

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

IT'S TRIAL TIME!

This Sunday, November 13, Fox Valley Dog Training Club will host its 60th annual Obedience Trial and its 6th annual rally trial at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. All FVDTC members are invited and encouraged to attend and to bring their friends to see what fun can be had at events like these. We also need volunteers to do some of the important jobs that make our trial possible. We are in need of ring stewards for all levels. There is no previous experience needed – we will train you on the spot. If you are interested in any other area that you'd like to help, please email Will Short at obedience@fvdtc.org and he will direct you to the right person.

We will also have 10 vendors with many items for sale specially designed for dog lovers. Please come, visit them, and get presents for yourselves and your dogs. Breakfast and lunch will be available, along with a raffle with many interesting and exciting prizes available.

If anyone is interested in helping with set up on Saturday afternoon, we will be there at 5 PM to begin. The more people we can get will help to make the work go a lot faster.

Please visit us on Sunday. The doors open at 7 AM and judging begins in all rings at 8 AM.

ANNUAL OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIAL

Open to All AKC recognized breeds and All American Dogs/Mixed Breeds registered with the AKC

OBEDIENCE "OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES" OFFERED

JUDGES

RALLY--Donna Darland

OBEDIENCE (Novice, Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice)--Diane Propst

OBEDIENCE (Open A, Graduate Open, Utility A, Versatility)--Sandy Forneris

OBEDIENCE (Open B)--James Ham

OBEDIENCE (Utility B)--Ed Haas

HELP WANTED #1 – WAGGIN' TALES EDITOR

FVDTC is looking for a new Waggin' Tales Editor. The job is a committee chair position, so you will receive work credits toward the end-of-year awards. You will be responsible for editing and distributing the newsletter each month, based on contributions from yourself and (mostly) the membership at large. If you are interested, or just want more details, contact the current Editor, Dave Lewis, at waggintales@fvdtc.org

HELP WANTED #2 - THERAPY DOG PALS

Town & Country Library Elburn has a Read to Rover type program for students recommended by the local school district. They are paired with a volunteer therapy dog team to meet weekly or at least every other week for 30 minutes to read. Times are Mon. thru Thurs. after school. If anyone with a CERTIFIED therapy dog is available and interested you can contact the children's librarian Dwayne Nelson at 630-365-2244. He is still in need of a few more volunteers to pair with all the children.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 07, 2011

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May Meeting minutes were approved as published. Carolyn stated that the AKC Obedience and Rally Seminar hosted by Car-Dun-Al Obedience Training Club will be held on October 1st and 2nd. Anyone who has not yet sent in their reservations can still contact Ronnie Bizer to reserve spot.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the new mats are in and ready for use for training tomorrow. There are approximately 33 green mats for sale for \$10.00 each. There are approximately 20 brown mats for sale for \$5.00 each. The green mats are approximately 15 years old and the brown mats are older than that. Each mat is sold as is. Anyone interested in purchasing any mats should see Ed Herdes or Cheryl Hettinger at training.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but provided financial reports as of August 31, 2011.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance but sent the following report. He stated that he has signed contracts for all judges. He reported that the premium lists were sent out today and are available on-line on the club's website. The following volunteers are the committee chairs for the 2011 Obedience/Rally Trial.

- Booths – unknown at this time
- Chief Ring Steward - Cathy Fleury
- Equipment Set-Up and Tear-Down - Ed Herdes
- Grounds - Barb Misch
- Hospitality - Cindy Pakenas
- Kitchen - Marian Lazzara
- Raffle - Loretta Lazzara and Vicki Wilder
- Trial Secretary - Beth Elliott and Cindy Krelle (present at the trial on November 13th)
- Trophy - Brenda Rivera and Penny Brcich

Will also stated that at this time, there are two or three individuals who are interested setting up booths.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 14

applicants who were published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Tracking Test would occur on September 11. She had received 23 entries for the four available tracks for the TD and 16 entries for the four available tracks for the TDX.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. Carolyn reported that she was busy preparing for the September 16th and 17th Agility Trials.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that with the exception of the noise level, the annual dinner was great. She stated she would love to have more volunteers on the committee. Currently she is planning for the dinner to occur in March, 2012. Any suggestions for a new location are welcomed, as a location is still being sought. Cheryl stated that although she has always attempted to keep the cost of the dinner of \$15.00 per person, she is uncertain whether it is possible for future events. She stated that as the club's main event, she asked whether the club would subsidize any amount over that. It was decided that she would review the dinners that she has organized in the past to provide a budget for the Board to address the request.

