

# Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"



Christian Storm Farrell  
September 19, 1998

**Our Newest Members**



**Halloween Party  
Reminder**

The 1998 Halloween Party will be during regular training at the Fairgrounds, on Thursday, October 29. Costume judging for dogs and handlers will be from 7:50 to 8:10.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Dog & Handler Look-Alike**  
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- Best Dog & Handler Pair**  
*(Like Batman & Robin)*  
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- Best Costume for Dog**  
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- Best Costume for Handler**

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# Braggs & Thanks

From Helen Castellano

JENA & JESSE

Jena ran a perfect Open course to capture 1st place at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America show on September 19th. Jesse, not to be left out, captured a 2nd place in Novice, a 4th place in Novice Jumpers then rounded out the exciting weekend by adding another Jumpers leg on Sunday.

On Saturday, October 3rd at the Rand Park Agility Show, Jena earned her third leg and Open Agility Title - Title # 9 for Jena.

From Heather King

Thank you to Cindy Pakenas, Ed Herdes and Ingrid H. for their help September 13 tracking event. It was a great success and we had 5 dogs obtain their Tracking Titles. I am trying to coordinate holding a VST event in 1999 as well. The club got glowing thanks from all who attended/participated. Thanks!!!



From Suzan Scott

## Match Reminder

The final 1998 Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction match will be held Thursday, October 22. For those of you who are into long range planning, the first two 1999 matches will probably be on January 21 and February 18. I'll send out a 1999 schedule when I find out more of the dates.

Suzan

From the Editor

## Save a Tree!

... and save FVDTC some \$\$.

You can get your "Waggin' Tales" through e-mail. Sign up by contacting Dave Lewis (630/897-4267



# Membership Report

From Judy Anderson

## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### NEW MEMBERS

Dick & Denise Berkhout  
1324 Prairie Court  
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Dalmation & Rottweiler

Jerry D'Aprile  
400 W. Grantley  
Elmhurst, IL. 60126  
630-941-0756  
Labrador Retrievers

Tina & Larry Simon  
1914 Cambridge Dr.  
St. Charles, IL. 60174  
630-584-2930  
Golden Retriever

### REINSTATEMENT

Joyce Ann Krueger  
N. Oketo Ave.  
Chicago, IL. 60634  
Flat-Coated Retriever  
Golden Retriever  
Border Collie

PLEASE ADD THESE NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO YOU NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS.

Judy Anderson  
Membership Chairperson

From Lisa Humm

## "Baggage"

### Baggage

(A Poem Dedicated to Rescue)

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed  
All nicely tucked into my new warm bed  
I would like to open my baggage  
Lest I forget.  
There is so much to carry -  
so much to regret.

Hmm... Yes there it is, right on top  
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,  
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.  
As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave  
I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.

I loved them, the others, the ones who left me  
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me  
Will you add to my baggage?  
Will you help me unpack?  
Or will you look at my things  
And take me right back?

Do you have time to help me unpack?  
To put away my baggage,  
To never re-pack?  
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,  
But I do come with baggage  
Will you still want me?

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# I WANT YOU TO TEACH

**8:00PM BEGINNERS**  
**7:00PM ADVANCED BEGINNERS**  
**7:00PM & 8:00 ASSISTANTS**

See Cheryl Lewis for details  
(630) 897-4267 or [dclewis@inil.com](mailto:dclewis@inil.com)

### Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to Rick Cox who lost his lab Lacey on September 29th after a short illness. She was the dog that he started with at Fox Valley. She was retired from obedience after receiving a CD. Lacey would have been 11 years old this week. She was the second dog that they lost within 6 weeks. We'll miss a good old friend!











Regarding Awards

# Awards Report

To the FVDTC members,

The following is the list of awards that are to be offered. This list was discussed at the October 7th Membership Meeting and received the approval of the club members present. The only remaining item that needs further discussion between the Award's committee and the Board is the Title Recognition topic. That will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

For a complete report of the discussion, please refer to the October 7th Membership Meeting Highlights.

## **Obedience**

The AKC and CKC awards will remain the same as last year.

Additionally, we will recognize obedience titles offered by other registries with a 5" x 7" plaque with room for additional nameplates. Club members would also need to fulfill the other award requirements.

## **Tracking**

In order to avoid duplication of awards for the same title and continue to honor the memory of Aldythe Comstock and Ruth Anderson, some modifications have been made to the Tracking awards. The Award's committee and the Board wishes to insure both memorial awards are secure now and for the future.

