



WAGGIN' TALES

Another Successful Agility Trial

We recently completed our two day indoor agility trial. I need to personally thank my trial committee for their many hours of work prior to, during and after the trial. The committee members included Cathy Fleury, Kent Hildebrand, Vera



Nyberg, Cheryl Lewis, Molly Stadler, and Shirley Short. I could

not do this without the help of these people. We also could not put on this fantastic weekend without the help of our exhibitors. Though the vast majority of them were not Fox Valley club members, they volunteered their time in between running their dogs, so that we could all have a well organized and well run trial. Thank you for volunteering.

We had two super judges, Monica Land and Lavonda Herring, who were wonderful to work with and appreciated all of the volunteers who assisted.

I had two club members and one non-club member who graciously offered to assist me with the purchases from Sam's Club. Thank



Photos above and below are by Cheryl Lewis

you to Taffy Wille, Francene Andresen and Pat Sander-son.

To all those club members and non-members who volunteered to work with us, you have my sincere appreciation. All of us pulled together and gave our all to make these trials successful.

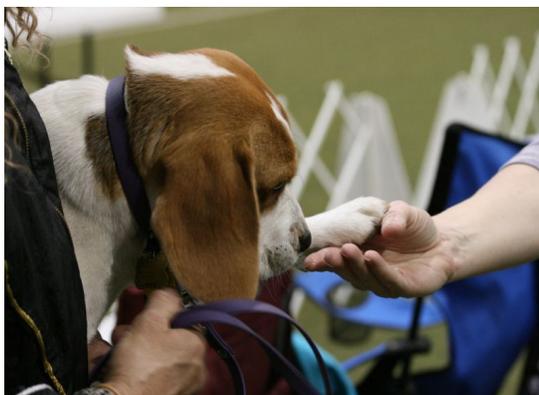
I look forward to your continued support next year.

With gratitude,

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson

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Our Sincere Apology

To all of our members that receive Waggin' Tales via the U.S. Postal Service, and to the Committee Chairs and contributors to WT, we wish to extend our sincere apology for the tardiness of delivery. Due to unavoidable computer problems, the printed March Waggin' Tales was unable to be delivered in a timely manner. We believe the computer problems have been resolved and should not pose any further problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you that both current and past issues of Waggin' Tales is available on the website. You can go to www.fvdtc.org at any time to check for any updated information or Waggin' Tales issues.

We apologize for any inconvenience this problem may have caused.

Francene Andresen
Editor, Waggin' Tales

HELP WANTED

Dear Members,

As of the April 2008 printing of WT, we still have the following important positions to fill.

Public Education Coordinator (Board position)

An AKC required position / coordinating (with AKC's assistance), a couple of educational related events.

Demonstrations

This is about coordinating a group of folks to do demos.

Please contact Terri at president@fvdtc.org if you are interested in getting more information about these positions.

Looking For Therapy Dog Teams

Delnor Community Hospital is looking for therapy dog teams to be a part of their Dog Rx Program. This program falls under Delnor's Volunteer Department.

Interested parties please go to Delnor's website www.delnor.com and select "Volunteers" under Services. Handlers must attend the 1 hour volunteer meeting (meeting dates are on the web page) in which confidentiality and rules/regulations of the hospitals are discussed. A free TB test and Rubella test is also given.

Unlike a few hospitals that charge handlers to participate, Delnor **DOES NOT CHARGE** handlers to participate in their program. Delnor also offers other "perks" for their volunteers which is also listed on the volunteer web page.

For more information, find Sandy Davis (Dog RX Program Coordinator) either before or after the 7pm Fox Valley Dog Training Club Advance Beginner Class.

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

For the

FOX RIVER VALLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOW

McHenry County Fairgrounds

Woodstock, IL

On

MAY 30 & 31, 2008

**Contact: Marian Lazzara for more information
(630) 762-1772 or driftwoodpoms@aol.com**

Board Meeting Highlights
April 04, 2008

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The December Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read. Terri read a letter from the AKC Humane Fund requesting monetary donations to the new Hall of Fame.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) stated that the Oprah Winfrey show about puppy mills, etc which was shown that morning would be repeated at 11:00 p.m. that night.

Peggy reported that she is in the process of obtaining programs for the upcoming membership meetings. Currently, she is awaiting confirmation from Ronnie Bizer to discuss judging at obedience trials. Peggy Sue also asked whether the club would be interested in hosting a seminar. If so, what type of seminar would we host? Dale stated that he attended a Patricia McConnell seminar recently at the University of Illinois and he loved it. Terri volunteered to start the process. Sandi Stephenson stated that we should seek feedback from the membership. Carolyn suggested that we should locate several different seminars and then seek feedback from the membership about which seminar would draw the most interest.

