

Waggin' Tales

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"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

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Thank You!



To the Club's 1998 Instructors & Assistants

*Photo Courtesy of Judy Anderson
(from the Annual Banquet)*

Fox Valley is on the Web

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is now on the internet. Point your web browser to <http://www.fvdtc.org/> to get the latest news and information about club activities, and helpful links to other dog-related web sites. This month we're featuring pictures from the Annual Banquet.

This is a new site, so there will be some rough spots. However, changes are being made almost daily, so check back often. If you don't find something you'd like to see, or if you would just like to comment on what's there, contact David Lewis, the webmaster, at woofmaster@fvdtc.org.

Coming soon:

* Brags

* Sign-ups for matches and clinics

* Waggin' Tales Archives

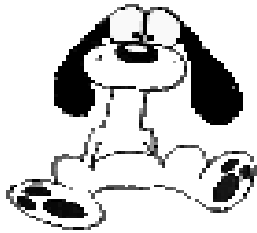
From Joan Payne

We're All Set for Y2K

It's All Set!

The 2000 Annual Banquet will be at Fisherman's Inn on March 11, 2000.

Only ten months to prepare for a spectacular evening of fun, comedy and sharing the memories from the 1900's.



I'm Proud of My Dog ...

Carmel - I joined FVDTC so I'd have a well trained hunting dog. I started in the beginner's class, kept on training obedience and earned our American and Canadian CD, American and Canadian CDX, American UD and finally UDX. Now we are both too old to start formal hunting training, so we'll just have to be satisfied with the only UDX Brittany for 1998 and go hunting the only way we know how - the old fashioned way, by her instincts.

- Bill Clarke

From Cheryl Lewis

Thanks!

As most of you know we recently had our club annual dinner. For our new members, one of the activities at this dinner is to honor people and their achievements for the last year in achieving titles on their dogs.

One of these awards is called the Sally Compton Service Award. This award is given out, not to who gets the most titles or highest scores in the ring, but in recognition of service to the club. The nominations come from the club members themselves. Thus I was so nominated and was given this award. I have been trying to figure out how to say thank you but I did not know to whom to tell. Time is such a precious commodity and not just one person but so many people took the time to put their thoughts down on paper and send them in to the awards committee on my behalf -- I am sincerely overwhelmed! Then when Sally herself called me and told me she was glad I got her award, it was icing on the cake. When I first came to FVDTC 10+ years ago I had great instructors that soon became friends encouraging me through 5 obedience titles. I felt it right to give something back. In that giving I was blessed again with new friendships and old friendships just getting stronger. Whoever you are who nominated me for this award, THANK YOU. I am also so grateful to all of you who have given so much of your time back to FVDTC. You all made my job so much easier!

Braggs

Jake (Sally Dillow)

At the Northwest Obedience Dog Club on March 14, Jake earned his CGC TDI Certificate

Kanosak's Always Room For (Mike Kovacevich)

At Fond Du Lac, in his first time in Utility A, he earned a 1st on Saturday, and a 2nd on Sunday.

Phoenix Camilla, PT (Bill Malnar & Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar)

In a March herding trial, Millie passed twice to earn her PT (pre-trial).

At Fond Du Lac, in her first trial in Novice A, Millie earned 3rd place with a 192 on Saturday, and a 1st place with a 192.5 on Sunday.

From Cindy Pakenas

Canine Crafts & Critters

Dogs and handlers provided outstanding publicity for the club and the sport at the Canine, Crafts, and Critters to benefit the Anderson Animal Shelter. All levels of obedience were demonstrated. The gratitude of all of us goes to the following members for donating their time and talent Anne White, Susan Yee, Rick Cox, Cheryl Lewis, Terri Sidell, Trudi Kimm, Cindee Malnar, Ronnie Bizer, and Mary Russell. Congratulations on a fine job! I'd also like to express a special thank you to Josh Barrett and his friend for their services as ring crew and to Michelle Farrell for thoughtfully leaving the key for the equipment storage with Anne White. The shelter surpassed last year's revenue, and you helped make that possible. It's my hope that more of you will join us in October for our demonstration at Scarecrow Fest. The dates are October 9 and 10 at the parking lot of the St. Charles Municipal Building. They will be providing a 40 by 40 ft. tent, banners, and a sound system. Please contact me or other board members for ideas to help make this a special event for the club. Thanks again to all of you for patience with my last minute directions and coordination.

