

# Waggin' Tales

"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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## WHO'S NEWS? LEGS AND BRAGS

### From Linda Benson:

Linda submitted the following (I'm glad she keeps up on these kinds of things and submits them!):  
1996 Delany System

- #4 Gordon Setter - Daybreak's Black Onyx UD, Ed Herdes (39 pts)
- #3 English Springer Spaniel - Tamden's Strike A Pose UDX, Dianne Ott (181 pts)
- #1 Rottweiler - Tealaska's Leader of the Pack UDX, Ronnie Bizer (604 pts)
- #5 Siberian Husky (tie) - Kavacha's Maltese Falcon CDX, Bob & Bev Nicholson (54 pts)
- #4 Collie - Bonshire's Accolade UD, Don & Sylvia Schultz (100 pts)
- #5 German Shepard - Nitro V Santanta Manzanillo UDX, Smitty Kalbach (203 pts)

### NEW ARRIVALS

Kent, Viv and Jodi Hildebrand announce that Pearl (Hilde's Other Girl Pearl CD) is the proud mother of 8 beautiful puppies. She has 4 sons and 4 daughters. One of each gender is yellow all the other six are black. They were born overnight July 7 and July 8. They will be ready Labor Day weekend. (And Pearl will begin working on those 2 last CDX legs!)  
We can't wait to see pictures of those new "cousins"

### Book Report

I just want to express a huge "Thank You" to Joan Payne for generously donating her book "Flying High the Complete Book of Flyball".

"It takes you from where flyball began to current day competition. You will find: step by step procedures for skill development, problem solving techniques, a conditioning program for flyball, equipment selection and sources, ring & course diagrams, where & how to begin.

Flying High is a book for beginners, teachers, and competitors."

This is a must read for anyone even thinking of the sport of flyball.

Ginger Romano  
Librarian

Note: If anyone would like to share a report on their favorite book, I'd be happy to print it here. I know we are all reading books and that many of those would be of interest to other members.



### SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

At the membership meeting on Sept. 3rd., Cindy Pakenas will facilitate a discussion on the definition of "training member". The purpose of this discussion will be to reach a consensus among all members present. The format of this discussion is presented below:

**Task:** Define a training member with respect to eligibility for awards.

- Members will be divided into random groups of four.
- Each collaborative group selects a recorder. Each group member records his/her definition(s). Slips of paper minus the writer's name are placed in the center. When all are submitted, the recorder reads each. The group must then reach a consensus on the definition. After 15 minutes, each recorder share's the group's definition.
- The whole group may select one group's definition or combine several. The whole group must then reach a consensus on the definition. If a consensus is not reached after 30 minutes, the discussion will be continued to the next meeting.

Start thinking of what your definition is and please mark your calendars to attend the meeting on Sept. 3rd at 7:30 in the extension office (just south of the fairgrounds).

## From the Editor

A couple weeks ago one of India's puppies, Barley, came to spend the weekend. Barley looks exactly like Holli, only a male version. My neighbor's granddaughter came over to play with the dogs as she often does, but as soon as she came in the door she stopped in her tracks. "There are two Holli's!", she said, "Which one is the real Holli?" If only she knew what a profound question she had just asked! I have been asking that question on a more philosophical level for several months. Holli, a fearless, curious, happy puppy, seems to have developed a split personality. One of her personalities has become afraid of just about everything. She has an expression very much like that of bug-eyed McCauley Culkin in Home Alone, "AHHHHH!" Anything can bring it on. One of the first times I noticed it was when we went to Holli's second AKC trial. She had qualified, happily, at her first trial. But this was CarDunAl, and they had those fire breathing dragons blowing hot air and flames across the heeling pattern! Another time she saw those little fake mice - "I'm out of here!" She associated a scary guy with a beard and stocking hat with parking lots. How she came to be afraid of cars I don't know. She has regressed from loving to tour the neighborhood, to not wanting to leave the driveway and now not wanting to leave the garage. Holli is also way too soft for a Labrador. Calling her in the wrong tone of voice will send her into her crate. Any type of correction sends her over the edge. Her facial expressions are almost comical. She has a roll of the eyes - "I do NOT want to sit here any longer!", and the one like she has a too tight ponytail. The last one is brought on by any type of stress and gets increasingly tighter with more stress. Curiously, she thinks her littermate, GoFer, will save her. She has tried to leave the ring twice (on recall), to run to GoFer

when she was stressed. (Once it was only a dog who sounded like GoFer.) This is odd since GoFer is totally uninterested in saving Holli from anything. GoFer has her own life agenda and Holli is rarely part of it - to Holli's annoyance.

The other split personality of Holli is not at all afraid of stating her bossy demands at home - very vocally. It's "GoFer, get up and play with me", "Echo is looking at me", "Baker is touching me" or "Someone has a toy I want". Until I tell her to shut up!