Tracking Dog (TD) - the award will BE the Aldythe Comstock Memorial Award with selection from the list of awards or

From Carolyn Pearson

# I GOT MY RIGHTS !!

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(Yeah, but you keep forgetting RESPONSIBILITIES come along with them.)

By Dorie Crowe

MB-F, Inc. April, 1998 Newsletter

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While conducting business in the office and away at shows we continually hear a phrase, with some variation, along the lines of, "We have a right to expect....", or, "We have a right to have...."

Here are a few thoughts on this subject:

*"We have a RIGHT to expect a decent show site."*

**Yes, you do. However, you also have the RESPONSIBILITY of helping take care of that show site.**

Begin by parking where the club has designated. They have conferred with the site owners/managers, with their own parking committees and they have drawn a plan that best utilizes the site under various conditions. Remember if the grounds are torn up EVERYONE loses - the club may have to bear the burden of costly repairs and we may lose yet another show site.

Keep your grooming areas clean during the day and leave it clean when you pack up to leave. When you move into a site it's been cleaned in anticipation of your being there; when you leave it should be as it was when you arrived. Next time you attend a show look around in the areas that have been vacated in the building or under the tent...or look at your own objectively during the day. That chalk comes out, dryers blow it all over the people passing by or into the next set-up and it ends up floating across the site in a thin cloud or in a white pile on the floor which is then stepped in and tracked all over the site. The scissors and clippers also come out and then hair begins to blow as well.

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When you enter you are asking for his/her opinion. And, in most cases it's just a difference of opinion when you lose - you like one type; the judge likes another. If you know the judge does not like your type of dog and you enter anyway and lose, you have no legitimate gripe. If you are an agent and your prime concern is collecting your fee when you know the judge is not right for your dog, you have no legitimate gripe.

Under the present system AKC has for approving judges, they must have read the Breed Standard, taken a test, attended seminars, had an interview and been observed judging. If you have observed a judge in the ring and you do not like anything about that judge, isn't it really a no-brainer? Just as you expect the show- giving club to do some research on their panel; YOU have the responsibility of doing that same research.

*"We have the RIGHT to expect fair treatment."*

**Yes, you do. However, you have the RESPONSIBILITY of treating everyone else in a fair manner - from the gate attendant to the parking attendant to the novice who asks you a question, to the judge in your ring, to the person in the ring standing next to you, etc.**

That novice who comes to you at a show to get information or guidance should be given help that will point them in the right direction. How many times have we heard someone say, after a question has been posed, "What a novice!?" Well, folks, we were all novices at some point in our life in dogs. It's up to us to get the best new talent we can into the sport to insure its future. That novice is going to be breeding dogs one day - maybe your breed. That novice may be a judge some day; may be a club member or a show chairman some day. What kind of information do you want that person to have coming into the sport? What's the impression of the sport you want to imprint on them? If you want that person to become a constructive force in this sport, the time is NOW, when they ask you a question.

And, don't forget the show officials. They want to have the best show they can have; smooth running,

you go at them yelling, screaming and threatening. Present your problem in a calm, clear, factual way. If there's anything that can be done to remedy the situation, they'll be glad to do so. And, if they are in the middle of something, for example a superintendent marking a catalog, try to wait until they finish the breed or get to a place they can comfortably stop. Marking takes concentration - you wouldn't want us to finish the wrong dog or not catch an incorrect marking now, would you?

If you think the club's got big problems at their show become a member of the club and offer solutions to those problems. Help to make it better than ever. Most clubs work very hard and do their very best. Most clubs also need and desperately want new members with constructive ideas who will WORK to help them have a better show and help continue their charity work and community service. So get out there and be part of the solution to those problems you find you encounter at shows.

*"We have a RIGHT to bring our children along."*

**Yes, you do. However, you have the RESPONSIBILITY of looking after those children.**

Discussions should take place with children before they come to a show on: the appropriate way of approaching a dog (after getting the owner's permission, of course); not putting fingers into crates of strange dogs; not putting their faces into a strange dog's face; not running through traffic aisles, leaping over ring equipment, jumping off bleacher seats, etc.

We're sure you've been in attendance at shows where it looked like the parents saw a sign that said "Dog Show," so they dropped off their kids and said they'd be back later in the day to pick them up. You will be the first to be up in arms if something does happen to your child as a result of someone else's negligence - and rightly so. However, you should also be the first in their line of defense by equipping them with the knowledge of how to act appropriately at such a public event so they will not get harmed.

