the Trophy committee will publish a request for sponsors for breed specific trophies in the Waggin'

Tales.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of ten members as published in Waggin' Tales. Barb Misch made a motion to accept the list as read. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present. The 2005/2006 Membership Renewal Form will be in the May Waggin' Tales.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) announced that her report is the same as was published in last month's Waggin' Tales. Francene will check with Penny Brcich regarding the trophies purchased by the 2004 Obedience Trial Trophy Committee from Peggy Sue Seehafer for use as judges gifts, etc.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that there is still space in the May 12th CGC Test at both 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. She has entry forms available tonight at the meeting and tomorrow at training. She stated that she has distributed a lot of entry forms, but have not received many back. She encouraged members who intend to take the CGC test to return their entry forms as soon as possible.

Barb announced that she needs volunteers to man the booth at the Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show. Jan Schomer has graciously offered to help out between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Barb would like to get three more volunteers to do one hour each, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is at the Aurora Turner's Club at 1335 Mitchell Road in Aurora. Any volunteers are asked to call Barb at 630-761-0823 or send her an e-mail at education@fvdtc.org. She is seeking individuals able to speak about AKC and UKC competitions for Obedience and Agility. She stated that volunteers are allowed to bring one dog.

Barb stated that AKC is seeking entries for the 6th Annual Award for Canine Excellence. The AKC ACE Award is a national honor, given to only five dogs each year who have performed an exemplary act or series of acts, whether large or seemingly small, that have significantly benefited a community or individual. One award is given in each of the following five categories: law enforcement, search and rescue, therapy, service, and exemplary companion dog. Each honoree receives a cash award of \$1,000, an engraved sterling silver collar medallion and an all-expense-paid trip for dog and owner to Tampa, FL to be honored at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship in January 2006. Their names will also appear on a plaque in the AKC Library, NY, NY. For information on how to nominate a dog and owner, there are handouts available tonight at the meeting or by visiting the AKC website. Nominations are accepted until June 15, 2005.

Barb announced that the Poochpalooza event will be held on Saturday, August 27th at the Hall Quarry Beach, 400 S. Water Street, Batavia. Dogs get to swim at the beach. The cost is \$7.00/resident dog and \$11.00/non-resident dog. Advance registration is required, contact the Park District at 630-879-5235 or at <www.bataviaparks.org>. Barb stated that she believes that

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CLUB NEWS

Thank You...

Soon another session will be ending and I would like to thank every Puppy and Beginner Instructor and their Assistants for all the hard work that you have done. You have a job that is sometimes forgotten to express our thanks. So here is a **BIG THANK YOU.** Please keep up the great work that you are doing.

Priscilla Pisarski
Asst. Director of Training
for Puppy and Beginners

Looking for Spare Equipment

We are fostering a German Shepherd Dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind. I am looking to buy or borrow a crate large enough for her to use as an adult. She will be approximately 70 lbs. If you have a crate large enough which you can spare or would like to get rid of, please contact me 630-587-5513 or email me at pastatom@aol.com.

Thank you,
Helen Castellano

Thank You...

"I'd like to thank everyone for their kindness and support while I was organizing CGC Tests for the club. I truly think that it is one of the most rewarding things I've done for the club.

Now, I encourage you all to welcome Colleen Kent into this new role! She'll take over the job starting with the September test. Be sure to watch for her notices and help her out with whatever she needs!

--Barb Misch

Calling all Volunteers

Do you like a challenge? Are you a people person? Have time on your hands? Can you volunteer some time to our club? Well how about helping out with FVDTC's Fundraiser Committee!

If you have these qualities...if you can help out...please contact Kathy Busch at 630-513-8351 or email her at kathyb333@juno.com. We're looking to get a Fundraiser Committee started here at FV. (Also check out info of our upcoming fundraiser event in this newsletter.)