Peggy Sue also discussed the new Kane County buildings and the future use.

Dale Swanson (Treasurer) stated that he will be working with Ingrid Weihe to complete the club's taxes.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) reported that she still needs an assistant for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy class, working with Vera Nyberg. Sandi stated that starting on August 5th, a new Primary Instructor will be needed for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class, as Dale Swanson will be taking a break at that time. Anyone interested in teaching that Beginner's class should contact Sandi at training, at dot@fvdtc.org or at (630) 231-8828.

Sandi made a motion to purchase instructors shirts for the following four instructors: Joan Mazat, Rosemary Anderson, Ericka Koehn-Sunday and Christine Lancaste. Carolyn Pearson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with no one opposed or abstaining.

Public Education Coordinator. Terri Byerly confirmed with the AKC that this is a required position for AKC sanctioned clubs. With the Terri's involvement in the AKC's Ambassador program, the AKC will consider the position filled until a club member is voted in. Terri stated that she will begin planning an Open House event to be held on September 11th as part of the AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership events.

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. However, he sent the following report.

Beth Elliott has been hired as our 2008 Obedience Trial Secretary. Rick reported that a Booths Chair is still needed. He also expressed disappointment that he has not received any volunteers despite pleas in the Waggin' Tales and postings on the bulletin board at training. With the exception of a Booths Chair, the following are the confirmed chairs for the Obedience Trial Committees.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR(S)</u>
Booths	Vacant
Catalog Advertising	Bill Clarke
Equipment	Ed Herdes
Grounds	Cheryl Hettinger
Hospitality	Carolyn Pearson
Kitchen	Loretta Lazzara & Mary Szczurek

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR(S)</u>
Publicity	Kent Hildebrand
Raffle	Francene Andresen & Barb Misch
Rally	Kent Hildebrand
Ring Stewards	Cathy Fleury
Scoring	Taffy Wille

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Tear Down Ed Herdes
Trophy Peggy Sue Seehafer

He has contacted Tanya Kucaba (Trial Chair) and Jean Munger (Trial Secretary) of Car-Dun-AI regarding the coordination of the building layout, to eliminate any issues regarding the layout this year.

Additionally, Rick reported that he was contacted by several judges who have been slated for the 2009 Trial regarding the dates. Although we are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, 2009, that date must be confirmed with the Kane County Fairgrounds and Car-Dun-AI.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. However, she sent the following report.

She thanked the trial committee for their many hours of work prior to, during and after the two-day Spring indoor agility trial. The committee members included Cathy Fleury, Kent Hildebrand, Vera Nyberg, Cheryl Lewis, Molly Stadler, and Shirley Short. She stated that she could not do this without the help of these people.

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Additionally, Monica Land and Lavonda Heron were wonderful judges to work with, and appreciated all of the volunteers who assisted them while judging.

Helen stated that the following individuals graciously assisted her with the purchases from Sam's Club: Taffy Wille and Francene Andresen, club members and Pat Sanderson, non-club member.

To all those club members who volunteered, you have her sincere appreciation.

Old Business

Questionnaire Status

Terri stated that she will update the questionnaire, originally discussed at the December Board meeting, after this meeting and prepare it for distribution to the membership.

Sanctioned Match Status

Sandi Stephenson reported that the following individuals are judges for the June 19th Sanctioned Match.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Judge</u>
Novice A and B	Rick Cox
Open A	Marian Lazzara
Open B	Joe Caputo
Utility A	Donna Darland
Utility B	Will Short
Rally	Loretta Lazzara

Sandi Stephenson also extended a huge **THANK YOU** to the following club members who graciously gave up the judging positions that they had signed up for, to the individuals who must judge at an AKC sanctioned match to fulfill one of the requirements to become an AKC judge.

Marietta Huber, Utility A and Sandy Davis, Rally.

Carolyn reported that the FVDTC Correction Clinic entry form indicates that the club is hosting a sanctioned match on June 19th and has been updated since February. Penny Brcich, as the Sanctioned Match Secretary, should submit the AKC Sanctioned Match Application.

New Business

A process was developed to make sure that the club members who require accessible parking would be accommodated by making sure that the handicapped parking sign is placed near the door by Ed Herdes or Terri Byerly.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Do you sometimes have a question about the dog world that you would like to have explained more thoroughly? Here is your chance. If you have any suggestions for a topic or program that you would like to see presented at a membership meeting, please e-mail PS@K9Prints.com or call Peggy Sue at (630) 584-1595.