Farewell to Good Friends

From Sylvia Schultz

Ch. Bonshire's Alaric Alliance, HIC, UD, TDX 1987 - 1999

By the time he earned his first TD at seven months, I knew he was special. At 2 years of age, his TDX made him the eighth collie ever to achieve this title. With his championship, UD and group wins he traveled an even rarer road. Being so strong he beat the odds and went into remission from the dreaded lymphosarcoma in July of '97. Determined until the end, he wouldn't let go, so I had to help him in this, the most difficult thing we ever did together. There will **never** be another Danny.

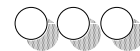


From Carolyn Pearson

Rocky

Sincere condolences are extended to Terry Whelan for the loss of "Rocky" on May 3rd. Rocky had long been retired - but never missed a show. Where Terry went - Rocky went!

He will be missed by Terry and many others.



From Helen Costellano

1999 Trophy Sponsorship

I will be the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. I would like to offer each member the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of their choice. You may call me at home and leave a message indicating which trophy you would like to sponsor and the amount. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. You may also complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail.

Last year a significant number of you decided to provide your own trophy. I believe this makes for a beautiful display at our trial. Several members decided that a cash trophy was preferred. Also, I am perfectly willing to use your cash donation towards the purchase of a trophy. It is up to each club member to support our trial in the way that they feel is appropriate. I appreciate the continued support of our life-time and non-training members.

If you are providing your own trophy, I will need a description to include in the premium no later than JULY 1ST. I would ask that I received the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please provide that to me no later than JUNE 1ST, so that I may have time to purchase the trophy and to include that information in the premium. Thank you.

Helen C. Castellano
 Trial Trophy Chairperson
 35W075 Chillem Drive
 Batavia, IL 60510
 (630) 761-0411

 Please print: Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Trophy you wish to sponsor: _____

You will provide:

___ a. trophy - description _____

___ b. cash to purchase trophy \$ _____

___ c. cash as trophy \$ _____

From Judy Anderson, Membership

FVDTC Membership Renewal

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

DUES AND TRAINING FEE RENEWAL NOTICE

DUES FOR THE 1999-2000 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 1999.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET, BE SURE THAT YOU ARE A TRAINING MEMBER.

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO:

"FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB"

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO:

JUDY ANDERSON MEMBERSHIP

6 N 213 WILLOW DRIVE

ST. CHARLES, IL. 60175-6338

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 1999-2000 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN' TALES WILL BE THE JUNE ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-9-99.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-9-99.

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING \$90.00

REGULAR NONTRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD NONTRAINING FREE

INSTRUCTORS: EARN 1/4 CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS TAUGHT (MAX 4) MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

DO YOU WANT A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN' TALES VIA E-MAIL? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN' TALES? YES NO

THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-9-99 NO EXCEPTIONS.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO BE VALID.

JUDY ANDERSON

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

6 N 213 WILLOW DRIVE

ST. CHARLES, IL. 60175-6338

630-377-2632

foxvue@inil.com

From Judy Anderson

Membership Report

New members voted on at the May meeting.

