

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

Special Presentation! September 19th at 7pm

What happens to your pets if something happens to you? Are you prepared?

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Topics to be covered are:

- **The benefits of planning for your pets**
- **Illinois law for Pet Trusts**
- **How to ensure your pet is cared for after you are gone**
- **The importance of estate planning for the entire family**

Questions Welcome!

30 minute presentation just prior to the Membership Meeting

Location: Extension Building on Randall Road

Help Wanted!

No Experience Required, (in most cases)

Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn...Support your Club!

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
09/14/12	Agility Trial Setup	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Evening setup work. Contact Cathy Fleury	1.0
09/15/12	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
09/16/12	Agility Trial	SportsPlex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
09/27/12 & 10/18/12	Correction Clinic	Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1.0

This listing will be included in each issue of Waggin Tales. If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at VP2@fvdtc.org



The premium list is now available
on the FVDTC web site
www.fvdtc.org



Check the July issue of Waggin' Tales for a listing of the committee chairpersons for the trial. Please volunteer your help in some way.

Vet Alert

Pfizer Rabies Vaccine contains Mercury,
ask your vet for rabies vaccine names
Nimrad TF which does not contain
Mercury

Donations needed!!!

Summer is coming to a close and it is almost time for the FVDTC Obedience Trail!

With your help we can make our raffle table the envy all the local clubs. We are looking for donations of new items for our raffle baskets. Our Chicago Bears, Chicago White Sox, and Chicago Cubs raffle items were a huge hit last year – do you have something you can add to our sports baskets? How about a new dog item? Everyone loves to get new dog toys, training treats and a nice leash with a matching collar. How about donating a bottle of wine or something unique. We will be featuring Christmas themed baskets, a candle basket, a kitchen tool basket, a festive fall basket, and of course lots of baskets for our K9 friends. Do you make handmade items? Are you a crafter? Can you donate some of your handy work to our raffle? We will put a box out at the front table on training nights and you can also contact Vicki Wilder Vicki@collierescue.org

We are looking forward to a successful raffle and raising lots of \$\$ for the club.

Obituary

I want to thank my many friends at Fox Valley, both doggie and human, for working with me on the many training nights for the past almost ten years. Unfortunately, I became sick and I recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge. I will miss you all; you made my life very special.

Thanks – until we meet again.....

Jilly CDX

February 25, 2002 – August 6, 2012



**Board Meeting Highlights
June 19, 2012**

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May 16, 2012 Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) reported that we had a presentation from Dr. O'Conner from Vitality Chiropractic in Aurora at our May 16th Membership meeting. Following the presentation, Donna discovered that Dr. O'Conner offers appointments in DeKalb at the Stewart Family Chiropractic 815-517-0917 one day a month. She wanted to let any club members know that another more convenient location was available to us.

Donna also reported that the next workshop is scheduled for June 28th at 6:00 p.m. The topic is information on Novice and Beginner Novice events. Loretta Lazzara and Carol Nightingale will be presenting and demonstrating. Additionally, she is investigating offering an Intro to Rally class. More to come on that in the near future.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report YTD as of May 31, 2012.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: Nita Norkus has offered to be an Assistant Instructor for either a 7:00 p.m. or an 8:00 p.m. class. Nita trains and shows her 'multi-shon' Casey and has her CD and an RA and is working on Open. She also is taking lots of private lessons. Joan stated that Nita could be available to assist in Carolyn's 8:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner's class or in Barb Misch's Beginner's class – who would like to take her up on her offer to assist?

Joan also reported that Terri may be in need of an Assistant Instructor for Session 4, which starts on August 9th.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the premium list for the TD/TDX test is ready and has been submitted to Dave to be put out on the club website. Ingrid also requested and received verification from the Board members that the club does pay for hospitality for the Tracking Judges, as they do for the Obedience/Rally Judges.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that she has contacted the judges for the Fall, 2012 Agility Trial and provided them with their hotel confirmation information.

Old Business**• Awards for Volunteers**

Cheryl Hettinger has asked the Board to consider offering some type of award program for club members who volunteer, but do not obtain titles for their dogs. Cheryl suggested that we offer the following two levels of awards.

- Earning 10 work credits would enable the club member to select FVDTC logo'd item.
- Earning 15 work credits would enable the club member to select an air brush item, a painted wooden item.