Looking for Stewards

Stewards are always needed for our Correction Clinic nights. If you can volunteer some time, please sign up on the board located at the front table during training night. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Award Sponsors

June 30, 2005, is the deadline for signing up to sponsor an award or trophy for the November Obedience Trial. Any questions about the awards for the trial can be sent to Penny Breich or Brenda Rivera.

New Member

Mary Anne Boyer
1669 Washington Ct.
Geneva, IL 60134
(630)208-4971
e-mail: qcr4ever@comcast.net
Completed Beginners class

Roster Changes

Address Change
Sue MacPherson
40W586 Rt. 64, Wasco, IL 60183
(630)584-1002
Email Change
Priscilla Pisarski
greatpyr@foxvalley.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



Picture courtesy of Ginger Seehafer

For what?

A pool party and picnic WITH our pups

When?

Saturday, September 10th in the afternoon

Where?

At the West Chicago outdoor pool

Cost?

Unknown at this time, but it will be worth the money in laughter

Food?

Yes! It's pot-luck, so bring a dish to share

More details to follow...

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Provides Home Improvement Safety Tips For Pets

Monday, April 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

(Urbana, IL) April 11, 2005 -- With the arrival of the warmer weather that spring and summer brings, many homeowners will be embarking on any number of "do-it-yourself" projects. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is offering pet owners some helpful hints to keep their pets safe from the hazards that common home improvement materials can pose.

- **Paints-** Most water-based latex paints are relatively low in toxicity, but could still produce gastrointestinal upset. Artist's paints or other specialty paints could contain heavy metals that could potentially be harmful if large enough amounts are ingested. Should your pet get paint on its skin or hair coat, never use paint thinner or similar solvents to remove it- a chemical burn could result. Instead, a mild pet shampoo or liquid hand dishwashing detergent can be used to bathe the skin and fur. If the exposure to the hair coat is extensive, clipping or shaving by a local veterinarian may be required.
- **Adhesives/ Glues-** Depending on the type of adhesive involved, a variety of clinical effects are possible following ingestion. Certain construction glues may produce only mild gastrointestinal upset, while others can cause more significant irritation. Additionally, some expanding glue products can result in a potentially life-threatening gastrointestinal obstruction if ingested.
- **Solvents-** Paint thinners, mineral spirits and other solvents can result in severe irritation or chemical burns to the skin and mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth and gastrointestinal tract. In addition, ingestions could produce central nervous system depression, and inhalation of these substances could lead to aspiration pneumonia.
- **Lead-** Some older homes, particularly those built prior to 1978, may possibly contain surfaces that have been painted with lead-based paints. Lead exposures can occur from eating paint chips or by inhaling paint dust from sanded/scraped surfaces. Other potential sources of lead can include drapery weights, plumbing parts, putty, rug pads and linoleum. Lead exposures can produce gastrointestinal, behavioral or neurological effects, as well as clinical symptoms from anemia. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is one source of information to help determine if your home could pose a lead threat; information can be found at www.epa.gov/lead.
- **Mold-** Mold can be found in many parts of the home, including under carpeting, behind walls, or in heating/cooling ducts. Certain species of mold can produce mycotoxins, which can produce gastrointestinal, cardiac and/or neurologic effects such as tremors and seizures. While most problematic mold exposures in pets involve the ingestion of spoiled foods, if mold is discovered in the home pet owners should contact the EPA at www.epa.gov/mold for information on mold hazards, including safe cleaning and removal in order to avoid the potential for problems.
- **Physical Hazards-** Pets could be at risk from a wide variety of physical hazards in homes that are being renovated, including nails, tacks, staples, screws, insulation, electrical cords on power tools, and many others. Ingestion of nails and other small hardware fasteners can cause damage to the gastrointestinal tract and could result in an obstruction as well. Pets chewing on plugged in electrical cords could become electrocuted and/or suffer electrical burns to the mouth.

