

# Waggin' Tales

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"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

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## Trial Notes

**F**rom the Trial Secretary -

Thank you to everyone who helped me with my duties for the trial this year. My catalog proofreaders were Ingrid Hamburger, Doris Kneip, Linda Benson and Helen Castellano - thank you ladies for stopping in for pizza and laughs. The table stewards were very patient and helpful getting scores written down for me as the day progressed. This made the end of day tallies go smoothly. Suzan Scott - thank you for your assistance in the scoring room. My day was long, but relatively stress free thanks to all volunteers doing their jobs so well.

Sincerely,

Taffy Wille

Part of letter from Steve Pool -

Dear Taffy -

Just a short note to thank FVDTC for inviting me to judge your trial. I really appreciated the great group of stewards. Their efforts made a large Open B class go quickly. ...

Sincerely,

Steve Pool

Letter from Diane Propst -

Dear Taffy -

Thanks again from having had me on Fox Valley's judging panel. It was great being able to see so many of my friends, and I really enjoyed judging the Utility B class. We had some lovely working dogs and smooth handlers. Please thank all my stewards, Vicki, Paul, Jerry and Penny, who did such a great job and made the class go so well. Mack and I also enjoyed the dinner on Saturday. Hope to be able to get back to Illinois more often next year and to be able to get to train Beemer in some classes too. Thanks for putting together such a great trial!

Diane

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If you were to pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man

-- Mark Twain



From Judy Anderson

# Membership Report

## New Applications To Be Voted On In January

Ron & Amy Lewandowski

1621 Scott Blvd.

Geneva, IL. 60134

(630) 208-8167

Australian Cattle Dog Australian Shepherd X

Judy Siebeck

30 W 263 Irving Park Rd.

Elgin, IL. 60120

(847) 697-0258

Golden Retriever

Maria Siebeck

118 10Th Ave.

Bartlett, IL. 60103

Golden Retriever

## Members to add to roster that are reinstated:

Georgia and Mark Fiorito

12 N 993 Bahr Road

Hampshire, IL. 60140

(847) 464-1322

Labrador Retriever

Lisa and Thomas Hamer

42 W 829 Clover Hill Ln.

Elburn, IL. 60119

(630) 365-9739

Golden Retriever

(Training)

Darlene & Jerry Wiggins

209 North Bridge Rd.

DeKalb, IL. 60115

(815) 756-6067

Golden Retriever

(Non-Training)

Carlos & Sandra Woolbright

16711 SO. 1st St.

DeKalb, IL. 60115

Rottweiler

(Training)

Darryl & Debbie Engel

3250 Fox Hunt Ln

St. Charles, IL. 60174

(630) 513-5385

Training

Catherine & Micheal Fleury

12 N 287 Muirhead Rd.

Elgin, IL.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Anderson Membership.

EVERY ONE HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Christmas Party!

Date: December 30

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Fairgrounds

Reindog games begin at 7:30.

Bring finger foods to share.

*No regular training sessions, but 2 practice rings will be available until 10:00pm*

From Carolyn Pearson

# Board Meeting Minutes

## *Board Meeting Highlights December 1, 1999*

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Agility Committee Members', Cathy Fleury and Vicky Hagens, presented the committee's proposal to the board. The date would be Saturday, September 16, 2000 (Lyons Dog Training Club would host their own agility trial on Sunday, September 17). Carolyn asked whether the club's Tracking Tests, scheduled to be held on September 17th would be a problem with AKC rules - that is not a problem. Will Short made a motion to accept the proposal as presented by the Agility Committee to host our first annual Agility Trial, Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposition or abstentions.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). August Meeting Minutes were approved as published.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance. Carolyn reported that Cindy has once again agreed to organize the games at the annual Christmas party on December 28th. Anyone wishing to help Cindy (as an assistant) should contact her at training or at (630) 377-6250. In addition to the games, party-goers are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Soda will be provided by the club.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that the bills that have been received have been paid and we have money in the bank. The summary financial report for 1998 and one for the first six months of 1999 will be distributed at the January Membership meeting.

Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson (Acting Directors of Training), reported that they will be in search of Primary and Assistant Instructors for the first session of 2000. ANY current instructor wishing to continue for the next session is asked to please contact either Taffy at (630) 365-0423 or Carolyn at (630) 231-5658.

Cathy Fleury volunteered to be the Primary Instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's Class.