Using the work credits as the basis would enable the statistician to keep track of the club members who volunteer. Some slight modifications to the Awards Forms could be made to enable the club members to submit their request. Cheryl is hoping that this will encourage new members to volunteer more. She thought that cutting their membership cost is nice too, but offering a "gift" from the club is a good morale booster. Cheryl stated that perhaps this new program could be added to the suggested membership

changes as an either/or (e.g. either cut your membership cost OR get an award).

Carolyn stated that during the 2007 awards restructuring, that committee stated in their proposal to the Board.

- o **"Volunteer Recognition** - The committee feels that it would be appropriate to offer an award at the lowest level for any member not titling a dog but earning the required work credits with the actual amount to be determined. The club members would not be required to select an award, but they should be allowed to do so. This would not require the member to be a training member."

FYI - Currently only club members listed in the roster as a training member is eligible to submit for title related awards. Currently the "lowest level" on our awards form states that the club member may request a 7" x 9" Wall Plaque:

After much discussion, it was decided that the club will add a new section to the awards form for those club members who volunteer, but are not actively titling their dogs. The new **Volunteer Recognition is effective January 1, 2012 and has been defined as the following.**

Any member who is not applying for a title award during the year is eligible to submit for this award. The member **MUST** earn all of the 10 work credits themselves. No exceptions will be allowed. The work credits earned may only apply to getting this gift, or applying it to the membership reduction, not to both. It was also agreed that the item offered should be different than what is offered as a title earned award.

- **Photos for Club Website**

It was agreed that club members may submit to their photographs to the Woofmaster to be added to the club website. It was also agreed that photographs used on the club's home page should be of advertising quality and it is the responsibility of the Woofmaster to determine which photos are used. Additionally, any club members who submit photographs for posting on the club's website are responsible for obtaining permission of the subject.

- **New Business**

- **Website Updates**

In response to Terri's question about Dave's interest in continuing to maintain the club's website, he stated that he does wish to continue as the Website's Woofmaster. Additionally, in the interest of expanding the website's functionality, Donna Bihner suggested that the club should pay a fee to the Woofmaster. Dave stated that he will provide a quote to update our website and also to maintain the Website.