My problem was to find a way to get her to be her confident, bossy and happy self, all the time. I was going to try aromatherapy since this is an involuntary thing - like smelling food equals drool. The dilemma was determining what was a pleasing and relaxing scent for a dog - eau de duck? Everytime I tried to get Holli to smell something, she ran into her crate - she wasn't interested in any new experiment. Then I figured that maybe click and treat would work. Holli loves food and click and treat worked wonders for Baker. So I got out the container of treats and the clicker. I called Holli, "Holli, want some treats?". How she knew something was up, I don't know, but she headed for her crate. I spent the first few minutes coaxing her out of the crate for a treat. While she was eating the second treat, I clicked. Back into the crate - she was afraid of the clicker! The first few sessions were painfully slow, but now she is no longer afraid of the clicker and is associating it with treats. Baker has learned that if he gets scared, the click means safety - there is a programmed response for him to perform, instead of the out of control fear response. Hopefully, I can get the same results with Holli. She is starting agility next month to try to help build her confidence - although it may wear out my patience. I can see it now, "AHHHHH!"

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### What Is An Obedience Title, Anyway?

"Not just a brag, not just a stepping-stone to a higher title, or just an adjunct competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

"And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

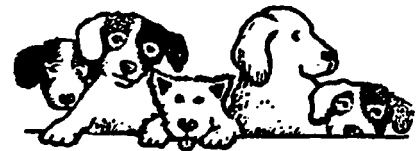
"A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that you loved you dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

"A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that, in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

"And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

"An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

-Submitted by Penny Brcich



**Bait Bag**

(bat bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

**Chiropractic Schedule**

Dr. Hansen will be at training on the following days: 10/2, 10/30, 12/11. If you need an appointment you should call Dr. Hansen directly at (847) 551-1279.

**HOROSCOPE**

The Virgo Dog

August 24 - September 22

The Virgo Dog is modest and a little shy. While the Virgo dog knows he's handsome and attractive, he's reluctant to prance about showing off. The Virgo dog is also reliable and diligent. Given a task, the Virgo dog carries it out fully and faithfully, but turns bashful in the face of lavish praise. Virgo dogs are happy lying in the sun watching their families happy around them. Of course, the Virgo dog overcomes his natural shyness the minute there's a mention of dog treats.

**DEMO DOGS NEEDED!**

We have several opportunities to promote our club by performing demos for various organizations. We would like to get together a group of people and dogs who are interested in doing this. The demos may be more than just obedience - perhaps freestyle or tricks. If you and your dog are interested in joining the demo team please call Cindy Pakenas at 630-377-6250. We have an invitation in Elgin for December 5th. If you want to participate Cindy needs your name by Sept. 5th.

**You know you've waited too long to find a mate when.....**

-when you go 'clubbing', you have your choice of the all-breed club, the specialty club, the obedience club, or the tracking club

-you once made earrings out of old rabies tags and all your friends wanted a pair

-your non-doggy friends can't understand why you're so excited about your new TD

-you never could stick with a diet to impress a guy, but you can do it to get thru that TDX track

-your only nice jewelry features either dogs, dumbbells or rosettes

-you have a video on how to artificially inseminate your dog but last watch a dirty movie in junior high school

-when you talk about "scoring" you mean how you did at last weekend's obedience trial

-your dog has more letters after his name than the last ten guys you've dated, and actually completed obedience school

-you start using operant conditioning on your boyfriend, and you won't let him read your copy of "Don't Shoot the Dog"

-you think that maybe your current guy has potential if you use the proper combination of positive reinforcement and the occasional well-timed ear pinch

-you "people watch" at the mall by making mental lists of the conformational faults each bypasser has to contribute to the gene pool

-you think if you ever did marry and have children that you wouldn't have to buy a playpen because you already have an extra x-pen

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-you give all your married friends child-rearing advice based on your extensive background in dog training

-your mother's worst fear is that you'll have a child and make it wear a pinch collar your mother's second worst fear is you'll get married and your dog will be in the wedding party

-you actually have friends whose dogs HAVE been part of the wedding party

-when your cousin tells you how much her wedding costs you think hpw many show quality puppies thatyou could buy

-Submitted by Wally O'Brien

**Wheat or Rye Crisps**

1 c. whole wheat or rye flour

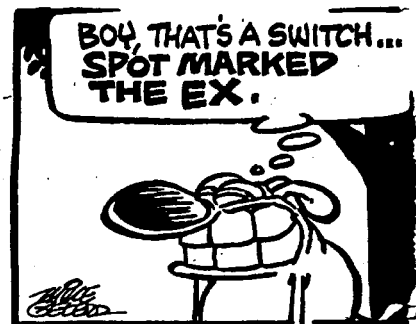
1/4 c. soy flour

3 T. oil or lard

1/3 c. water

1/2 t. bone meal

Mix Flours. Mix oil or lard with water. Add liquid to flour and mix well. Roll out on cookie sheet and bake until golden brown at 350 degrees. Break into bite size pieces - or score with a cookie cutter before baking.