Taffy reported that anyone who might consider being a Primary Instructor for future Puppy classes should contact her. She would like to have any interested people work with her during the upcoming session.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that he had heard that both Utility Judges for the Car-Dun-AI Obedience Trial were not "happy" with our jumps. The displeasure was due to the:

From Sally Compton

## Sally's Cheese Veggie Soup

1 cup Chopped Celery  
1 cup Chopped Onion  
1 quart Water  
2 cubes Chicken Bouillon  
1/2 cup Raw Potato, cubed  
1 lb. Mixed Vegetables  
1 lb. Velveeta Cheese  
2 cans Cream of Chicken Soup

Simmer celery, onion, water and bouillon cubes together for 20 minutes. Add potatoes and mixed vegetables, simmer another 30 minutes. Add cheese and soup. Heat thoroughly.

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- lack of an 8" height on the bar jumps (the jumps were made prior to the rule change in which 8" is a valid jump height)
- inaccuracy of the actual height (a measurement with a revealed that the jump was not exactly correct)

Will Short and Judy Anderson volunteered to work with Ed Herdes and review ALL of the jumps that the club owns, over the Christmas holidays. The review will determine the condition of the jump and whether the measurements are accurate. Each jump will be categorized into four groups:

- Discard
- Keep for use only at the trial
- Keep for use at training
- Keep for use as rental

Following the review, it will be determined whether any jumps need to be replaced or whether we have sufficient sets to use for all our needs.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) read the thank-you notes that she received from judges, Steve Pool and Diane Propst.

Taffy requested feedback from the board regarding our current policy to allow an individual to request a refund (even after entries have closed) when their bitch has come in season. Currently, the refunded amount is the entry fee less a service charge of \$2.00. Car-Dun-Al also allows their entrants to request a refund and they retain a service charge of \$3.00. Taffy verified the policy with AKC and determined that the refund is at the discretion of the club - it is not an AKC mandate. Taffy stated that when someone pulls their entry, it is administratively costly and also prevents other exhibitors from getting in the trial. After much discussion, the board felt that the ultimate decision should be made by the trial committee, however the consensus was that we should no longer allow a refund for exhibitors with bitches in season. The premium list will need to be modified should the trial committee approve this change.

Taffy also requested the opinion of the board

From Carolyn Pearson

## Skunk!!!!

**S**uch a lovely aroma - as we all know! BUT, thanks to Ginger Romano, I can actually live with Brady (the brat). A couple of weeks ago, he decided to investigate a black and white "cat" while out on our nightly walk and bam!

So I quickly called Ginger and she gave me the following recipe for a "de-skunking" solution. The full article was printed in The Whole Dog Journal and explained how a chemist named Paul Krebaum discovered the solution to neutralize the highly odorous compound in the skunk's spray called Thiols. He discovered that by making oxygen molecules bond with the thiols, the smelly substances were chemically altered into odor-free neutral substances.

Brady was not completely free of the skunk odor, but enough so he was allowed to sleep in our bedroom that very night. I can still smell the skunk a teeny-bit when Brady gets wet. BUT, compared to the initial aroma - this is a "bed of rose". So keep the following things (but not pre-mixed - loses the effectiveness over time) somewhere in your "doggy-supplies" for any accidental future encounters you might have.

Thanks again Ginger (and Brady thanks you too!!!!)

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1 quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide  
1/4 cup Baking Soda  
1 teaspoon Liquid Dish Soap

Mix in a bucket or bowl: it will be fizzy. Don't put it in a sealed bottle, could "explode" the lid off. Thoroughly wet your dog with the solution. Knead it well into the coat, to chemically alter every bit of the thiols on the hair. Be careful to keep the solution out of the eyes, nose and mouth. Use a sponge to wipe it on the face. Follow the solution bath with a thorough rinse of clear water.

From Carolyn Pearson

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members regarding an increase to the entry fee for the 2000 trial. It was felt that as long as it was not a huge increase (i.e. from \$18.00 to \$23.00) a slight increase would be appropriate. An investigation into the fees that other local trials are charging will be conducted before determining the new fee structure. Additionally, Taffy will contact Car-Dun-AI to determine what fees they will be charging next year.

In lieu of the fact that several individuals wishing to rent booth space were turned down for the 1999 trial, it was suggested that the "judges table" be eliminated and allow the extra space for more booth space. It was decided that several of the judges did not utilize the reserved seating, but chose to sit with exhibitors and stewards.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, December 5th. Dave also stated that he would be purchasing a new computer in the near future. As a result of this, he will need to upgrade the Acrobat software. He is uncertain as to the cost of the upgrade, but will report again when that information is known.