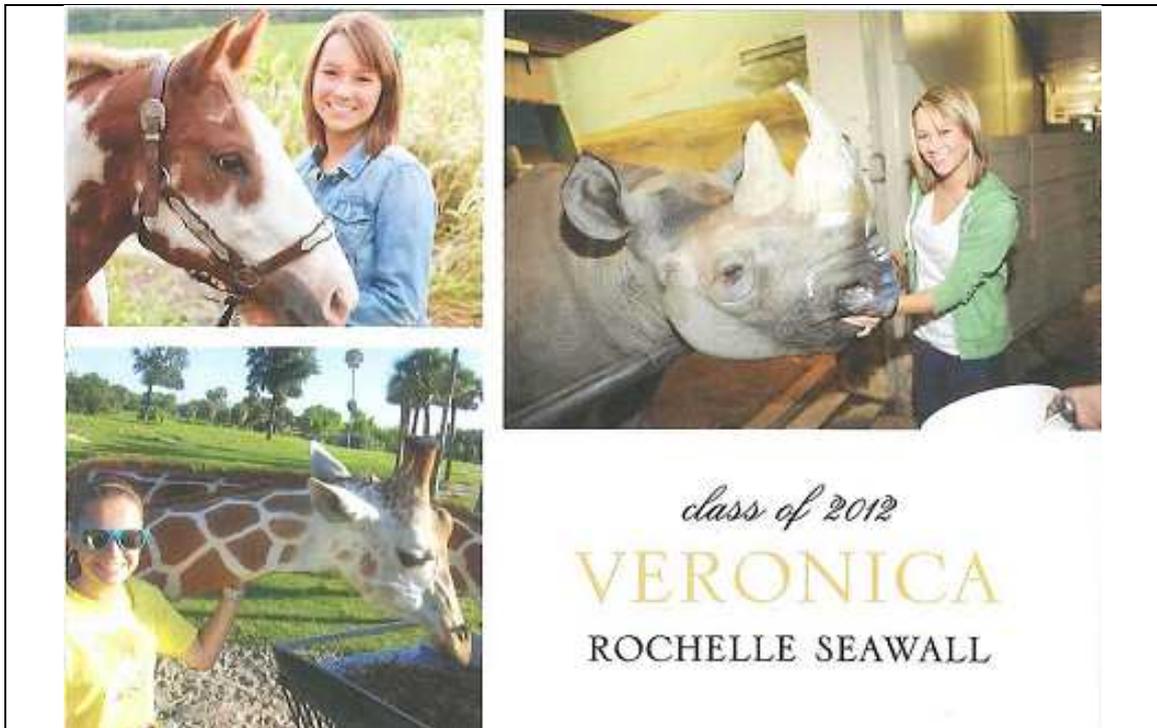
- **Awards Issues**

Terri stated that she had been contacted by several club members who had concerns about the trophies that they received. It was decided, that any replacements necessary would be paid for by the club. Those requiring replacements were: Will Short, Loretta Lazzara and Marian Lazzara.

- **Matches Advertising**

It was agreed that we should be more pro-active about providing information about our correction clinics, sanctioned matches and trial. Carolyn stated that she will contact Pat Senne (Correction Clinic Coordinator) about putting together e-mail announcements and other forms of communications. Dave stated that he would also look into the Constant Contact application to determine if it would be something that the club could utilize, etc.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.



Dear Barb,

Thank you so much for awarding me the FVDTC Community scholarship. Your organization's support of me helps so much and I look so very forward to attending EKV. Please pass along my thanks to anyone else involved in the decision!

Sincerely, Veronica Seawall

**Board Meeting Highlights
July 19, 2012**

Meeting brought to order at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary - Carolyn Pearson

The June Meeting minutes were approved with the following correction.

- *Original statement.*

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One item of correspondence was read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that Brian Ruppert will continue working on the shed roof prior to the end of the season. Additionally, Brian will be asked to fix the door and hinges.

Ed stated that he received a call from Mary Beth Seymour, daughter of former club member Alice Seymour, wishing to donate Alice's jumps to the club. Alice Seymour, who recently died, was an active club member until 2010. Terri Byerly stated that she had recently been contacted by a representative of the Kendall County 4-H dog training program requesting to purchase six of our old brown mats. In response to Terri's query, the Board members agreed to that we would donate, not sell, the mats to the Kendall County 4-H dog training program.

Additionally, we will review the equipment still stored in the external equipment shed, for a possible future sale. An inventory of the available equipment will be reviewed at the August Board meeting, to determine which pieces will be made available for sale. Carolyn stated that she will provide a list of the prices which were set for the previous sale.

In response to Will Short's question about the possibility of having a regulation jump (high, bar or broad) in the 7:00 p.m. Rally run-through ring, it was stated that there was no more room to store another jump from the outside shed, in the inside equipment cabinet. Donna stated that Nancy occasionally uses an additional jump in the Novice run-through ring and suggested that Will work with Nancy regarding sharing the jumps.

Donna Bihner (Second Vice-President) reported that there is a program scheduled for the September 19th Membership Meeting. The topic is "setting up pet trusts in a will" and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will follow the presentation. At this time, she does not have any other programs scheduled.

Donna made a motion to give the individuals presenting the workshops at training one work credit per event. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) distributed the financial report through June 30th. There were no questions.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was not in attendance, but asked Terri to express her regrets that she has not been as present as she would have liked to be. Joan reported that she would speak to Sandy Stephenson regarding handling some of the responsibilities of DOT during her impending maternity leave. Sandy's primary responsibility would be to provide support to the instructors.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she is currently working on the roster, slowly, but steadily. Terri stated that she did recently remind the committee chairs to provide Sue with a list of their committee members who had recently earned work credits.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that he has signed judges contracts for the 2013 Obedience/Rally trials. Will asked whether the club would consider hosting a summer 2 day obedience/rally trial during the summer sometime, now that there is air conditioning in the building.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that she has signed judge's contracts for the 2013 Tracking Test.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that a winner for the FVDTC sponsored scholarship has been selected. He stated that Barb Misch sent him an e-mail regarding the possibility of offering each of the two applicants a scholarship, although both applications were submitted for the same scholarship. However, it was the consensus of the Board members that we should follow the requirements very strictly during the inaugural process to enable us to accurately access the process and determine how the scholarship process worked.

Dave stated that he renewed the domain name for two years. He also stated that Donna Bihner, Nancy Pederson and Terri Byerly have been working on updates to the website. It was agreed that Dave would present his quote for website maintenance, etc. at the August 21st Board Meeting.