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**

**UNITED KENNEL CLUB**

Linda Benson asked that information on the UKC be published. The UKC is a great opportunity for those members who have mixed breed dogs and wish to compete. I will publish more information on the specific events in next month's Waggin' Tales.

The United Kennel Club (UKC), formed in 1898, provides an alternative to the more widely known American Kennel Club in the United States and performs many of the same functions: registry, shows, and stud books. UKC allows mixed breed dogs to compete in Obedience and Agility and for titles and placements and also Dog World Awards. Many UKC trials are held within this area (Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin). Many trials are pre-entry, but if there are openings you may be able to enter a trial the day of the trial. If your dog is registered with another registry (AKC, CKC, etc), it is easy to register your dog with the UKC as well. UKC recognizes 166 breeds, including some that the AKC does not. UKC offers breed, obedience, agility and hunting trials. You can contact the UKC at:

UKC  
100 East Kilgore Road  
Kalamazoo MI 49001

**Registration**

The UKC has many types of registration: one for dogs whose ancestors are also registered with the UKC, one for dogs who "crossed in" from another registry, and one for neutered dogs of unknown or mixed parentage.

**Single registration**

To register your dog with the UKC, write to them for the application form. It will ask you to list a five generation pedigree for your dog, as well as the owner of the sire and the owner of the dam (at the time of the breeding). It will also ask you a few short questions about whether the dog meets the standard, is show quality, whether you intend to hunt, work, or show in breed with your dog. If your dog has a disqualifying fault for its breed (presumably under UKC rules) it must be neutered.

**Limited Privilege**

Finally, you can get an LP (limited privilege), the equivalent of AKC's ILP, for any dog, including mixed breed dogs (in an agreement worked out between UKC and AMBOR in February of 1994). Dogs registered via the LP process must be neutered and they are eligible for all but conformation events held by the UKC.

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AMBOR may be contacted through:

President: Linda Readman, PO Box 7841, Rockford, IL 61126; amborlcr@aol.com

Membership Coordinator: Michele Sanders, RD 3 PO Box 297, Hanover, PA, 17331; michelemut@aol.com.

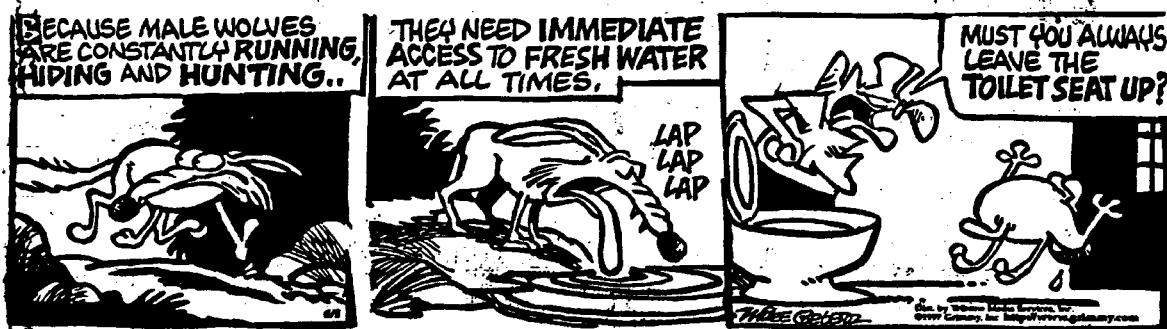
Whichever type of registration you use, the process is relatively quick. Fill out the application and send it in: in just a few weeks, you will receive a wallet-sized ID card with your dog's registration information that will allow you to enter UKC trials the same day, provided that entries haven't been filled yet. The requirement of sending in pictures with the application has been dropped.

Bloodlines is UKC's official publication, and it lists all shows, etc. Each January issue is the Rules booklet for all its events for that year. You can get a copy of the most recent January issue at any time:

BLOODLINES  
100 East Kilgore Road  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49001-5596

Dog World magazine also publishes the UKC show schedules although not as far in advance.

There are also several web sites relating to UKC, including an events calendar and rules and regulations. There are many FVDTC members who participate in UKC events. If you have any questions you can see me at training.

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**

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July 20, 1997

Kay Weber,  
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A Letter to the Editor to be printed in the next issue

Dear Kay:

In the last issue of Waggin' Tails a comment was made that the last awards chairperson made changes in the awards procedure without discussion and approval by the board. This letter is to inform you that statement is not true.

Every change that was made during my tenure was made with full knowledge of the board. In the files that you were given are copies of the written correspondence from myself and the board. All award values were kept within the same price range.