As prevention is the key to avoiding problems from accidental exposures, animal owners should keep pets completely out of areas where renovation or other home improvement projects are occurring, and should always read and follow label directions for safe use and storage. In certain situations, it may be advisable to board pets in a kennel or day care facility to eliminate the potential for exposure to hazardous substances. If an accidental exposure should occur, owners should seek veterinary assistance promptly by calling their local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435). Additionally, owners should have the product container or packaging available for reference, as critical ingredient information or instructions on how to manage accidental exposures may be on the label.

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and not a very few members.

After reading a personal statement out loud Wednesday night, club President Dave Lewis asked if a motion was being made. A motion was made and seconded. After a short discussion, I then asked, by way of an amended motion, to postpone the vote until the entire club heard about this issue and were able to give their input. Unfortunately, I lost by one vote. Ultimately, it was decided to form a committee to try to create a statement that would express the views of the entire club. The member who initially made the motion to vote withdrew it from the floor.

I find that there will be many who will be affected by such a statement, including those within the membership who have their own businesses (i.e. trainers that may sell dog food, or collars as well as occasionally selling puppies from their own litters. This was also made mention at the Wednesday meeting. Also, announcements of up-and-coming litters in the club's newsletter may also be taken into question because the club is promoting the availability of puppies for sale.

There is a fine line here and this issue needs to be examined very, very carefully and delicately. It does not need to be jumped into quickly without thinking things though. All facts, including those who will ultimately be affected by the club's position will also need to be examined. And, do we stop at puppies and kittens? Retail for rabbits, small "pocket pets" and others are also on the rise. Depending on the size and breed of rabbits and bunnies, one could pay between \$45.00 - \$100.00 in stores that do not sell puppies or kittens.

So I am doing what I feel should have been done in the first place – letting the entire club know of the issue at hand and allowing all to express their views and concerns. I'm asking all who participate in weekly training, attend correction clinic or just read the newsletter:

- Is your dog(s) a purebred or mix breed?
- If purebred, is your dog AKC, UKC registered?
- Did you get your dog from a breeder, pet shop or newspaper (etc)?
- Did you pay for your dog or did you obtain it free?
- What do you feel about the statement made with regards to FVDTC not having any dealings with any business that sells puppies and kittens? (Remember that this may ultimately include those who breed and sell kittens and puppies regardless if it is part of a business or not.)
- Do you think FVDTC needs to have a statement specifically disassociating us from those businesses that sell puppies and kittens?
- How do you feel about stores that also sell rabbits, birds, pocket pets and other animals? Should they too be included?

You can email me at my2blondedogs@aol.com. My address is also listed on every Waggin' Tales Newsletter should you rather not email me. I welcome all submissions regardless if it is negative or positive. All submissions will be available for view.

Braggs... Terri Sidell has finished two of her Standard Poodles to their UKC Championships on Feb. 12,2005 at the WI Boston Terrier Assoc. Shows.

U.CH.G'Day Terrifick Slvr Huntabt CD
Opalton finished his Championship in 4 consecutive shows.
A Big Thank-You to Laura Yee for showing him.
Breeder:Linda Johnson,Au.
Owner: Terri Sidell

U.CH.Neiger Terrifick Tasmine'(Au.Import)
Tasmine' completed her Championship in 5 shows, Group 4, and finished with a Group 3.

Breeder: Geraldine Robertson, Au.
Owner: Terri Sidell

Terrifick Keeper of Twilight is now UKC pointed.
Susan Yee did a fine job of showing him.
Breeders/Owners: Terri Sidell/Susan Yee

Upcoming Litter News

U.CH.G'Day Terrifick Slvr Huntabt CD x Terrifick Slvr Taaffeite CD= June litter. Parents genetically screened. Pups temperament tested and well socialized. We expect many Standard Poodle happy heelers,in White/Blue/Silver.

Terri Sidell 630-543-8403

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spaces fill quickly if they are advertising the event in April.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) announced that Helen Cordell has started a new Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club. The club will do the testing and locate places to go. Peggy stated that perhaps we could get Helen to speak at a future membership meeting,

Peggy Sue reported that Lee Barrett experienced a house fire on April 23rd and tragically lost his pets to the fire.