Attention Members

Effective immediately, the first parking spot nearest to the back door of the building will be reserved handicapped parking. There will be a sign there stating such. We DO have a couple of members in need of this spot.

Please leave it open for those who need it.

FROM RICK COX, OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAIR, TO YOU

Following is a list of positions available for the November 9th Obedience Trial. I would encourage our members to act quickly and volunteer for the position of their choice as they are going fast! (Right!)

Booth chairperson - responsible for Vendor booth space.

There will be several committees that need help as well as the chairpersons described above. **There will be something for everyone!**

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

You can contact me at obedience@fvdtc.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

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American Red Cross Pet First Aid Class May 17th, 2008

**Offered to members and students of
Fox Valley Dog Training Club**

This class is not being advertised to the general public.

Cost: \$42.00

(yes this is a \$2.00 increase from the past two years we did it. Its worth it.)

121 North Second Street Suite G in St Charles

(time will be 8ish am until a bit before noon).

Class Covers:

Recognizing an emergency,
administering medications,
performing CPR and First Aid and MORE!
(yes, they have the "dummies" to practice on!)

Contact Terri Byerly to sign up
terribyerly@aol.com (630) 553-2363

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 7-10-08***

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 4N791 Chaffield Dr St. Charles, IL 60175	membership@fvdtc.org
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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2008

DUES FOR THE 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2008.

Your name will be omitted from the 2008-2009 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-08

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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Do not want to get at all \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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| <b>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.</b> |                    |
| _____<br>Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | _____<br>Signature |



**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

**QUESTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP** Circle your answers  
(remember to do page 2 on reverse side)

**Would you like daytime or earlier hours to be available to train at FVDTC?**  
yes – no – don't know

**Do you feel FVDTC's costs (membership, student, guest) are fair and comparable to other facilities?**  
yes – no – don't know – comments

**Do you feel FVDTC keeps you well enough informed of upcoming events and news?**  
yes – no – don't know – comments

**What do you think would increase volunteerism within the club?** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would volunteer more often for various things if:**

**Do you understand the current work credit system?**  
yes – no – don't know –

comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you feel the current work credit system is fair?**  
yes – no – don't know –

comments \_\_\_\_\_

**How often do you visit FVDTC's website?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you use FVDTC's facility? (circle all that apply)**  
the building – the instructors – close to home – works with my personal schedules – cost

other \_\_\_\_\_

**What would make attending membership meetings more appealing to you?**  
Earlier start time (current is 7:30) – more social atmosphere with snacks and coffee

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you feel FVDTC should be offering seminars / workshops?**  
yes – no – don't know – comments

**If FVDTC did offer seminars, I would be willing to help organize such an event** Yes No Maybe



On April 04, 2008, Oprah Winfrey did a show about the horrors of puppy mills. Oprah read a brief statement from AKC on this subject. A few hours after the show aired the following letter was published.



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB™

**RONALD H. MENAKER**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

**DENNIS B. SPRUNG**  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms. Oprah Winfrey  
The Oprah Winfrey Show  
110 N. Carpenter Street  
Chicago, IL 60607

April 4, 2008

Dear Ms. Winfrey:

Thank you for your informative show today. We are very pleased that a renowned dog lover such as you has taken on the issue of unregulated dog breeders – an issue we work towards addressing on a daily basis.

The American Kennel Club has always been a strong proponent of responsible breeding, which entails giving careful consideration to health issues, temperament and genetic screening, as well as to the individual care and placement of puppies in responsible homes. AKC supports and promotes these and other responsible breeding practices through numerous educational programs.

In addition to raising awareness, we have long invested significant resources to directly address the issue of canine welfare. In 2007, our team of 15 inspectors visited over 5,600 kennels throughout the country. AKC spends over \$6 million each year to [inspect our customers](#), thereby ensuring the integrity of our registry and the proper care and conditions for dogs registered with us. In fact, of over 35 U.S. "registries" we are the only one to conduct inspections, as well as being the only not-for-profit all-breed registry in the nation. AKC is continually raising the bar. When our inspectors find kennels that do not meet our progressive standards, they educate those breeders. Those not willing to come into compliance are suspended of their AKC registration privileges and proper authorities are alerted in cases of neglect.

Unfortunately, there are many breeders who choose NOT to register with us specifically because of our high standards, and once they are no longer being inspected by the AKC, there is often very little oversight from state or federal entities. AKC supports scrupulous enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, and state and local regulations governing the humane care of animals. We also voice support for more resources to be allotted to the USDA and other enforcement agencies to ensure that current regulations are met.