If at any time the current chairpersons would like to discuss these procedures, I would be more than happy to discuss them.

Sincerely,



Ronnie Bizer,  
'95 and '96 Awards Chairperson

Awards Committee Response

The letter on the previous page refers to the June (Issue 5) Waggin' Tales. There is only one sentence in that issue referring to any previous awards committee; it's in the letter from the current awards committee to the board. It is quoted below:

"Although in the past this committee has had the ability to set award levels and actual awards given, we feel that given the amount of "discussion" on all sides surrounding the awards and the money spent, we thought we should ask the members, who we represent, how they want to see their money spent."

There is no mention of the chairperson or whether there was any approval or discussion with the board on any issue.

However, it is our understanding that the Aldythe Comstock Award was dropped without any discussion with the board or membership. We cannot locate any correspondence or any meeting minutes which indicate otherwise.

As far as the all awards being within the same price range, the actual costs of the awards for the past two years is reproduced here. Each award at every level and the actual amount paid is listed. These figures came from the Treasurer based on the actual bills that were paid.

In response to the letter on page 11, there are some inaccuracies:

1. We do not presently offer awards for UKC.
2. We do offer awards for CKC tracking.
3. CKC does not have agility.
4. We asked about the possibility of offering only UKC and AKC agility awards.
5. FVDTC has always had conformation awards.
6. Titles such as herding, flyball, get certificates & recognition.
7. No proposal has been made.

**Waggin' Tales****Actual Awards expenditures by Title for 1995 & 1996**

Title	1995			1996		
	QTY	\$ \$	Totals	QTY	\$ \$	Totals
AKC CD	7	\$29	\$203	6	\$29	\$174
	1	\$30	\$30	3	\$28	\$84
	4	\$40	\$160			
	12		\$393	9		\$258
AKC CDX	10	\$45	\$450	5	\$40	\$200
	4	\$60	\$240	3	\$45	\$135
	14		\$690	8		\$335
AKC UD	6	\$80	\$480	2	\$49	\$98
	2	\$45	\$90	1	\$60	\$60
				1	\$0	\$0
				3	\$70	\$210
	8		\$570	7		\$368
AKC UDX	3	\$65	\$195	3	\$65	\$195
	1	\$85	\$85	1	\$85	\$85
	4		\$280	4		\$280
AKC TD	2	\$35	\$70	1	\$40	\$40
	1	\$45	\$45	1	\$0	\$0
	1	\$0	\$0			
	4		\$115	2		\$40
AKC TDX	1	\$40	\$40			
	1	\$0	\$0			
	2		\$40	0		\$0
Certificates	15	\$1	\$15	7	\$1	\$7
AKC CH	2	\$11	\$22	2	\$11	\$22
Canadian CD	3	\$14	\$42	5	\$14	\$70
	3	\$20	\$60	2	\$20	\$40
	3	\$0	\$0			
	9		\$102	7		\$110
Canadian CDX	1	\$14	\$14	1	\$30	\$30
	3	\$16	\$48	1	\$16	\$16
	2	\$30	\$60	1	\$0	\$0
	2	\$0	\$0			
	6		\$122	3		\$46
Canadian UD	1	\$40	\$40	1	\$40	\$40
				1	\$60	\$60
	1		\$40	2		\$100
Canadian TD	1	\$45	\$45			
Canadian CH	1	\$7	\$7			
Special awards & engraving			\$252			\$193
AKC Totals	61		\$2,080	39		\$1,310
CKC Totals	17		\$316	12		\$256
Total \$ \$ per year	78		\$2,648	51		\$1,759

Tax, patches & president's gift not included in totals.



## THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Robert J. Squires  
Director of Obedience

716-671-9567

TO: All Clubs and Obedience Judges

FROM: Robert J. Squires, Director of Obedience

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes in the Obedience Regulations

DATE: July 11, 1997

It is the intent of the American Kennel Club and the Obedience Department to make changes to the Obedience Regulations, as necessary, to keep the sport in step with the times and the desires of those that participate in the sport. In addition, input from participants is not only desired but is essential.

In this spirit, after reviewing numerous comments and recommendations that have been received, a number of changes to the Obedience Regulations are being considered. These changes are in areas that appear to be irritants to those that participate in the sport, yet have little or no bearing on the dogs' performance or score. If there is sufficient support, and no real reasons not to make the following changes, it is intended to recommend the following effective January 1, 1998.

The proposed changes are as follows: (with bold type indicating the change)

Chapter 2, Section 17. Collars: The intent will be to allow collars of any color, and/or decorative design or pattern on the collars, and allows more various methods to "buckle," or fasten the collars, yet still prohibit those collars not considered appropriate.

