



WAGGIN' TALES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Terri Byerly

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Director of Training (DOT): Joan Mazat

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Tracking Test Chairperson: Ingrid Hamburger

Membership Chairperson: Sue MacPherson

Public Education Coordinator: Barb Runkle

Director at Large: David Lewis

2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Assistant Directors of Training (ADOT): Sandi Stephenson

Annual Dinner Chairperson: Cheryl Hettinger

Canine Good Citizen (C.G.C.) & Therapy Dog International (T.D.I.):

(Coordinator): Colleen Kent

Class Coordinator: Nancy Pederson

Graduation Chairperson: Barb Misch

Historian: Nancy Pederson

Match Chairpersons:

(Coordinator): Jan Schomer

(Entries): Penny Brcich;

(Judges): Sandi Stephenson

(Stewards): Ingrid Hamburger

Publicity: Bill Clark

Statistician: Jan Schomer

Sunshine: Penny Brcich

Waggin' Tales Editor: Francene Andresen

WoofMaster: David Lewis

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Dear Friends,

This will be my last article as your DOT. Ok, fine, now that the applause has died down...

Thank you, thank you everyone, to ALL members and to all the Officers and Directors, with whom I have been privileged to serve for this club.

Special thanks to my friend and assistant, Loretta Lazzara, who made my job easier and lots more fun. I am so glad we get to continue our partnership. (The 2 ADOTS Act!) Thanks, Lorets!

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to anyone who has served at the table. Most recently, Cheryl Hettinger has stepped up and worked long hours welcoming, directing, taking payments from non-members, and for doing a multitude of other jobs for the club while serving at "The Table".

Most of all, Thank You to our fabulous, talented, good, kind, and generous instructors, without whom there would be no FVDTC.

We all appreciate being able to train our dogs at this wonderful facility. None of us should ever take for granted the convenient location and spacious building that we enjoy every week.

Without dedicated instructors, and people like Jan Shomer to arrive early to open and unlock the doors, and Carolyn, Ed, and Jake to close it all down at the end of a late night, we would lose our site.

It's really that simple. This club survives because of its volunteers. If you like training your dogs here, I would hope you would have the realization that we need your help, even if you haven't been personally asked. In the perfect world we would all know each other and be great friends. The reality is that we may need to introduce ourselves and offer our help, not wait to be asked. Even volunteering once per month is helping the club succeed. Are you available on Tuesdays, for example? We have several members who cannot be there on those nights, would you consider helping on those few occasions? There are just too many other ways of volunteering to list, but thank you for considering to offer a little of your time, precious as that is, in these hurried days.

We are extremely lucky to have Joan Mazat volunteer to be the new Director of Training for FV. Joan is all the adjectives described for instructors above, and holds a special place in her heart for dogs and people that train them. I have been honored to call her my friend ever since she became my student with Rottweiler, Bonnie, some years ago. Bonnie and Joan have since gone on from Novice A to UD, and will earn their UDX this year. (Remember, enjoy the JOURNEY, Joan!) Her other dear Rottweiler, Breezy, is working toward her CDX. Point is, Joan would like to work her own dogs, so may not be able to continue teaching both Open and Puppy class, and dealing with all the little "fires" that rear their heads for the DOT. Then again, Joan is energetic and enthusiastic, wonderful qualities for this job, for which she is most capable and qualified.

Please, please welcome and support your new Director.

Because I haven't written a report for WT in a while and can't remember if I already have done so, I just want to thank Kristen Anderson again for doing such a marvelous job with the 8 p.m. Beginners class. Joan is aware that you would love a break next session. Perhaps someone will be kind enough to fill in once or twice a year for you.

Barb Misch is a great addition to Vera's 8 p.m. Puppy class. Thank you, Barb.

Join me in welcoming two new assistants in our Beginners classes. Nancy Hofmeister will be helping Kristen at 8 p.m., and Victoria Abraham is assisting Ed Herdes at 9 p.m.. Thank you so much, Ladies, your help is very much appreciated.