Cheryl also stated that in order to obtain many of the items that were provided as raffle prizes at the dinner, the vendors often requested that the club 'like' them on their Facebook page. Terri stated that she did not want give the appearance that the club was endorsing the vendors. However several individuals stated that by distributing the products to the significant number (approximately 70 or 80) of dinner attendees, we are endorsing them. Cheryl stated that 'begging' for Raffle donations is very difficult and it was made more difficult by not being able to state that we would not be able to offer any type of electronic linking. Dave Lewis suggested that rather than 'liking' the vendors, we thank the vendor on our Facebook page. Dave stated that the

gymnastics club his children belong to put links on their website and it is not considered an endorsement. It was decided that the club could put links on our website as long as there was a disclaimer stating that the club is not endorsing any products. Terri stated that she has a disclaimer on her website that we are welcome to mimic. The consensus was that the club can put the links on our website pages and would remain there for a year. Additionally, it was decided that the club's Facebook page would include a 'wall' devoted to thanking the vendors. Terri stated that she would do the wall. Peggy Sue also suggested that we include a thank-you to a portion of the list of vendors in each Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Cheryl also asked whether the Loyalty Co. who was recently providing samples at the training building on Thursday was approved to set-up the next training night. It was agreed that vendors should not be present week after week at training. Vendors who wished to offer samples and information should be encouraged to attend a membership meeting.

Anna Bonick (Awards Chairperson). It was reported that several individuals have been unsuccessful contacting Anna regarding awards which were not available at the time of the dinner. Cheryl Hettinger reminded everyone that she is the Awards Dinner Chair and is NOT able to answer questions for the Awards Chair. Carolyn stated that club members can contact her regarding the missing awards.

Jill Hansrote (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, but provided the following report. Terri stated that although there was a CGC test scheduled for August 17th, no one had signed up prior to the test. Therefore, the test was cancelled. The next test will not be scheduled until 2012. Terri reminded those individuals mentioning the test should also remind the potential participants that they MUST sign-up prior to the test.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but provided the following report. She reported that all is well.

She will contact to the Agility Committee to coordinate purchasing more ribbons for Graduation.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that as usual we need more volunteers to steward for the September 29th match. Volunteers can either sign up on the poster board at training, or contact her at matchsteward@fvdtc.org.

Terri stated that Will Short related to her last Thursday that a replacement would be needed for Jan Schomer, as Statistician, who had pneumonia and fluid on the heart.

Penny Brcich (Sunshine) recently provided to Dana an invoice for recent expenditures.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, September 11th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.50 is Ingrid Hamburger, as drawn by club member, Sue MacPherson. In addition to the remaining \$4.50 donated to the tracking test fundraising effort, Ingrid also donated her winnings to the tracking test fundraising effort.

Old Business

none

New Business

In response to Loretta Lazzara's question regarding whether the 2011 Obedience/Rally Trial Trophy Committee would be soliciting for special awards for the trial, it was stated that no special awards were offered this year. Loretta stated it was a shame that the trophy committee were not offering special awards this year.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 05, 2011

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September Meeting minutes were not available for review. They will be in the October Waggin' Tales. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that as of today, all of the old green mats which were available for sale have been sold. There are approximately twenty brown mats for sale remaining. Those mats are \$5.00 each. Ed reported that he will bring some into the building next week so people can see them. Ed also reported that Jack Anderson from the fairgrounds stated that they were also interested in using them for the fairgrounds.