Chapter 2, Section 17. Will read:

"Section 17. Collars. Dogs in the Obedience ring must wear properly fitted collars, as approved by the judge. **Collars with protrusions on the inside, electronic collars or other special training collars** or collars that are either too tight or so large as to hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are not permitted. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars."

Chapter 3, Section 1. Novice A Class, and Chapter 4, Section 1. Open A Class:

The proposed change will allow any handler who has never put an Obedience title, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, or OTCH on a dog, to enter Novice A. A handler would be considered to have put a title on a dog if they earned one of the qualifications toward a title or points toward an OTCH. An individual who co-owned a dog that earned a title, but where the handler never earned a qualification or points would be allowed to enter Novice A. In addition, a handler would be allowed to enter more than one dog in Novice A. If the handler completes a Novice title the handler may continue to show that and any other eligible dog in Novice A for 60 days after obtaining CD title. The proposed changes further allow a handler with more than

one dog in Novice A or Open A to have anyone handle an additional dog, if the owner cannot make arrangements to have the dogs in separate groups. This eliminates the requirement for "immediate family."

Novice B would remain the same, except a dog could continue to be shown in this class until the dog received a qualifying score in the Open class. If approved a handler could enter Novice B and Open A at the same trial. Once a qualifying score is earned in the Open class the dog could not enter the Novice class in any obedience trial whose closing date has not passed.

The proposed Sections will read:

**"Chapter 3, Section 1. Novice A Class. The Novice A class shall be for dogs not less than six months of age that have not won the title C.D. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owners household and may not have previously handled a dog that has earned a qualifying score or points toward an American Kennel Club obedience title.**

**The same person shall handle the dog in every exercise. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the additional dog(s) in for the group exercises.**

**Section 2. Novice B Class. The Novice B Class shall be for dogs not less than six months of age that have not earned a qualifying score in the Open Class. Once a qualifying score has been earned in the Open Class, and the closing date for a trial has not passed, the dog may no longer be enter in this class. Until a qualifying score is earned in the Open class a dog may be entered in Novice B and the Open Class. The same person shall handle the dog in all exercises. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the dog(s) in for the group exercises.**

**Chapter 4, Section 1. Open A Class. ...Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person shall handle the dog in every exercise. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the additional dog(s) in for the group exercises...**

**Chapter 2, Section 26, Training on the Grounds. The intent is to allow warm-up\training type exercises to be performed as long as they are not disruptive to any dog in a ring or other exhibitors and spectators. Training should be as far from the ring as reasonably possible. In addition, warm-up exercises are not to be intensive or harsh. All warm-up\training must be on lead. This change would allow recalls, retrieves, jumping etc. Clubs would be permitted to place restrictions on the warm-up\training allowed, but must state those restrictions in the premium list.**

The proposed Section will read:

**Chapter 2. Section 26. Training and Warm-up on the Grounds. There shall be no intensive or abusive training of dogs on the grounds or premises at a Licensed or Member Obedience Trial, or at a Sanctioned Match. No practice rings shall be permitted.**



**Collars with protrusions on the inside and electronic collars or other special training collars shall not be used on the grounds or premises at an Obedience Trial or Match.**

**These requirements shall not be interpreted as preventing a handler from moving normally about the grounds or premises, nor from training or warming-up his dog to include recalls, retrieves, jumps or any other exercise as performed in the obedience ring. Any training or warming-up of a dog shall not be disruptive to any dog in a ring or any person. It shall be performed as far from the obedience rings as reasonably possible. However, physical or verbal disciplining of dogs shall not be permitted except to a reasonable extent in case of an attack on a person or another dog. All dogs shall be kept on leash except when in the obedience ring or exercise ring.**

The Superintendent, or Show or Trial Secretary, and the members of the Bench Show or Obedience Trial Committee, shall be responsible for compliance with this Section, and shall investigate any reports of infractions.

Chapter 4, Section 10, Retrieve over High Jump. The intent of the proposed change is to reduce the maximum height jumped by a dog, from one and one-quarter the height of the dog at the withers to once the height of the dog at the withers, except for selected massive breeds, which will jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

In addition, dogs would not be required to be measured. The honesty of the exhibitor would be respected, except the judge shall be allowed the option of measuring dogs, to verify the height of the dog.

The proposed new section will read:

Paragraphs 1,2 and 3 remain the same.

The jump shall be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the following breeds-

Great Pyrenees  
Mastiffs  
Newfoundlands  
Irish Wolfhounds  
Bernese Mountain Dog

The jump shall be set to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 8 inches nor more than 36 inches.