Vickie and Nancy have been working their dogs in Nancy Pederson's Ring Ready class. Nancy encourages and cultivates all the potential "new talent" out there, something we must all do if the sport of Obedience is to continue. That, of course, is another subject for another time.

For now, in this year of new leadership and new hopes, I wish everyone in the club fun and success, and a warm dog to hug.

Love, (sorry if this is an inappropriate closing, but it expresses my feeling toward you)

Sandi

Note from the President

Thank you to last year's Board of Directors and my gratitude to those who came back for another year. To those new to the board and committees, "Welcome and Thank You"!

Friends, we're a club that runs on volunteer power. We are so very lucky to have dedicated folks, willing and ready to jump in and help out through out the year. However this is a big club with many activities thru the year. We always need more help. If you ever have the itch to participate and get more involved but you're not sure where to get started, talk to me, email me, call me, carrier pigeon, whatever works for you.

We are a diverse club; a unique blend of personalities and talents. This works very much in our favor and occasionally against. But we've always persevered and worked out any issues that at times seemed insurmountable. We continue to offer to the public a variety of options, well organized events, quality instruction and a fabulous venue to enjoy time with our dogs. Those are some of the reasons that I'm proud to be a part of this canine based community. I've found in this club, mentors and friends. I bet you have too. And if you haven't yet, you will. I promise you that.

I will continue to be available to listen to your suggestions, complaints, compliments, ideas, recipes... Please never hesitate to approach me with issues.

Welcome back to another year of training, showing, organizing, teaching, learning and simply enjoying time with your pals; both four legged and two!

Sincerely,
Terri Byerly
email me: terribyerly@aol.com



Soon we will once again be welcoming young people into our rings with 4H classes starting up on February 5th running until the Kane County 4H Dog Show on Wednesday June 24th, 2009.

The children will be working their dogs from 6:00 pm until approximately 6:50 pm on regular training nights. Please be mindful of the increased number of young people handling dogs and encourage them as you can. Please also treat these kids with respect. They deserve recognition for making the attempt to train their dogs.

These children are the dog owners of the future. We want to teach them to be responsible dog owners. Where will the sport of competitive obedience go if we don't encourage the young people? Teach them, encourage them, guide them, respect them.

Send an email to TerriByerly@aol.com if you'd like to get involved with the 4H program.



Membership Meeting Highlights
January 07, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 7:42 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The November Meeting minutes were approved as published. Terri Byerly asked Board members and committee chairs to send any reports to Carolyn. Due to Carolyn's lack of a voice, Taffy read one item of correspondence regarding an organization offering to teach a pet first aid and CPR. Terri mentioned that the pet first aid and CPR class offered by the local American Red Cross is a fantastic class and encouraged club members to take the class. Although the class has been offered exclusively to club members in the past, Terri stated that she would not organize another class unless a significant number of club members were interested. Sandi Stephenson, Joan Mazat and Ingrid Hamburger all stated that they were interested.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) stated that Nancy Pederson provided the following information for the Beginner classes starting on January 8th.

Start Time	Students
7:00 p.m.	Full (15)
8:00 p.m.	Full (15)
9:00 p.m.	11

The 7:00 p.m. Puppy class is full at 12 students.

Sandi reported that Nancy Hofmeister will assist Kristen Anderson for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Sandi stated that she has been seeking an assistant for Ed Herdes for the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Additionally, Sandi stated that when training is switched to a Tuesday night, Ericka Koehn and Sandy Davis cannot instruct. Sandi also reminded the instructors that the slip collars will no longer be provided to the students taking the Beginner's classes.

Joan Mazat (Co-Assistant Director of Training) reported that current attendance in the 8:00 p.m. Open class is down.

Terri Byerly asked whether the club should consider implementing the AKC STAR Puppy program. Terri stated that the STAR program is a cross between the CGC program and puppy class. Terri will provide the new D.O.T. with the information she has and the D.O.T. can decide whether or not to move forward with it.