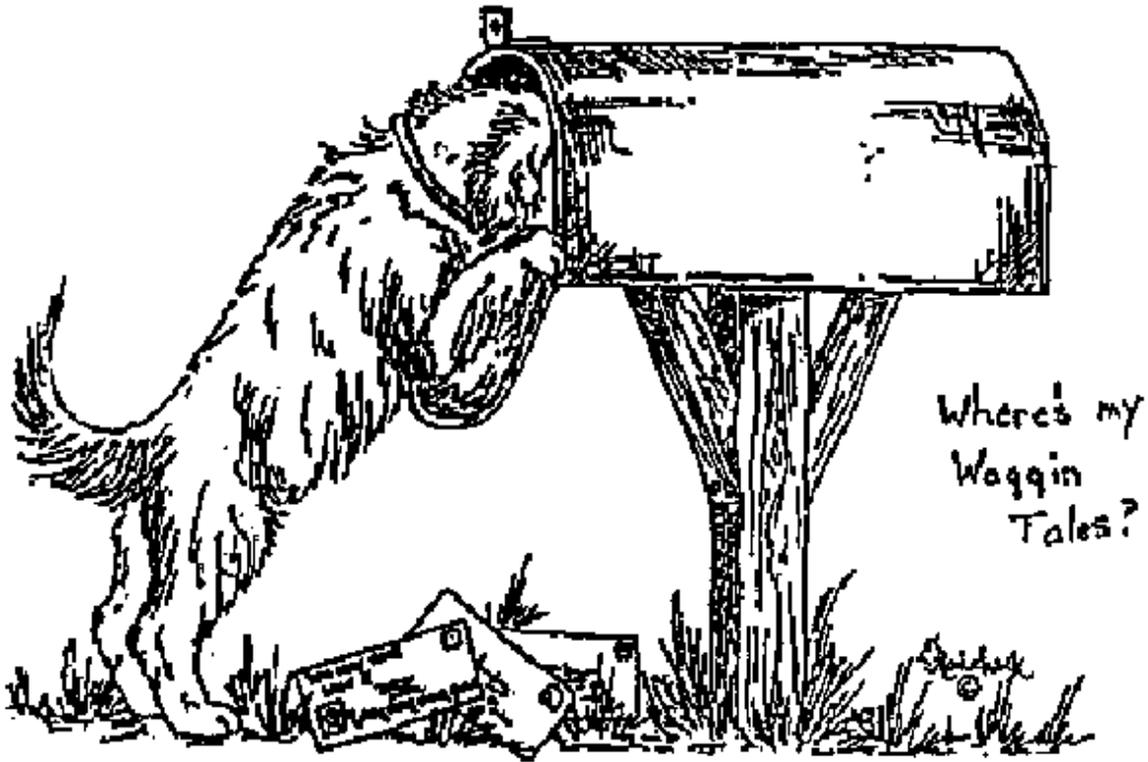
AKC's 5,000 affiliated clubs nationwide are comprised of people who dedicate their lives – emotionally and financially – to improving their breeds and to providing healthy, happy pets. We would like to work with you to further educate the American public about [how to identify a responsible breeder](#) and hope you will call on us when addressing this topic in the future.

Again, thank you for raising awareness of this important issue. Your support is invaluable to all dogs and their devoted owners.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Menaker  
Chairman of the Board

Dennis B. Sprung  
President and CEO



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| <b>APRIL</b> | <b>MAY</b> |
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| 3  | Thursday        | Regular Training                                      |
| 4  | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                  |
| 6  | <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                         |
| 10 | Thursday        | Regular Training &<br><b>End Puppy Class 8 p.m.</b>   |
| 12 | <b>SATURDAY</b> | <b>ANNUAL DINNER</b>                                  |
| 17 | Thursday        | <b>Correction Clinic</b>                              |
| 24 | Thursday        | Regular Training &<br><b>Start Puppy Class 8 p.m.</b> |

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| 1  | Thursday         | Regular Training                                                               |
| 7  | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                                                      |
| 8  | Thursday         | Regular Training                                                               |
| 11 | <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Waggin' Tales Deadline</b>                                                  |
| 15 | Thursday         | <b>Correction Clinic &amp;<br/>CGC &amp; TDI Tests</b>                         |
| 20 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | Regular Training &<br><b>End Puppy Class 7 p.m.<br/>&amp; Beginner Class</b>   |
| 29 | Thursday         | Regular Training &<br><b>Start Puppy Class 7 p.m.<br/>&amp; Beginner Class</b> |