For breeds that jump three quarters the height of the dog at the withers, the jumps shall be set in accordance with the following table-

Measured Height of Dog At Withers	Height to be jumped
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25 1/2"	18"
25 1/2" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"

31" to less than 33 1/2"	24"
33 1/2" to less 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

The jumps may be preset by the Stewards based on the handler's advice as to the dog's height. The judge must make certain the jump is set at the required height for each dog. **The judge may, at his discretion, verify the height of all, or selected, dogs at the withers.**

The side posts of the High Jump shall be 4 feet high and the jump shall be 5 feet wide and shall be constructed as to provide adjustments for each 2 inches from 8 inches to 36 inches. It is suggested that the jump have a bottom board 8 inches wide including the space from the bottom of the board to the ground or floor, together with three other 8-inch boards, one 4-inch board, one 2-inch board. A 6-inch board may also be provided. The jump shall be painted a flat white. The width in inches, and nothing else, shall be painted on each side of each board in black two inch figures, the figures on the bottom board shall represent the distance from the ground or floor to the top of the board.

It is requested that any comments or recommendations to the above be provided to the Obedience Department at the American Kennel Club by September 25, 1997.

Any comments on additional changes will be reviewed and considered, however, these changes will be considered at a later date.

It is the intent of the American Kennel Club, and the Obedience Department, to keep the sport of Obedience in step with the times, and to make every Obedience event more enjoyable for all involved.

Title Organization	Obedience	Conformation	Tracking	Agility	Herding	etc.
AKC	X	X	X	O		
UKC	X			O		
CKC	X	X		O		
SKC						
NADAC				O		
USDAA				O		

X=Awards  
O=Potential

Not listed, other  
titing bodies or  
titles

Chart does not reveal the number of titles within each division

It is logical to see when we began as a training club affiliated with AKC we offered awards for obedience and tracking titles. With growth and interest we went two directions: adding obedience title awards (CKC, UKC); and AKC conformation titles.

Because of increasing membership participation, there is a movement to continue the process with AKC offering agility titles. Is the next step to add awards for all agility titles (UKC, USDAA, NADAC) as we did for obedience? Following the same logic, will we also give awards for all AKC titles (herding, etc.). What about non AKC titles (water rescue, flyball, etc.). It is easy to see how one step led (and leads) to another because of popularity of an activity by members. However, there are important differences between the events. The missing elements are: we do not offer the various activities at FVDTC; they do not generate club funds; and they are not visible to the public for club recruitment and membership.

Suggested guidelines:

1. Give awards for activities presented at FVDTC.
2. Don't take away what we have established or raise membership dues to finance titles of activities that we do not offer or that do not generate money (until we get our building and offer diverse activities such as agility and flyball).
3. Acknowledge and reward what is visible to the public on training nights (recruitment).

If we want to acknowledge other AKC titles and titles from different organizations, develop a point system ranking all titles and give awards for cumulative points. With our limited funds, this does not seem practical but it is a way of recognizing a variety of dog/handler achievements.

Dancer has six of the eight flyball titles, is the fastest dog in the region, and one of the fastest dogs in the country. I do not expect FV recognition because flyball is not a FV activity. However, would there be a drive for title awards if many members participated in flyball? Should FV reward popular title achievements?

Most new members join because of pet manner classes. The participants SEE advanced dogs working AND BEHAVING. They cannot see and most do not know how to get started in tracking, agility, herding, flyball, carting, sledding, and other dog activities.

I would rather do agility, flyball, freestyle, or herding than obedience, BUT, obedience is my foundation for all these activities. I want a utility degree. I have a hard time making myself train, until I see the endless efforts of our dedicated members tediously working their dogs to a higher level. This motivates me.

Our member's advanced titled dogs are on "display" every Thursday for public viewing. They are our ambassadors. They sell our program, they fill our classes and they feed our treasury. How can we consider reducing their rewards?

Joan Payne (endorsed by Mary Bradley)

**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**August 15, 1997**

Joan Payne presented a copy of the letter (printed in this Waggin Tales) to the Board members present at the meeting. She briefly explained that the letter was created out of a concern that she and other club members have regarding the present situation of the awards. She reminded the club members that section 3.8 of the by-laws states that "The purposes for which the club is organized are: ... To confer honor upon worthy owners and their dogs.". However, this honor should not lessen the club's financial stability.

The regular business meeting was brought to order at 8:20 p.m..

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) - The June meeting minutes were approved as published.