Cheryl Hettinger/Barb Misch (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that she will not co-chair the Annual Dinner Committee for the 2006 event. When asked why, she replied that she was "tired of the bitchin'" she heard about the event and about the committee members.

Joe and Kathy Busch (Fundraising). Kathy read the job description for the Fundraising committee chair. Kathy reported that they are coordinating a Candlelight Bowl for the first fundraising event. The event is \$20.00/person and includes pizza and three games of bowling on Saturday, June 11th. Pizza will be at 8:00 p.m. and bowling starts at 9:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend should contact Kathy or Joe by June 1st. More information will be in the Waggin' Tales.

Additionally, Kathy reported that she does not have the exact amount earned from the April 28th, Tastefully Simple event, as sales were still being submitted from club members. Kathy also stated that she and Joe would LOVE extra hands during the upcoming planning and events. Barb Barwig volunteered to help.

Will Short asked whether the Obedience Trial's Raffle should be coordinated by the Fundraising committee. Dave suggested that the Buschs and Will discuss that topic after the meeting.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson). Francene announced that Ingrid was back in the area following her Mother's death in Germany. Francene reported that she believes that stewards are needed for the May 12th correction clinic.

Margi Stuessy (Publicity) reported that she has created a new brochure and is waiting for the final review and comments from several individuals. She has contacted local newspapers to publicize the May 12th CGC Test.

Margi asked whether the brochures could be duplicated in color. Barb Misch stated that when she had the color copies done for last year's Responsible Dog Ownership events, she used the UPS Store recommended by Carolyn. Carolyn will contact the UPS Store for prices to duplicate the new brochures.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Barb Barwig as drawn by club member and new home-un-owner, Sue MacPherson.

Old Business

General Policy Committee

Dave reported that the committee is very close to having a single collection of how the club operates, based on a review of meeting minutes covering the last 10 years. Dave stated that Carolyn still needs to review the information from 1996. The collection needs to be sorted, organized and "beautified." Once the project is complete, information will be available to hand out to committee chairs for review and accuracy checks.

New Business

CGC Coordinator Chair

Dave reported that a new committee position was created to coordinate the CGC Tests. A separate committee was created after Barb Misch successfully implemented the CGC Test program at FVDTC. Now the program requires more effort and a separate committee was created. Colleen Kent has volunteered to be the new Coordinator Chair. The following is the job description for the new committee chair.

The Canine Good Citizenship Test Coordinator is to schedule, promote, organize, and conduct CGC tests for the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. These events, typically occurring three times per year (January, May, September), will be held on Correction Clinic nights, so the Coordinator must verify with the Correction Clinic Chairs that necessary ring space is available. The Coordinator locates qualified Evaluators and enough manpower to execute the event, including at least one assistant and three crowd people. He/ She should see that the events are promoted at training, correction clinics, on the WOOF line, in Waggin' Tales, on the club web site and at local vet offices. The Coordinator obtains all necessary supplies and materials, and helps the evaluator report appropriately to the AKC. Additionally, the Coordinator or Evaluator for the test should be prepared to discuss with successful participants where to go next in their training, being sure to cover rally, obedience, agility, tracking and therapy dog work.

Barb reported that she and Colleen will work together to do the September CGC Test. Peggy suggested that we give Barb a round of applause for all of her effort for the work she did for past CGC tests.

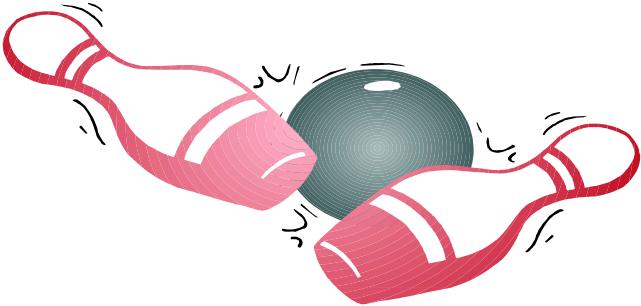
Membership Dues Discount for Instructors

Carolyn explained that primary instructors are given a discount on their membership dues. The amount of discount is determined by the number of sessions taught. A 25% discount is offered for each session taught, to a maximum of four sessions. For example, when a primary instructor teaches two sessions, the instructor's dues are \$45.00, not \$90.00, for the year.