Mike & Kim Brackett
305 Juniper Drive
North Aurora, IL. 60542
630-844-2692
Rhodesian Ridgeback

Rob and Mary Kleckauskas
36 W 556 Michael Ct.
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-443-8641
Golden Retriever & Bichon

Kathy Lohmeyer
1362 Todd Farm Ct.
Elgin, IL. 60123
847-742-6693
Golden Retriever

Susan Majka
926 Fox Glen Dr.
St. Charles, IL. 60174
630-377-0605
Yellow Lab

Joan Maroscia
43 W 191 Chateaugay LN.
Elburn, IL. 60119
630-365-5609
Doberman

Vera Nyberg
1644 College Green Dr.
Elgin, IL. 60123
847-622-1595
Cocker Spaniels

Joan O'Connor
48 W 781 Winters Rd.
Maple Park, IL. 60151
630-365-6901
Labrador

Beth Williams
41 W 222 Saddlebrook
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-513-0338
Briard

Kristine Swander
40 W. 610 Long Shadow Lane
St. Charles, IL. 60175
630-443-6062
Labrador Retriever

From Suzan Scott

Matches

Reminder: The May correction match at Fox Valley Dog Training Club will be Tuesday, May 25.

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Since I already have quite a few entries, pre-entry for this match is recommended.

The remaining obedience correction matches for 1999 are:

June 18
August 19
September 16
October 21

The FVDTC obedience trial will be Sunday, November 14, 1999.

From Cindy Pakenas

AKC Rule Books

AKC rule books are available at the front desk at training for \$1 or by contacting Cindy Pakenas at (630) 377-6250. Be prepared and up-to-date on the latest rule changes.

From Cindy Pakenas

1999 Picnic

Our July picnic/meeting will be held at Creekwood Meadows in Plano in conjunction with our agility match. The date is July 18. Please take this opportunity to learn about agility first hand by volunteering to help, get a tan, and enjoy good fellowship and watching dogs have a good time. Lunch will be served at noon or the close of the match. The club will provide meat and a beverage. Sign-up sheets for a dish to pass will be available at training in July. Directions and additional information will be forthcoming. Hope to see you there.

From Carolyn Pearson

Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Meeting Highlights May 5, 1999

Meeting brought to order at 8:03 p.m.

Helen Castellano discussed "What help is needed for an agility match" as the program, prior to the business meeting. Helen reported that the current status of the sanctioned match approval process is: AKC is requiring a change to the by-laws to include "agility" or a letter of intent to amend the by-laws. The courses set-up by the judges are currently being reviewed by the AKC.

There are currently four members on the agility match committee: Deb Simmons and Cathy Fleury are coordinating the stewards and Suzan Scott is the match secretary.

It is expected that approximately fifteen to twenty volunteers will be necessary. Volunteers will be rotated through the different positions, if they wish to do so. The amount of work credits to be earned has not currently been determined - that will be discussed at the June Board meeting and announced in the June Waggin' Tales.

The following positions are needed to have a successfully organized agility event:

- Scribes - keeps score for the judge
- Timers (two) - keeps the time of the dog running the course
- Check-in
- Line-up
- Runners - take a leash from the start line to the end
- Course "fixers" - resets the jump and jump heights, resets the chute, moves equipment when the course is changed between the different courses, etc.
- Table assistants - helps Suzan (match secretary)

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) - The March Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) announced that the Annual Picnic/Membership Meeting will be on July 18th at Creekwood Meadows (Mike Bond's Agility Training Facility in Plano). The agility match will be held in the morning with the picnic following in the afternoon. The club will pay for the food and drinks for the judges and workers. A sign-up sheet will be available at training for club members to sign-up to bring a dish to pass and/or donate money to purchase the other food and drinks. The tentative order of events for the day are as follows: 1) agility match, 2) lunch, 3) meeting and (the best part) 4) the games. Please contact Cindy at (630) 377-6250 if you would be able to volunteer to assist in the planning and the execution of the games for the afternoon.

The AKC Obedience Rule books are now available for sale at the Information Table on training nights. The cost is \$1.00.

Cindy also reported that the club has received an invitation, through Kay Weber, to participate in the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival on October 9th and 10th. The club has been asked to provide a total of six hours of demonstrations. Each demonstration will be for one hour each at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00

p.m. each day. Anyone having suggestions for what should be done at the demonstrations should contact Cindy Pakenas or Tracey Mohr. Volunteers will be needed to participate in each demonstration and also to coordinate each demonstration. Cindy stated that she would do the overall coordination - but not for each demonstration.

Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson (Acting Directors of Training). Carolyn Pearson reported that the next Beginner's session will begin on Tuesday, May 25th (same night as the Correction Clinic). Primary Instructors are needed for the 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. classes. Assistant

Got Something for Waggin' Tales ?

Rent This Space !!!

If you have something you'd like to see in the *Waggin' Tales*, send the complete text and/or pictures to:

David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267
waggintales@fvdtc.org

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You can save the club some money, save a couple trees, and get your Waggin' Tales through e-mail.

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Instructors are needed for the 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. classes. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Taffy Wille at (630) 365-0423 or Carolyn Pearson at (630) 231-5658.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) had nothing to report. The AKC did send us the revised approval letter, it shows the correct numbers for the class limits.

Helen Castellano (Trial Trophy Chairperson) reported that she is currently collecting trophy pledges. Club members who had sponsored or provided a trophy for the 1998 trial have received a pledge card. A club member may choose to provide their own trophy (purchased by them), provide cash (as the prize) or donate money for a trophy to be purchased by the committee members. If the non-cash prize is provided by the club member, a description must be provided to Helen. That description will be published in the premium list, which is submitted to the AKC for approval (prior to distribution).

The following are the deadlines to remember:

- May 31st - Pledge cards returned to Helen
- June 1st - Cash donation, for committee to purchase, to Helen
- July 1st - Description of trophy provided to Helen
- October 15th - Actual trophy given to Helen

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the deadline is Sunday, May 9th. Dave has been in contact with the Internet service provider to determine the status of our website's Internet registration. He has not received an answer as of this time. He will submit another reminder the end of this week.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: Sandy will need three judges for the Beginners' graduation on Tuesday, May 18th - one each for 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. All supplies are provided. Rick Cox volunteered to judge the 8:00 Beginner's class. Anyone else wishing to volunteer should contact Sandy at (847) 695-0826.

Help Wanted

Director of Training (Board Position)

Contact: Carolyn Pearson (630) 231-5658

Demonstrations Chair

Contact: Carolyn Pearson (630) 231-5658

Agility Match

Date: July 18, 1999

Site: Plano

Contact: Helen Castellano (630) 761-0411
Cathy Fleury (847) 464-5909
Suzan Scott (630) 898-5998
Deb Simmons (630) 406-8625

Need: Scribes, Timers, Ring Assistants,
Gatekeepers, Set-Up & Take-Down Crews
(No experience necessary)

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: Read a list of membership applicants. A motion was made by Cindy Pakenas, seconded by Sandy Stephenson and approved by all without any discussion.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: The Anderson Animal Shelter's Canines, Crafts

and Critters show went very well, thanks to the help of many. A brief report will be published in the next Waggin' Tales. The club's demonstration appeared to increase the interest in the club. Soon after the demonstration was finished a number of people stopped at the booth looking for information.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: The next match will be on **Tuesday**, May 25th. Stewards are needed.

Helen Castellano (Match Chairperson) reported that a judge for the Open B class is still needed for the next match, on **Tuesday**, May 25th. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact her at (630) 761-0411.

Jean Airey (Publicity) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Taffy Wille: The Front and Finish ad was

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Membership Meeting Highlights

submitted for publication.

Nancy Pederson (Historian) thanked the club members who took pictures recently and gave them to her.

Suzan Scott (Statistician Chairperson) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: Anyone who has earned a title as of this time, may submit that information to Suzan. Avoid the year-end millennium rush! Suzan will accept work credits earned, meetings attended, etc. at ANY time during the year. Suzan is anticipating publishing the (newly revised) awards submission form twice this year, once in the fall and again at the end of the year.

Joan Payne (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the Annual Banquet will be on March 11, 2000 at Fisherman's Inn. The cash bar will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with dinner beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. The menu and prices are not known at this time. Any suggestions for the evening can be submitted to Joan. Volunteers are also needed to handle some of the details.

We will again include the "Proud Dog" section in the program. Items may be submitted throughout the year to Carolyn Pearson.

