2000 Board Elections

Elections for Board of Directors for 2000 were held at Membership Meeting on January 12. All the candidates provided by Carolyn Pearson and the Nomination Committee were unanimous elected.

PresidentP	eggy Sue Seehafe
1st Vice PresidentJ	udy Anderson
2nd Vice President ((vacant)
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Cathy Fleury
Director of Training ((vacant)
Trial Chair\	Will Short

Trial Secretary Taffe Wille
Waggin' Tales Editor David Lewis
Graduation Chair Sandy Walsh
Membership Chair Cathy Hubbard
Public Education Liaison Tracey Mohr
Tracking Secretary Carolyn Pearson
Director at Large Trudi Kimm

Congratulations to our new Board. Let's all help them make 2000 an excellent year for the club.

A Final Note from the November Trial

Once again with the help of a large number of our members, the November trial was a great success. I want to thank all of the members who volunteered their time and talent to make this the success that it was. Without you the trial would not have happened.

Taffy Wille once again did a superb job as Secretary. She made the whole day run smoothly as well as what she did in preparation before hand. The Chief Ring Stewards were Mike and Debby Kovacevich; Trophies were wonderfully taken care of by Hellen Castellano and her crew; Catalog Ads were capably handled by Bill Clarke; Equipment and Tear Down were expertly handled by Ed Herdes and a small army of helpers; Grounds were kept cleaned up by Debbie James and her helpers; Hospitality was cordially handled by Carolyn Pearson; Publicity was well taken

care of by Kent Hildebrand; Scoring was done by Taffy Wille and her quick computer; Kitchen chores were handled by Chef Susan Yee and her bevy of assistants; Booths were sold out by Melanie Jokerst; the Photography was professionally handled by Jean Airey; and the Raffle was well done by Bonnie Sherwood. An additional thank you to all who were at the front table with me for all or most of the day. These people collected money, answered questions, and handed out obedience related materials.

I look forward to working with all or most of these same people to make our 2000 Trial as good or better than the 1999.

> Will Short Trial Chairperson, 1999 trialinfo@fvdtc.org

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Dog. A kind of additional or subsidiary Deity designed to catch the overflow and surplus of the world's worship.

- Ambrose Bierce

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What is a Title Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher Title, not just an adjunct to 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 the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his 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 your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you

loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him

enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the 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 before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

Carolyn Pearson

Member Spotlight — Brenda Rivera with OTCH Cosmo

Brenda joined the FVDTC in 1983 with her Sheltie, Ajoy Tampico B. Gallant, a gift from a friend. Brenda's first instructor was Dudley Murray – the team took first place in his graduation class and she was hooked on obedience. Brenda followed up by attending Judy Anderson's class and then Ellen Sidwell's Ring Ready class. Within 6 months Brenda and Tamp were entered in they FVDTC Trial where they placed 6th in their class, thanks to good instructors. Tampico went on to become UUD Ajoy Tampico B. Gallant UD, C-UD, a triple utility dog. Sadly, she had to say "good bye" to him last January after 16 ½ years.

U-CDX Ajoy Pookala B. Gallant UD, C-CD or as she prefers Princess Pookala, also a sheltie, is the only female Brenda has trained. Pook always felt the "obedience thing" was a little beneath her. It took Tamp four shows to earn his UD, while Pook took 15. She is 15 years old and has mellowed a little.

OTCH Chad B. Gallant, Brenda's first border collie, was 3 1/2

years old when she bought him from a friend in 1990. She finally had a dog who loved obedience. In fact, at trials, he sometimes had a much better time in the ring than she did! Brenda and Chad trained with Bernie Brown who was the best, and in 1994 received their OTCH. What a thrill that was

"Pookla always felt the 'obedience thing' was a little beneath her"

for her. In 1997 Chad died from a freak accident. Brenda was devastated.

OTCH Cosmo FDCH, another border collie, is co-owned by Brenda, her daughter, and son-in-law. Cos lived with

Brenda's daughter and sonin-law but since Brenda's house was his day care center Brenda trained him. Her daughter decided to show him through his utility degree, which was a real challenge because neither of them had been in a trial before. After her daughter finished his UD Brenda found herself with no dog to show, so Cos was elected to be her obedience teammate. He would rather have been competing in Frisbee of



Flyball. Cos decided there was only one way out of this "obedience stuff", to get his OTCH which he did last year.

Brenda is currently showing her 3 ½ year old border collie, U-CD Kilt B. Gallant CD. After an eight-year absence, it's back to the novice ring. The team has recently earned 3 High in Trial awards, and the elusive perfect 200 score. Brenda gives a lot of the credit to Lynn Heidinger who is coaching her.

Brenda's training methods have changed a great deal over the past 16 ½ years, changing with each new dog. Brenda, most importantly, always wants to be fair to her teammate. After all, as she says, "it's tough to compete without him".