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) thanked all members who made the 2008 Obedience and Rally Trial a success. The final financial tally indicates that the Fall Trial left Fox Valley Dog Training Club with a loss of \$447.83. He stated that he does have some ideas that may help change the financial outcome for the 2009 Trial.

The 2009 Obedience and Rally Judges are under contract. Additionally Judges have been assigned for the 2010 Trial with the contracts to be sent one year prior to the trial. The 2010 Judging Panel consists of more local judges so that there will not be as much travel expense as in 2008.

He stated that he would be willing to work with the 2009 Trial Chair. He also stated that assembling the Trial Committee might be a bit of a challenge this year due to the number of members from last year who stated that they would not be interested in the same position next year.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of four new member applicants, all the names were published in the Waggin' Tales. Taffy Wille made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all the members present without any opposed or abstentions. Welcome to our new members!!!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that due to new fee from the Kane County Forest District for use of the pavilion, she has requested Board approval for the expense. She also reported that the judges have been confirmed. She stated that she needs volunteers to be tracklayers for the Tracking

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Test. The test will be held on Labor Day weekend, with set-up on Saturday, September 5th, and the test on Sunday, September 6th. Ingrid also asked Carolyn to send her the contact information for the insurance policy.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that the club's website has been moved over to a new server. The new server will offer more reliability and should reduce the downtime that our site had recently been experiencing. Dave will be shutting down the account on the old host shortly.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) asked for feedback for having the Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 18th. She stated that she is investigating having the dinner at Gino's East in St. Charles for a pizza party.

Terri announced for Colleen Kent (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) that the CGC and TDI test 2009 schedule is January 15th, March 19th and May 14th. She also encouraged the session 1 and 2 instructors to promote the CGC and TDI tests.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) reported that the graduations have been going well.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that the club is applying to host an AKC Sanctioned Match on June 18th.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she will have the new correction clinic sign-up board available at training beginning on January 8th. She also stated that we need stewards for the January 15th correction clinic.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, January 4th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Taffy Wille, as drawn by club member, Anthony Rizzi. The Tracking Committee received the remaining \$4.00.

Old Business

Christmas Party Update

The Christmas Party 2008, was a huge success with attendance going up each year to this festive gathering! Big thanks to everyone who helped out with the party prep, including Ed and Nina Herdes who again worked some lovely elfin magic on the goodies table. Thanks to Francene Andresen and Ingrid Hamburger for helping Nina during the party. Thank you Barb Misch, Rick and Barb Runkle, Loretta and Marian Lazzara, Anthony Rizzi and Paulette Zecca for their help decorating and setting up. Thanks to Barb and Rick Runkle for running Santa duty! We had many dogs get their pictures taken with Santa! Music, games, food, your dogs and your human pals too. How perfect a gathering that is!

Thanks to "Pictures With Santa" Terri happily presented \$54.00 to Ingrid Hamburger, our Tracking Trial Chair, to assist with costs associated with our 2009 Tracking Test. Thank you SANTA!

Voting for 2009 Board of Directors

Prior to distributing the ballots, Terri asked whether there were any questions about the responsibilities of any of the Board positions. Terri read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate as published. There were no individuals nominated from the floor. Cheryl and Paul collected and counted the ballots. Terri announced that the winners of the election were as slated.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
President	Terri Byerly
First Vice President	Ed Herdes

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Second Vice President	Peggy Sue Seehafer
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Dana Weller
Director of Training	Joan Mazat
Obedience Trial Chair	
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Agility Trial Co-Chairs	Cathy Fleury & Vera Nyberg
Director at Large	Dave Lewis

New Business

2009 Calendar

Terri explained that this year again, due to the St. Peter's Barn Sale, there will not be training on September 17th. To make up for this change, there will be two nights of training the week of November 1st. There will be a Regular Training night on November 3rd and a Correction Clinic on November 5th. This Correction Clinic will be the last one before the 2009 FVDTC Obedience Trial.