Joan Payne will collect nominations for the Boner Award. She is anticipating having a "boner box" available at training, to collect nominations from club members (so everyone start watching out). Ronnie Bizer (as last year's recipient) will determine the final recipient - but nowhere in the "rules" does it say we can't "help" by looking out for possible recipients.

This is a "night to honor ourselves"!

Heather King (Tracking Secretary) was not in attendance. The following report was sent with Carolyn Pearson: The VST has been canceled by the site due to landscaping being done. Heather is hoping to get it rescheduled later this year. The TD and TDX tests for September 12th have been approved by AKC.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$3.00 is Sally Dillow as drawn by Peggy Sue Seehafer.

Old Business

none

New Business

Carolyn Pearson reported that she received a letter from Kay Guetzloff. Kay is currently writing a book and would like to include a poem written by Linda Decker. Kay is searching for an address or phone number for Linda Decker (she used to train and show miniature poodles in the 1980's). Anyone that might have this information, please contact Carolyn at (630) 231-5658.

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

Money will buy you a pretty good dog,
but it won't buy the wag of his tail

--- Unknown

How to Tell a Chihuahua From a Mastiff

As judges at dog shows well know, distinguishing between a chihuahua and a mastiff is a difficult, perplexing and confusing job. The tricky task is somewhat easier if the two animals are side by side, but with study and practice, the distinction can be made even when the dogs are viewed one by one.

There are two subtle points of distinction:

- 1) The nose. The mastiff's nose is blunt, while the chihuahua's is pointy.
- 2) The ears. The mastiff's ears are floppy. The chihuahua's are sharp,

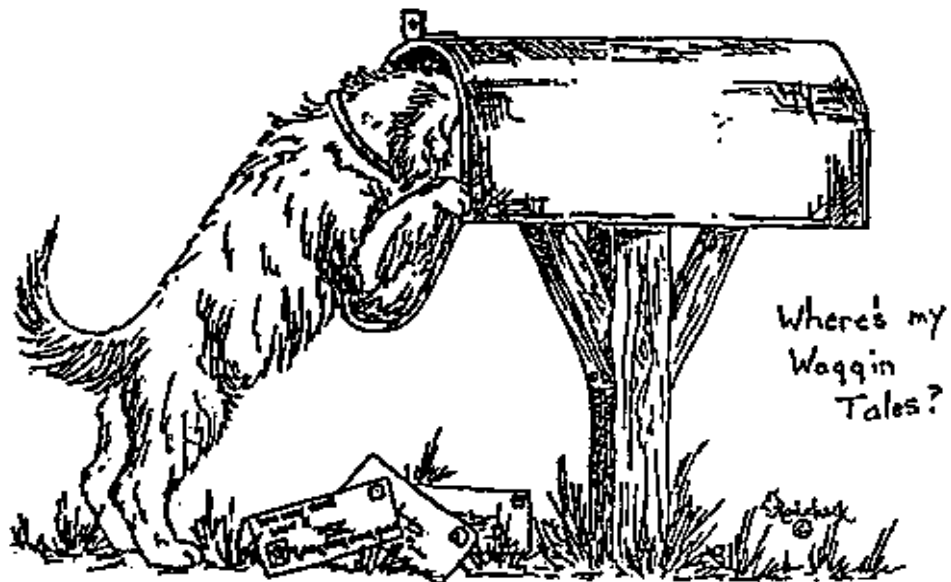
upright and pointy.

If, after examing ears and nose, you are still in doubt, there is yet another method of distinguishing between a mastiff and a chihuahua. This technique involves two steps.

- 1) Sit on the dog.
- 2) Arise and examine the dog.

If the animal is alive and well, you are dealing with a mastiff. If the dog is not, then what you had was a chihuahua.

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May / June Calendar

May	5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	June	2	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training / Dr. Hansen Visits		3	Thursday	Regular Training
	9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		10	Thursday	Regular Training / Dr. Hansen Visits
	18	Tuesday	Regular Training		17	Thursday	Correction Clinic / Beginner Classes
	25	Tuesday	Correction Clinic / Beginner Class		24	Thursday	Regular Training