Canine Oxygen Masks

Bill Clarke submitted a recent Chicago Tribune news article

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FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB CANDLELIGHT BOWL

COME JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND BOWLING. EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED EXCEPT THE CASH BAR. BOWLING BALL, SHOES, THREE GAMES OF BOWLING (2 SCOTCH DOUBLES & 1 GAME OF FUN) AND PIZZA!!!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2005

TIME: PIZZA at 8 p.m.
BOWLING at 9 p.m.

WHERE: WHEATON BOWL
2031 N. GARY AVE.
CAROL STREAM, IL 60187

COST: \$40 PER COUPLE

R.S.V.P BY: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST

PLEASE SEND THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS, THE BOWLERS NAMES
AND A CHECK MADE OUT TO FVDTC
TO:

JOE & KATHY BUSCH
1445 BANBURY AVE.
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2005
DUES FOR THE 2005-2006 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2005

Your name will be omitted from the 2005-2006 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-10-05

**Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues.
This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.**

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ () _____

E-mail Address: _____
You must include your e-mail address if you select the "Via e-mail" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): _____

Training areas of interest: _____

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house Via e-mail Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Name: _____

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.

Signature

Signature

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00**

REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00**

LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)

Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

****If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ *

**In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-10-05*

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below.
Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

(630) 584-1002	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 40W586 Rt. 64 Wasco, IL 60183	membership@fvdtc.org
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regarding a canine oxygen mask used by emergency personnel, for consideration. Sandy Davis stated that she checked with the Tri-City Ambulance services regarding the masks. She discovered that St. Charles and Batavia each has one mask, and Geneva has two masks on one ambulance. Sandy stated that many firemen will do their best to save animals in the event of a fire or other emergency, once all of the humans have been safely removed from the scene.

Peggy Sue made motion that we purchase the canine oxygen mask used to rescue a dog and donate it to the Elburn Fire District, assuming that they do not already have the mask, in memory of Lee Barrett's pets lost in his house fire. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting, without any opposition or abstentions.

Margi Stuessy also reported that she attended the three-session class offered by the American Red Cross for pet first aid/CPR. Margi volunteered to check the American Red Cross to see whether they would be able to do a program at a future membership meeting.

Pup-n-People Pool Party

Carolyn announced that the Board approved renting the West Chicago outdoor pool on September 10th for a pup/people picnic. The rental is \$100.00 per hour. We are allowed to bring food, although we have to consume it in the concession area, which is next to the pool. Other details are being worked on, such as times and costs. Peggy Sue and Carolyn are the current committee members and more volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested in helping plan this event should contact Carolyn (630-231-5658 or secretary@fvdtc.org) or Peggy Sue (630-377-3025 or director@fvdtc.org). Peggy Sue recommended that we investigate what would happen to our 50% deposit in the event of bad weather, such as an electrical storm.

Labrador Retriever Puppy Auctioned

Will Short announced that he read an article in the Tempo section of last week's Chicago Tribune that the Elgin Academy held a fundraising auction which included a labrador puppy. According to the article, the school paid \$1,000.00 and made \$4,200.00. Ann White stated that she was involved in a similar situation that occurred in Iowa. However, she stated that after much e-mail communications, she was assured that the bidders were all informed of the auction's guidelines, which included such things as requirements that the new owners of the pup were required to take the dog to training, provide indoor living, proper health care, etc.

Peggy Sue stated that E-Bay does not allow auctioning of live animals. She also stated that if anyone does see that type of auction on e-bay, the person should contact e-bay immediately so that it can be removed from the website. Will Short made a motion that the club writes and sends a letter to the school expressing our disapproval of the situation. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting, without any opposition or abstentions. Cindy Pakenas also suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to local newspapers. Peggy Sue Seehafer volunteered to write the letter.