Several items of correspondence read. One item of particular importance is the recent letter from the Robert Squires, AKC Director of Obedience. A copy of the letter was distributed to all Board members present. A copy was also submitted for publication in the current Waggin' Tales issue. This letter will be discussed at the September 3rd Membership meeting. Any concerns may be addressed to AKC Obedience Department at 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Comments or recommendations should be provided by September 25th.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) stated that club member, Georgia Fiorito, who works at the Taylor YMCA in Elgin, approached her about the possibility of providing an hour long demonstration at the westside YMCA for their fund-raiser on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.. If there is a sufficient interest among the club members, a committee would need to be assembled. This committee would make the arrangements to: move the equipment (including mats), set-up the equipment, organize the demonstration and actually perform the demonstration. Cindy recommended that this committee "choreograph" a semi-organized demonstration. This could include (but not limited to) a freestyle demo, parts of a utility run-through (perhaps the scent articles), "drill team" of two teams of obedience novice dogs. Judy Anderson also suggested doing a few agility items (i.e. weave poles - tunnels). The demonstration would be in the gym/indoor jogging track of the YMCA and be attended by all age groups, from pre-school through seniors. Cindy will ask at the September meeting if any members would be interested in working on the committee to conduct this demonstration. If there is not enough interest generated by September 5th, we will decline the invitation. Anyone interested, should contact Cindy Pakenas at (630) 377-6250. She will act as the coordinator of the event until a committee chairperson is named.

In addition to the YMCA demonstration, Cindy also requested that the Board determine the budget for the Dr. P. McConnell seminar. The Radisson in Naperville has been reserved. They allow dogs, offered a good price, have a good location and the auditorium facilities are appropriate for our seminar. We

discussed the various possibilities of either providing a breakfast and lunch or allowing the participants to determine their own meals. In the hotel, there is a sandwich deli, a sports pub and a sit-down restaurant (expensive). There are also fast food restaurants that are in the hotel's vicinity. Any food that is consumed in the hotel must be provided by the hotel or purchased at the hotel. After the discussions, it was decided that the cost of the seminar will only include beverages (i.e. coffee, tea and soda). Any food consumed by the participants will be their responsibility. The rental of the projection system is \$400 and includes the services of a repair technician, should anything go wrong with the system. The auditorium allows a maximum of 175 people (and dogs). The expected total hotel expense is \$1,450.00 plus beverage charges (based on consumption) for the weekend. It was recommended to Cindy that she contact Jean Airey, the Publicity Chairperson, regarding some of the advertising costs that Jean has been investigating for the local publications. Judy Anderson made a motion that a maximum of \$250.00 be spent for advertising for the seminar, anything over that amount will need to be re-approved by the board. Cheryl Lewis seconded the motion, it was approved by all members present.

During the June Board meeting, Cindy stated that she would provide a method to allow for the discussion at the September Membership meeting regarding the definition of a training member. She explained to the board members, that this method is a proven technique used to allow for the opinions of all individuals present to be heard in a positive environment. She handed out a brief description of the technique using the example of "define utmost willingness". The technique uses the concepts of: time limits, consensus reached (not majority rules) and all ideas are heard and recorded. Here is a brief description of the method:

- A large group is broken down into smaller groups.
- Each small group selects a spokesperson.
- All ideas are recorded - no judgments are made at the brainstorming part of the small group discussion.
- A time limit is pre-determined for the small group discussion.
- No one may speak out of turn (i.e. person holding the 'talking ticket' is the only voice to be heard at the time).
- Once all ideas have been recorded, a single definition must be reached by the small group. This utilizes the consensus concept.
- Discussion parameters/ground-rules will be defined prior to the small group discussion.
- Each small group will determine amongst themselves what definition can be "lived with". If there is a part that you cannot live with, you will be asked how you would change the definition to allow you to be able to live with it.
- The definition determined by each small group is brought back to the large group by the spokesperson.
- Only those definitions are discussed by the large group during the next predefined time limit.
- Again, a consensus is reached - majority does NOT rule.

The September Membership meeting program will be to determine what “defines a training member as it applies to club members who are applying for awards”. Judy Anderson made a motion that “Cindy Pakenas put together the format for the September Membership meeting and organize the program for the definition of a training member as it applies to club members who are applying for awards. If a consensus cannot be reached by the large group after 30 minutes of discussion, the ideas will be presented back to the board for a final decision”. This motion was seconded by no one. The motion failed.

After a little more general discussion, Rick Cox made the motion “Cindy Pakenas put together the format for the September Membership meeting and organize the program for the definition of a training member as it applies to club members who are applying for awards. If a consensus cannot be reached by the large group after 30 minutes of discussion, the ideas will be presented for a final vote by the members present at the meeting via secret ballot.” This motion was seconded by Cindy Pakenas. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether only members present at the meeting and not the general membership should be involved in the vote. This discussion did not alter the motion on the floor. This motion did not pass, with an approval by two and opposed by six.

Sandy Walsh then made the motion that “Cindy Pakenas put together the format for the September Membership meeting and organize the program for the definition of a training member as it applies to club members who are applying for awards. If a consensus cannot be reached by the large group after 30 minutes of discussion, the discussion may continue at the next meeting until a consensus is reached”. Will Short seconded the motion, it passed with six votes for and two votes against.