Dave also reported that the club's website is receiving approximately 10 "hits" per day. As of today, he has received 65 requests for information. Dave announced that anyone wishing to submit their "Proud Dog" information and any "Braggs" may now do so on the newly created webpage.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance. Her report (sent with Carolyn) stated that she is still in need of three Graduation judges: two judges for the 8:00 p.m. Beginners' classes and one judge for the 9:00 p.m. Beginners' classes. Cathy Fleury volunteered to judge one of the 8:00 p.m. classes.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) reported that she will have several applications to be voted on at the January 12th Membership Meeting.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) thanked Peggy Sue for reminding her that the club's informational display boards need to be upgraded. Tracey will

determine the cost and report back to board. Cathy Fleury stated that she utilizes a very reasonable office supply house and will help in the purchase the supplies necessary.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

### Approval of Nominating Committee

The following individuals have been approved as the Nominating Committee:

Carolyn Pearson - Chairperson  
Cheryl Lewis - Committee Member  
Will Short - Committee Member

### Addition of November 30, 2000 Correction Clinic

Will Short made a motion to approve the addition of a November 30, 2000 Correction Clinic, Judy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposition or abstentions.

### Policy for Working and Showing at Correction Clinics

A reminder that the current policy for club members working and showing their dogs at correction clinics, is as follows:

All match workers (judges, stewards, etc.) are allowed two "free" run-throughs. The run-throughs should be taken prior to the 7:00 p.m. start time or at the end of the class. They may also be taken at another correction clinic that the individual has not volunteered to work.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.



From Marietta Huber

# Reflections of a Pet Store Puppy

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I don't remember much from the place I was born. It was cramped and dark and were never played with by the humans. I remember Mom and her soft fur, but she was often sick and very thin. She had hardly any milk for me and my brothers and sisters. I remember many of them dying and I missed them so.

I do remember the day I was taken from Mom. I was so sad and scared. My milk teeth had only just come in and I really should have been with Mom still, but she was so sick and the humans kept saying that they wanted money and were sick of the "mess" that me and my sister made. So we were crated u and taken to a strange lace. Just the two of us. We huddled together and were scared, still no human hands came to pet or love us.

So many sights and sounds and smells! We are in a store where there are many different animals! Some that squawk! Some that meow! Some that peep! My sister and I are jammed into a small cage. I hear other puppies here. I see humans look at me. I like the 'little humans', the kids. They look so sweet and fun, like they would play with me! All day we stay in the small cage. Sometimes mean people will hit the glass and frighten us, and we always hear "Aw, they are so cute! I want one!" but we never get to go with any.

My sister died last night when the store was dark. I lay my head on her soft fur and felt the life leave her small, thin body. I had head them say she was sick and that I should be sold at a "discount price" so that I would quickly leave the store. I think my soft whine as the only one that mourned for her as her body was taken out of the cage in the morning and dumped.

Today a family came and bought me! Oh happy day! They are a nice family, they really, really wanted me! They had bought a dish and food and the little girl held me so tenderly in her arms. I love her so much! The mom and dad say what a sweet and good puppy I am! I am named Angel. I love to lick my new humans! The family takes such good care of me, they are loving and tender and sweet. They gently teach me right and wrong, give a good food and lots of love! I want only to please these wonderful people! I love the little girl and enjoy running and playing with her.

Today I went to the veterinarian. It was a strange place and I was frightened. I got some shots but my best friend, the little girl, held me softly and said it would be OK so I relaxed. The vet must have said sad word to my beloved family because they looked awfully sad. I heard severe hip dysplasia and something about my heart. I heard the Vet say something about backyard breeders and my parents not being tested. I know not what any of that means, just that it hurts me to see my family so sad. But they still love me and I still love them very much!

I am 6 months old now. Where most other puppies are robust and rowdy, it hurts me terribly just to move. The pain never lets up. It hurts to run and play with my beloved little girl and I find it hard to breathe. I keep trying my best to be the strong pup I know I am supposed to be but it's so hard.

It breaks my heart to see the little girl so sad and to hear the mom and dad talk about "it might now be the time". Several times I have gone to that veterinarian's place and the news is never good. Always talk about congenital problems. I just want to feel the warm sunshine and run and play and nuzzle with my family.

Last night was the worst. Pain has been my constant now, it even hurts to get up and get a drink. I try to get up but can only whine in pain. I am taken in the car one last time. Everyone is so sad and I don't know why. Have I been bad? I only try to be good and loving. What could I have done wrong? Oh if only this pain would be gone! If only I could soothe the tears of the little girl. I reach out my muzzle to lick her hand but I can only whine in pain.

The veterinarian's table is cold. I am so frightened. The humans all hug and love me. They cry into my soft fur. I can feel their

From Marietta Huber

# Reflections of a Pet Store Puppy

love and sadness. I manage to softly lick their hands. Even the vet doesn't see so scary today. He is gentle and I sense some kind of relief for my pain. The little girl holds me softly and I thank her for giving me all her love. I feel a soft pinch in my foreleg. The pain is beginning to lift. I am beginning to feel a peace descend upon me. I can now softly lick her hand. My vision is becoming dreamlike now and I see my mother and my brothers and sisters in a far off green place. They tell me there is no pain there, only peace and happiness. I tell the family good-bye in the only way I know how, a soft wag of my tail and a nuzzle of my nose.