Old Business

- **A/C Policy Review**

Ed Herdes made a motion to amend the air conditioning policy to the following.

When the temperature on the day of training is 85 degrees or more at Noon in St. Charles, the President and/or DOT would contact the Kane County Fairgrounds to turn on the air conditioning.

Donna Bihner seconded the motion. During the discussion, the temperature threshold to use was debated. There was concern that on some occasions, the daytime high temperature does not always occur by Noon. Following the agreement of the temperature threshold to use, the motion was approved by all, with no one opposed or abstaining.

- **New Business**

- **Scholarship Evaluators Thank You**

Barb Misch requested that the Board approve some way of thanking the individuals who evaluated the scholarship applications. She suggested that one work credit be offered to the club member on the committee. This year, the club member was David Thornell. Additionally, she suggested that the non-club member evaluators receive a club logo'd t-shirt from our current stock of t-shirts.

The Board members agreed with Barb's suggestions for this year and suggested that for possible future scholarships, the non-club member evaluators could receive one of the items that will be offered as the non-competing volunteers' award.

- **Club Response to APHIS New Proposed Rules**

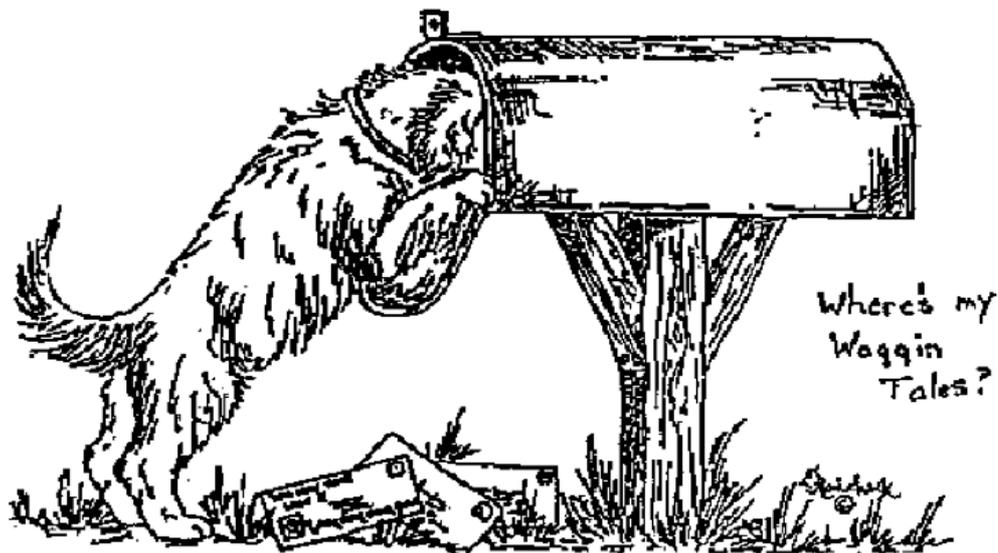
Carolyn Pearson reported that some recently proposed rules were being discussed by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that was being opposed by many animal organizations, including AKC. It was decided that without membership input, FVDTC would not add their name to a list of organizations opposing the rule which was being compiled by the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA). The SAOVA is a nonpartisan volunteer group working to protect Americans from the legislative and political threats of radical animal rightists. Carolyn stated that she receives e-mail messages from them regarding any legislation (countrywide) which is considered 'anti-dog' and harmful to the future of responsible breeders.

- **AKC Changes CGC from Certificate to Title**

Terri reported that effective January 1, 2013 AKC will offer the CGC as a suffix title rather than a certificate. Further discussion regarding this topic will be addressed at the August Board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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October 2012

- 4 Thursday Regular Training
Start Puppy (8pm)
- 9 **Tuesday** Regular Training
- 17 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 18 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 20 Saturday **Waggin Tales Deadline**
- 25 Thursday Regular Training
Graduation Session 4
Puppy (7pm) and Beginner

November 2012

- 1 Thursday Regular Training
Start Session 5
Puppy (7) and Beginner
- 6 **Tuesday** Regular Training
- 8 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 11 Sunday **Obedience Trial**
- 15 Thursday Regular Training
- 20 **Tuesday** Regular Training
Waggin Tales Deadline
- 29 Thursday Regular Training
End Puppy (8)

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