RECAP: According to the 1996/1997 club roster, “Be listed as a training member in the club’s roster.” fulfills one of the requirements for a club member to apply for awards for titles earned during the year. This differs from the information on the Awards Application. To eliminate this confusion, the September Membership meeting program will be to discuss (and possibly finalize) the definition of a training member as it applies to club members who are applying for awards. If a consensus has not been reached after a 30 minute large group discussion, the discussion will cease and be continued during the October Membership meeting.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that the new session of classes began on August 14th. There are three Beginner’s classes and two Puppy classes. Each class contains the maximum number of students allowed.

The last session of classes were asked to complete our first Class Evaluation Survey. They were handed out the week before the graduation and asked for return on or before the graduation night. Most of the responses were positive, except for the noise level of the building.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) requested that the following ideas be considered for the workers at the November Obedience Trial:

- Full day workers would be allowed to get the work credit and a free lunch
- Half day workers get only the work credit.

A motion to offer this “compensation” was made by Judy Anderson, seconded by Cindy Pakenas and approved by all.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) was not in attendance, but sent the following list for Board approval. Judy made a motion that the following list be approved, the motion was seconded by Rick Cox and approved by all.

- 1st - 4th Novice A - Leather Leads \$10/each - \$40.00
- 3rd & 4th Novice B-Utility B - Plush Talking Toys \$4.50/each - \$45.00
- Highest Scoring Dog in Trial - \$75.00
- Highest Scoring Dog from each Group \$35/each - \$245.00  
Only \$175 since two group trophies were left over from last year.
- Highest Scoring Irish Setter and Highest Scoring Poodle in Novice A  
\$0 - These are trophies left over from last year that have not been sponsored by someone, so they will be offered by FVDTC in the program.
- Total cost to the club if there were no funds in the general trophy fund - \$335.00.  
As of right now, there is \$115 in the general trophy fund, so the current net to the club is \$220.00.

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that she needs a current membership count for printing of the newsletter. Judy Anderson stated that she would provide to Kay.

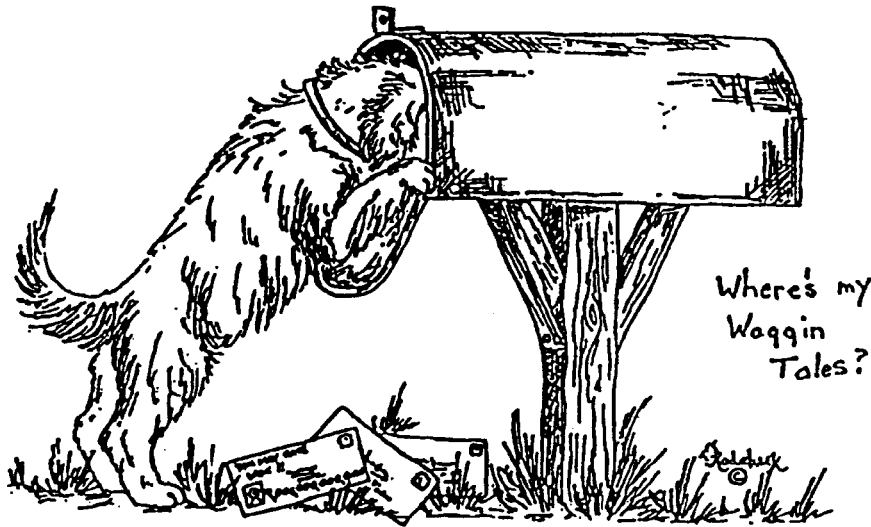
Judy Anderson ( Membership Chairperson) reported that she is currently putting together the roster. She is considering changing the format to eliminate the “staple and fold”. She will try it this year to determine the impacts of the new format.

#### Old Business

At the February Board meeting, Judy Anderson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Wally O'Brien after his signature is obtained. Will Short seconded the motion, all members present approved. The motion will be amended to read that “the letter of resignation from Wally O'Brien is accepted as presented to the board”. Will Short seconded the amendment, and it was approved by all members present.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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**Dates to Remember**

- 9/3 Membership Meeting
- 9/19 Waggin' Tales deadline

**HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH A PUPPY**

1. Remove film from box and load camera.
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Choose a suitable background for photo.
5. Mount camera on tripod and focus.
6. Find puppy and take dirty sock out of mouth.
7. Place puppy in prefocused spot and return to camera.
8. Find puppy again.
9. Forget about spot and remove camera tripod.
10. Crawl around after puppy on knees.
11. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with the other hand.
12. Get tissue and clean nose print from camera lense.
13. Put cat in another room & put peroxide on scratch on puppy's nose.
14. Put magazines back on coffee table.
15. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking a toy over your head.
16. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
17. Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say "No, no, outside!!!!".
18. Call spouse to clean up mess.
19. Fix a drink.
20. Sit back and relax with a drink, resolving to teach puppy "sit" and "stay" first thing in the morning.-submitted by Michelle Cufu