Club's Association with Business' Selling Puppies and Kittens

Will Short read the following statement from an e-mail message he sent.

Over the past several months it has become apparent to me that FVDTC has been more actively involved with local businesses that sell puppies and kittens. As a member of this club for nearly 20 years, I am appalled by these associations. One of these local pet stores has been prominent recently. Our club was involved in an obedience demonstration a few months ago very near the location of the store, and several members of our club took part. WT present an article and several pages of pictures documenting this event. It even included the owner's names, the address, and phone number of the store complete with an enticement to visit or buy dumbbells there. At that time I expressed my dismay to the appropriate people on the board and I was met with hostility and indifference. I was told that since we did not have a policy concerning this issue that it was OK to continue this association. As Trial Chair last year I made it clear that as long as I was the Trial Chair and my name appeared on catalog and premium, we would not be accepting donations in any form from any business who sold puppies and kittens. I believe that it is time for Fox Valley to make a stand and adopt a policy that would prohibit our associating with any business of this type. By business, I am referring to donations of any kind, ads in our catalogs, demonstrations. It was been suggested to me and to others that this topic is one that requires further research. I fail to see the necessity for spending any additional time with our involvement with businesses like this. As an AKC affiliated club I feel that our continued involvement either overtly or tacitly is extremely inappropriate.

Will Short made a motion that FVDTC have no association with any business that is involved with sales for profit of puppies and kittens. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. Ed Herdes asked whether this would impact our involvement with shelters and rescue programs. Francene Andresen stated that although she agrees with the concept, would this policy open up a "can of worms" for the club. She reported that several years ago she was involved with a breeder that was one of the most vile people she has ever seen with dogs. The facility was so disgusting, that she took pictures and sent them and the information to AKC, who did take action against this breeder. We must be careful about how the policy is worded, because even seemingly reputable breeders are not always.

Sandy Davis made a motion that we postpone the discussion of Will Short's motion. Helen Castellano seconded the motion. Sandy stated not everyone present at the meeting had complete information. And she also stated that Will's original e-mail message was only sent to 19% of the club members. Sandy stated that she forwarded a message from Terri Byerly regarding the possibility of this topic being addressed at the meeting, to inform other club members not included in Will's original e-mail list. She stated that in a very short time, she was able to obtain a whole binder of information about the state's definitions of "business",

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"pet stores", etc. She felt that everyone should be aware of this situation with facts in order to make an educated decision about Will's motion. In reference to Will's statements about the mention in the Waggin' Tales, she reviewed the past issues of the Waggin' Tales and only found the Critters Pet Store mentioned twice and was not sure about the specific information that Will said was present in the issue. (Secretary's note: Will Short reported the following day, that the information that he was referring to was on page 9 of the September, 2004 issue.)

Kay Weber asked how many e-mail messages were sent in support of the Critters Pet Store. Cindy Pakenas stated that as former Public Education Coordinator, she was aware of AKC policies regarding the selling of puppies. Cindy felt that we should continue the discussion of Will's motion tonight.

Peggy asked how we separate all the stores that sell pet items and actual animals, such as PETsMART. According to several individuals, PETsMART does not sell puppies or kittens. Anne White agreed with Sandy that we should have more time to educate ourselves about all sides of the issues. Terri Byerly suggested that we continue the discussion tonight, but not vote on the motion until the September membership meeting. Carole Swenson stated that we should discuss and vote tonight. Dean Connolly agreed with Terri to wait for the vote. Anne Stuessy said that since this topic invoked such intense feelings, the entire club should be involved, not just the members present at the meeting.