Ed thanked all the club members who spread the word to the canine community that our used mats were available for sale. With that help, we were able to help recoup some of the cost of the new mats.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) was not present at the meeting but provided the club's financial report through September 31st.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was not present at the meeting, but sent the following report. Bob Read has volunteered to be the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class instructor starting when the next session begins on November 3rd.

Terri reported that Joan mentioned to her that she would like to provide instructors who teach year round and are committed to doing so for future would get one t-shirt and one jacket free. After some discussion, it was agreed that more detailed parameters were necessary for this suggestion.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not present, but sent the following report. There are contracts for three judges for the 2012 Obedience/Rally trial. Terri stated that she will ask Will to provide premium lists for the training building. In response to a question, it was reported that the Trophy Committee would not be soliciting the club members to sponsor any special awards.

The following are the committee chairs for the 2011

Obedience/Rally Trial.

- Chief Ring Steward - Cathy Fleury
- Equipment Set-Up and Tear-Down - Ed Herdes
- Grounds - Barb Misch
- Hospitality - Carolyn Pearson
- Kitchen - Marian Lazzara
- Publicity - Nancy Pedersen
- Raffle - Loretta Lazzara and Vicki Wilder
- Trophy - Brenda Rivera, Penny Brcich, Mary Bradley & Donna Bihner

Club members were encouraged to contact any committee chair to volunteer to work on a committee. It was also stated that the trophy committee was not soliciting club members for donations and the cost of the trophies would be paid by the club.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that all four teams who entered, earned their TD titles and three teams (of the four) entered, earned their TDX titles. Ed also reported that once again, the test was successful, fun and everyone enjoyed the great food.

In response to Vicki Wilder's (Public Education Coordinator) question, Bill Clarke stated that he would provide brochures to her for the club's booth at the Chicago Pet Show.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. Carolyn reported that Cathy would be submitting the applications for the Spring 2012 Agility Trials shortly.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that she reviewed past budgets for the annual dinner as discussed at the September Membership meeting. Cheryl made a motion to have a limit of a \$500.00 budget for expenses related to the dinner. Those expenses include the programs, the invitations and the décor. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Cheryl also stated that the date is tentatively set for end of March, 2012 and the committee is still looking for a facility and/or caterers.

Jill Hansrote (CGC Test Coordinator) stated that additional ribbons distributed to those who pass the CGC tests must be ordered. She will coordinate the purchase with other performance event committees.

It was reported that due to Jan Schomer's (Match Co-Chairperson) recent death, there is a need to fill the position of Correction Clinic Chairperson (Coordinator). The Correction Clinic Chairperson Coordinator does the overall coordination for each correction clinic. The Correction Clinic Chairperson coordinates Correction Clinic activities with the training program. The Coordinator verifies that there are volunteer(s) to greet exhibitors and distribute the pre-entered numbers at the table, as well as other duties.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that as usual we need more volunteers to steward for the October 20th match. Volunteers can either sign up on the poster board at training, or contact her at matchsteward@fvdtc.org.

Bill Clarke (Publicity) stated that he would provide brochures to those who asked.

Due to Jan Schomer's recent death, a volunteer is needed for the Statistician position.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, October 9th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Ed Herdes as drawn by club member, Terri Byerly. In addition to the remaining \$4.00 donated to the tracking test fundraising effort, Ed also donated his winnings to the tracking test fundraising effort.

Old Business

none

New Business

In response to Terri's question about the condition of the roof for the outside shed, Ed stated that he will verify with Jack that the fairgrounds does have the supplies necessary to repair the roof. If the fairgrounds does not have the necessary supplies, the club will purchase the supplies. The club will provide the labor to perform the repairs.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



TRIAL SCHEDULE

Location:

Kane County Fairgrounds
525 S. Randall Road
St. Charles, IL 60174

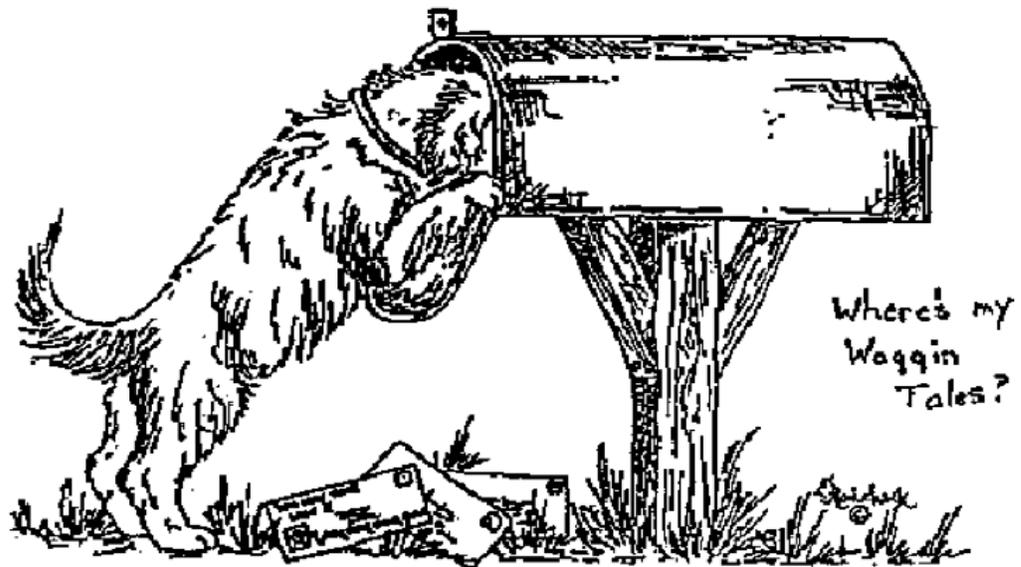
The building will be open at 7:00 a.m. each day. Judges are not required to wait for dogs, and they will adhere as closely as possible to the judging schedule. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have your dog ready at ringside when it is to be judged, or to notify the judge as soon as possible if you will have a conflict with another ring. The trial-giving club is under no obligation to provide any service for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the ring when required.

Each judge will take a

There are 158 dogs in the obedience trial and 51 dogs in the rally trial, with 264 total entries.

Ring 1	Judge: Donna Darland	68 entries total	
Rally Excellent A & B briefing will be at 8:00 a.m., with a combined immediately following.			
8:15a.m.	Rally Excellent B	24	750-773
	Rally Excellent A	4	700-703
9:45 a.m.	Rally Advanced walk through		
	Rally Advanced B	18	650-667
	Rally Advanced A	5	600-604
11:00 a.m.	Rally Novice walk through		
	Rally Novice B	15	550-564
	Rally Novice A	2	500-501
Ring 2	Judge: Diane Propst	74 Dogs total	
8:00 a.m.	Novice B	21	150-170
10:30 a.m.	Novice A	6	100-105
11:00 a.m.	Beginners Novice B	33	820-852
To follow	Beginners Novice A	5	800-804
To follow	Graduate Novice	9	860-868
Ring 3	Judge: Sandy Forneris	49 Dogs Total	
8:00 a.m.	Utility A	12	250-261
9:30 a.m.	Open A	29	200-228
To follow	Graduate Open	4	880-883
To follow	Versatility	4	890-893
Ring 4	Judge: James Ham	41 Dogs Total	
8:00 a.m.	Open B	41	300-340
Ring 5	Judge Edward Haas	32 Dogs Total	
8:00 a.m.	Utility B	32	400-431

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| 2 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 3 | Thursday | Regular Training
Start Puppy Session
Start Beginner Session |
| 8 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 10 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 13 | Sunday | Obedience/Rally Trial |
| 17 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 10 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 22 | Thursday | Regular Training |

December 2011

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| 1 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 2 | Friday | Board Meeting |
| 4 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 8 | Thursday | Regular Training
Start Puppy Session |
| 15 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 20 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 27 | Tuesday | Christmas Party |

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