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A New Year's Note from the PreS!

Happy New Year,

I would like to thank all the terrific helping hands that are in this organization. What makes life fun for me is team work. And this group is filled with great team members.

My wish for you all in this new year (and century) is to enjoy your dogs. They seem to bring us such pleasure and that allows us to spread that joy around. Our Christmas party was a prime example. May we have as much fun training our dogs as this party allowed us to have.

This year was a great healing year for me. Just being at training night and watching you "play" with your dogs brings me joy. I hope you all get to see the interaction that goes on and realize how lucky we have it at FVDTC.

Prosperity, joy and love,

Peggy Sue

Annual Dinner!!

Mark you calendar on March 11 for the Annual Dinner! The dinner will be at Fisherman's Inn in Elburn again this year. This event is for all club members. It is a chance to socialize, have a good dinner, see who wins the annual awards, and maybe win a door prize.

We are asking all members to submit pictures of thir dogs for a "bulletin board" display at the dinner. Include your name and your dog(s)' name. You can take your photo home with you after the event, or pick it up at training. Idea: Do you have a picture of your dog doing something other than obedience? (Playing, hunting, etc).

Please submit your photos by <u>February 12</u>
Peggy Sue Seehafer
4N115 Trotter Ln.
St. Charles, IL 60175

Cindee Ehrhart Malnar

1999 Awards

I need the following 1998 recipients of the FVDTC traveling awards to return the awards to me for engraving for 1999.

Cheryl LewisSally Compton Outstanding Service Award Ingrid HamburgerRuth Anderson Memorial TDX Award Marietta HuberDebbie Orr Memorial Award Jerry D'AprileHeather Memorial Award Trudi KimmDorothy Diamond Memorial Award Mary RussellKanosak Kennel Utility A Trainers Award Brenda RiveraFounders Memorial Award Brenda RiveraEd Kneip Memorial Award

For this years' awards, if you're getting a photo from John Felix there has been a phone number change. The NEW NUMBER for John Felix is (815) 895-0801.

If you have gotten titles on your dog(s) in 1999 but for some reason aren't getting an award, please let me know anyway so we can include your accomplishments the program for the annual banquet. If you don't have the form, send me your name, the dog's call name, breed, registered name with titles as you want it printed and the titles you got in 1999. You have until January 29 to get the title information to me. Send it to

Suzan Scott 1040 Northfield Drive Aurora, IL 60505

or e-mail it to

stats@fvdtc.org

Suzan Scott (630) 898-5998 stats@fvdtc.org

What Breed Are You?

Check out a fun quiz on the world wide web:

http://www.emode.com/tests/dog.html

Susan Yee

Novice A, from the AKC

Showing in Novice A - This class is for the HANDLER who must own the dog entered, or be a members of the owner's household or immediate family and may not have previously handled any other dog that has earned an AKC Obedience title. If the HANDLER co-owns the dog with someone who has previously earned an AKC Obedience title, it does not affect the Novice A status of the current HANDLER showing the dog. There is much confusion over this issue and it seems that clubs and trainers are not clear on it.

-- Pat Krause, Director of Obedience Excerpted from the AKC Newsletter PAGE 4 WAGGIN' TALES

Committee Chairs for 2000

The following people have agreed to serve as chairs for committees for 2000. Please contact them if you would like to help with the many projects occurring through the year.

Match Steward Chairperson.	Ingrid Hamburgei
Match Chairperson (Judges).	Shirley Moline
Match Chairperson (Entries)	Suzan Scott
Match Chairperson (Misc.)	Jan Schomer
Demonstrations	(vacant)
Librarian	Ginger Romano

Y2K Correction Clinics

The first FVDTC Correction Clinic of 2000 will be held on Thursday, January 20. The following Correction Clinic dates are what I know them to be right now. Any changes can be found in the on line entry form at www.fvdtc.org -> FVDTC Events -> pre-entries (under Match Night). You'll need Acrobat Reader to access the form.

February 17	March 23	April 20
May 23	June 15	August 17
September 21	October 19	November 30

I'm Proud of My Dog Because ...

Sass Dance Hy Flying Jaz makes me work and my Mother laugh! Jaz is my mother's therapy dog, as she thumbs her nose in my direction. She's "Miss Personality" whose name should be "Queen of Jaz".

- Joan Payne

Brady always seems to know when a kiss is appropriate and NECESSARY. When visiting my late Grandmother, he managed to get her to give a huge smile when no one else in the room evoked any response—simply by giving her a kiss on the hand. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of how truly blessed I am to have him in my life.

– Carolyn Pearson

Suzan Scott

Vincent, Jett and Phoenix—no matter what goofy hobby I dream up for them—obedience, agility, field, tracking, visiting nursing homes, stupid pet tricks—they try to humor me.