Tracking Committee Fundraiser

Cheryl Hettinger announced that she is donating a tub to the Tracking Committee to use as an item to host a fundraising raffle. The rules for the raffle will be announced.

Lifetime Members

Peggy Sue Seehafer asked for the policy of lifetime non-training members who are training their dogs. It was decided that the policy will be published in the January Waggin' Tales as a reminder to all club members. Terri stated that the club members who are not paying their training membership or a guest training fee should be spoken to first by Sue MacPherson, and if necessary by the Director of Training. Peggy Sue stated that she has witnessed one club member. Sue MacPherson stated that she knew of another club member who was not paying a guest training fee.

AKC Rule Changes

Rick Cox stated that AKC has changed the jump heights, the lowest board on the high jump has been reduced from 8" to 4". It was agreed that we need to review the high jumps prior to the Obedience Trial. More information is available in Chapter 4, Section 11 of the AKC Obedience Regulations (effective January 1, 2009). Dogs eligible for the 4 inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers or less than 10 inches at the withers if listed in the "Three-Quarters Jump Height Table".

There are several changes in the AKC Regulations that became effective on January 1, 2009. There are even more changes that will take effect in 2010 and 2011. In discussion with some experienced handlers there has been some confusion about the changes. Rick said that AKC has documented the information quite well and it is available at http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3633 and he would highly recommend this site for our members. There is also information about some new titling classes as well.

Assistant Director of Training (ADOT) Appointment

Joan Mazat appointed Sandi Stephenson, who accepted the nomination at the meeting, to the Assistant Director of Training (ADOT) position. The ADOT appointment was unanimously ratified by the members present at the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER IS SET FOR APRIL 18, 2009

KEEP CHECKING WAGGIN' TALES FOR FUTURE INFORMATION

Dear Members,

A reminder that there are "**non-training**" and "**training**" memberships. If you are listed as a non-training member, but you would like to drop-in train, you have the following two options.

Pay the guest training fee on the night you wish to train. If you come early in the evening, there is always a board member there by 6:00 pm to accept your payment.

OR

You can pay the fee to change your membership to a Training membership. Then you can train whenever you wish until the next renewal date. If you wish to do that, send your updated renewal application (listing yourself as a training member) and check to the Membership Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please make a note on your own personal calendars the Waggin' Tales deadline date. I accept any WT material any time throughout the month. If the deadline date is not a good date for you, make your own date in the month in which to have your material to me. This will ensure that I have the material by the stated deadline date so that I can do my job in a more timely manner and members can be assured of getting their information in a relevant time frame.

Starting in February, if information comes to me after the deadline date it will automatically go into the next Waggin' Tales. Once I have completed WT and have it ready for proof-reading, no additional material will be added. I allot time to do WT and, like everyone else, I have other commitments. So, it is not fair to me to have to be changing WT once it is ready for final review before going to the printer.

The only exception will be if prior arrangements have been made with me and the president for critical information necessary for the membership to receive before the next WT.

Waggin' Tales has been fun for me to do; but, it will lose its enjoyment if I cannot rely on the above simple guidelines.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Francene Andresen
Editor, Waggin' Tales

CHECK IT OUT

Our talented webmaster, Dave Lewis, has added an album for viewing photos, to the FVDTC website. Currently you can view pictures of the Christmas Party there. Please feel free to submit your brag photos, fun photos, and club photos. Send them to Dave at the email link on the photos page.
www.fvdtc.org



JANUARY

7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting ELECTION DAY
8	Thursday	Regular Training Session 1-Puppy (7:00) & Beginner
11	SUNDAY	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC & TDI Tests
22	Thursday	Regular Training
29	Thursday	Regular Training

FEBRUARY

5	Thursday	Regular Training End Puppy 8:00 p.m. 4-H Classes Start
6	Friday	Board Meeting
8	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
12	Thursday	Regular Training Start Puppy 8:00 pm
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Thursday	Regular Training

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