I had hoped to spend many, many moons with them but it was not meant to be. "You see," said the veterinarian, "pet shop puppies do not come from ethical breeders." The pain ends now and I know it will be many years until I see my beloved family again. If only things could have been different.

From Carolyn Pearson

# Proud Dog

If you are proud of your dog, and you would like to share your pride with FVDTC, fill out this form and return it to Carolyn Pearson (3N161 Timberline Dr. West Chicago, IL 60185). You can also e-mail your entry to [proud\\_dog@fvdtc.org](mailto:proud_dog@fvdtc.org), or fill out the form online at "<http://www.fvdtc.org>". Entries will be published in the program at the FVDTC Annual Dinner.

## I Am Proud of My Dog Because .....

(ex. He/she made my Grandmother smile - simply by putting their head on her lap. Or - because he/she went a whole week without "telling off" the world.)



# Help Wanted!!

## Graduation Judges (12/21/99)

Contact Sandy Walsh (847) 695-0826

## Christmas Party Games Helper

Contact Cindy Pakenas (630) 377-6250

## 2000 Board Positions

Contact Carolyn Pearson (630) 231-5658 or  
Cheryl Lewis (630) 897-4267 or  
Will Short (630) 377-0810

## 2000 Trial Positions

Contact Taffy Wille (630) 365-0423 or  
Will Short (630) 377-0810

## Instructors for 2000 (beginning in January)

Contact Taffy Wille (630) 365-0423 or  
Carolyn Pearson (630) 231-5658

From Penny Brcich

## Then God Created Dog

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day of creation, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth (especially the horse) to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.

## I'm proud of My Dog Because ....

Ch. Let's Do the Dance, CDX, FMCh received his Flyball Onyx award and has 22,000 points in Flyball. Dancer has run the course under four seconds and is on the regional record setting team (17.75 seconds). He has his conformation Champion title and is my Paws With a Cause service dog demonstration dog. His favorite job is finding the remote for my 93-year-old mother and picking up pop cans in the park to put them in the garbage. Through his talents, he opened the way for me to train a Beluga whale at the Shedd Aquarium in September 1998. When we were at the Shedd, Dancer waited for me to return by chewing on a seal's nylabone.

--- Joan Payne

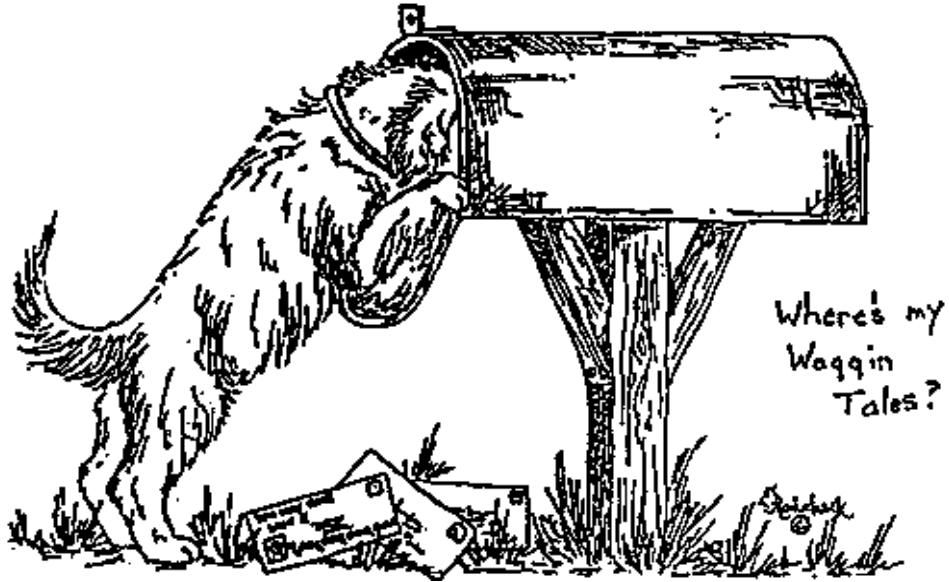
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**December / January Calendar**

<b>December</b>	1	Wednesday	Board Meeting	<b>January</b>	6	Thursday	Regular Training
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		12	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
	5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		13	Thursday	Regular Training
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		16	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	16	Thursday	Regular Training		20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
			NO Correction Clinic				Beginner Classes
	21	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training		27	Thursday	Regular Training
	30	Thursday	Christmas Party				

*Catch Peggy Sue and Joan on Oprah, December 24, 1999*