*"We have the RIGHT to take our dog...."*

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### NOT having him/her in areas that are off limits.

If a hotel/motel does not want your dog in the room, it should not be in the room. And, if the place is kind enough to allow dogs you should not be bathing it in the room or trimming it in the room. And Poopsie certainly should not be left in the room unattended if it's not in a crate. Even if the dog is a perfect lady or gentleman, remember hotel/motel personnel come into rooms when you are not there for a myriad of reasons and they are not around show dogs all the time. If Poopsie escapes from the room or "defends the territory" neither you nor the hotel/motel will be very happy.

If the motel or club has restricted dogs from being in certain areas, that DOES include your dog. When clubs do this it is generally because their site has advised them this rule must be in effect - and it may have come into effect because of the abuses of prior years.

Usually, restrictions include lobby areas or restrooms, areas under construction or remodeling, or areas not included as part of the show site, which are pretty self-explanatory. Site managers/owners do not want urine stains and hair on their fresh new carpeted lobby and they sure as heck don't want dogs bathed in the restroom lavatories (nor do they want dog food remnants clogging up the drains). And they don't want dogs exercising in their nicely landscaped walkways.

Generally, dog folks are a caring, rule-abiding group of people. The problem is that it only takes a couple of inconsiderate people to give the whole dog show population a bad name or get us kicked out of another site or another hotel/motel. Just a little thought and consideration would go such a long way in making ourselves and our canine companions welcome almost anywhere. Let's all make that effort.

## Classified Ads

**Moving** - New owner doesn't want two homemade basement dog kennels. Each is 4' x 8' x 4' high with sealed wooden floor. FREE if you disassemble (We'll help) and reassemble at your house. \$15 each if you need us to deliver and put them together for you. Must be gone by November 9.

Also for sale: Utility scent articles for medium dog - 21/2" ends with 4" dowel. Includes tongs and gloves. \$25  
Tracking harness - XL (German Shepherd size), some stakes, clips, gloves \$15.

Call Joyce or Fred Scharringhausen at (630) 584-3542

## Help Wanted

### What

Match Stewards

Graduation Night Judges

Instructors

Trophy Sponsors

Trial Sponsors

### When

Match Nights

October 13, December 22

Thursday Nights

Now

Now

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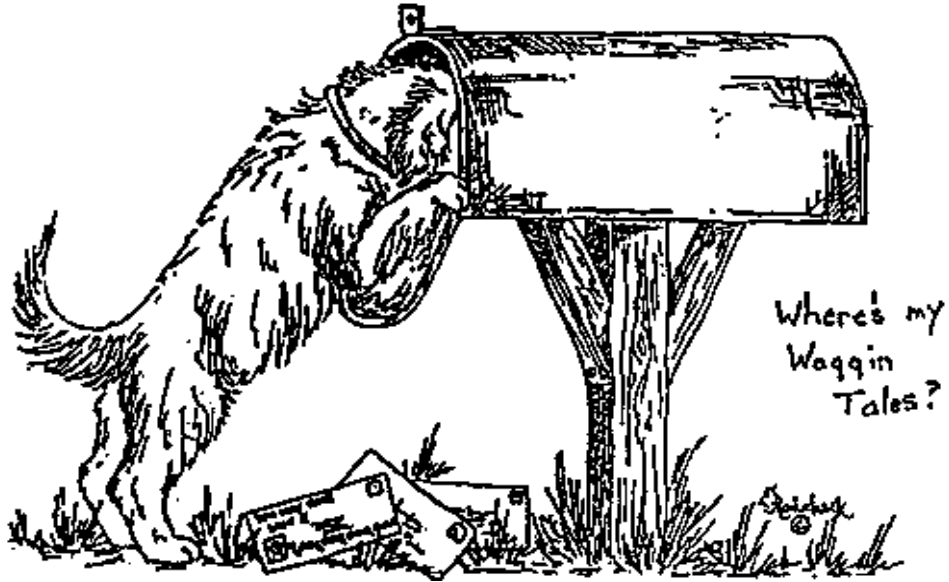
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**October/November Calendar**

<b>October</b>	1	Thursday	Regular Training	<b>November</b>	4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
	6	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training		5	Thursday	Regular Training
	7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting		8	Sunday	Obedience Trial
	12	Monday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		12	Thursday	Regular Training Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training		17	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
	22	Thursday	Correction Clinic		24	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training