Sandy stated that the information from the AKC website about their policy on puppy mills was that AKC does not support puppy mills, but chooses to fight the problem by educating the canine buyers about the issues about buying puppy mill puppies. In reference to Will's statement that he expressed dismay to the appropriate board members she stated that he sent an email on October 4th and she was the third person that he contacted. She stated that to properly generate awareness of his concerns with the association that the club had with Critters, he could have written something for the Waggin' Tales. Additionally, she stated that when he recently re-addressed the issue on the board web forum, he agreed to wait until the June Board meeting. Will replied that he decided not to wait any longer on the issue. Dean Connolly stated that we must choose our words very carefully when creating this type of policy. Francene reminded everyone that the Board has been accused in the past that we push through issues without proper notification to the general membership. The intent to discuss this issue should have been published in the Waggin' Tales to assure general notification.

Dave then stated that we would need to vote on the motion that Sandy made about postponing the discussion until the September 7th Membership meeting. The following is the results of the vote:

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| 17 | No - continue the discussion tonight |
| 16 | Yes - postpone the discussion until the September 7th Membership meeting |
| 1 | Abstained from voting |

Cindy stated that if people did not like the results of tonight's meeting, they could re-address it in the future. Dave stated that by doing that, the topic never seems to be concluded.

Terri made a motion to amend Will's motion to state that "FVDTC has no association with any commercial or retail business that is involved with sales for profit of puppies and kittens." Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. During the discussion Sandy read the following definition of an animal caretaker, formerly known as a pet shop operator, as stated in the State of Illinois HB0707, dated February 1, 2005.

"Animal caretaker Pet shop operator" means any person who sells, offers to sell or, exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge or donation dogs, cats, birds, fish, 15 reptiles, or other animals customarily obtained as pets in this State. "Animal caretaker" includes, but is not limited to, a pet store, breeder, adoption facility, shelter, or private individual who performs any of the functions of an animal caretaker listed in this paragraph. However, a person who sells only such animals that he has produced and raised shall not be considered a pet shop operator under this Act, and a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 shall not be considered an animal caretaker a pet shop operator under this Act."

The state's definition of a pet shop operator now includes many of the organizations we support and individuals who are currently club members who are breeders also. Anne suggested that we remove the phrase "for profit" from the motion. Cindy suggested that we specify a definition of "retail" as places that charge a retail tax. Cindy expressed concern about lumping small breeders in the same category as a retail pet store. Will stated that he never intended to lump breeders in the same category. Cindy stated that she believes that the policy would be open for less criticism if we just stated commercial and not retail. Terri Byerly withdrew her amendment. Dave also asked whether this policy would impact any places that sells adult cats and dogs, not just puppies or kittens.

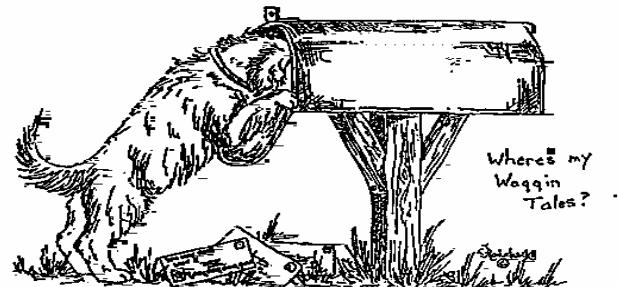
Kathy Hubbard stated that the issue appears to be specific to the Critters Pet Store and suggested that we take a step back from that particular situation and look at all retail outlets. Dave suggested that since we obviously do not want to promote puppy mills in any way and Sandy has done an extraordinary amount of research we should continue the issue by creating a committee to carefully choose the wording of such a policy. Will withdrew his motion. Helen Castellano made a motion to form a committee to further investigate to determine a better policy. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting, without any opposition and two abstentions. The following club members volunteered to be on the committee: Karen Bormann, Sandy Davis, Kathy Hubbard and Will Short.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



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| 4 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 5 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 8 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 12 | Thursday | Correction Clinic
CGC Test |
| 17 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 24 | Tuesday | Regular Training |

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| 1 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 2 | Thursday | Regular Training
Begin Session 3 |
| 5 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
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| 23 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 30 | Thursday | Regular Training |