Suzan Scott

Submit your "Proud Dog" entries by sending e-mail to prouddog@fvdtc.org or online at http://www.fvdtc.org/

Brags & Other Good Stuff

Terrifick Silber Tresor, CDX (Terri Sidell)

 05/08/1999
 Janesville Beloit KC
 Open A 190

 05/16/1999
 Lyons DTC
 Open A 185 1/2

 10/09/1999
 Great Lakes Poodle Club Specialty
 Open A 183
 3rd Place



Also placed 4th in Bred By Exhibitor. Tresor finished her CDX after her litter went in their new homes. It was hard to do a "fast" at the Specialty, since I sprained my leg two weeks before. Rick got a crash course on showing the dogs in Breed for the Specialty since I couldn't run.

Kenset Suddanly Victorious (Viki) (Linda Benson)

Entered her first 2 UKC-Agility trials on January 1st and 2nd and earned her first 2 agility legs

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FVDTC Calendar of events for 2000

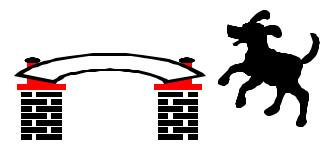
Month	Date	Day	Training	Classes	Special Events
January	6	Γhursday	Regular Training	Start Session 1 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	12	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		
	16	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	27	Thursday	Regular Training		Sig Hansen Visits
February	2	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	17	Γhursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	24	Γhursday	Regular Training	Start 4-H Classes	Sig Hansen Visits
March	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	7	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 1	Puppy & Beginner Class
	11	Saturday	D 1 77 ' '	G G	Annual Banquet
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 2 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class Sig Hansen Visits
	23	Γhursday	Correction Clinic		
	30	Γhursday	Regular Training		
April	5	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	6	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	9	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	27	Γhursday	Regular Training		Sig Hansen Visits
May	3	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	4	Гhursday	Regular Training		
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	16	Гuesday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 2	Puppy & Beginner Class Sig Hansen Visits
	23	Гuesday	Correction Clinic	Start Session 3 - Bgnr	Beginner Class
June	1	Γhursday	Regular Training	Start Session 3 - Puppy	Puppy Class
	6	Гuesday	Regular Training		
	7	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	11	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	15	Γhursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	22	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	29	Γhursday	Regular Training		

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FVDTC Calendar of events for 2000

Month	Date	Day	Training	Classes	Special Events
July	6	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	9	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Tuesday	Regular Training	4-H Graduation	
	20	Γhursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	???	Sunday	-	Annual Picnic	Membership Meeting
	27	Γhursday	Regular Training		
August	2	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	3	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 3	Puppy & Beginner Class
	6	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	8	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 4 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	17	Γhursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	1117
	24	Γhursday	Regular Training	, ,	
	31	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	6	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
1	7	Thursday	Regular Training		1 0
	10	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	16	Saturday			Agility Trial
	17	Sunday			Tracking Test
	21	Γhursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	28	Γhursday	Regular Training		
October	4	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	5	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	8	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Гuesday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 4	Puppy & Beginner Class
	19	Γhursday	Correction Clinic	Start Session 5 - Bgnr	Beginner Class
	26	Γhursday	Regular Training	Start Session 5 - Puppy	Puppy Class
November	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	7	Гuesday	Regular Training		
	12	Sunday			Obedience Trial
	16	Γhursday	Regular Training		
	21	Tuesday	Regular Training		
D 1	30	Thursday	Correction Clinic		D IM C
December	6	Wednesday	D 1 77 : :		Board Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		W 1.75.1 5 W
	10	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Γhursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 5 - Puppy Class only	
	21	Γhursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 5 - Beginners Class only	
	28	Γhursday			Christmas Party

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Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Is Holding its First

AKC AGILITY TRIAL

Saturday, September 16, 2000

Stewards, course-builders and other volunteer positions are available!

Support your club! Help make the trial a success!

For more information, contact:

Helen Castellano, Trial Chairperson (630) 761-0411

Suzan Scott, Trial Secretary
(630) 898-5998

Or Committee members:

Cathy Fleury (847) 464-5909 Vicky Hagens (630) 896-9885 Paul Grosso (847) 428-3098 Jan Schomer (630) 896-9885 VOLUME IV, ISSUE 1 PAGE 8

Membership Meeting Minutes

Membership Meeting Highlights January 12, 2000

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m. The November meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that she has compiled the 1999 financial reports, but wanted to give it one final review prior to presenting it to the members.

Carolyn Pearson / Taffy Wille (Acting Directors of Training) reported that the first session for 2000 began last Thursday on January 6th. For the Beginner's classes, we are conducting two at 7:00 p.m., one at 8:00 p.m. and one at 9:00 p.m. We have one Puppy class at 7:00 p.m. This session will graduate on Tuesday, March 7th - anyone who would like to volunteer to be a Graduation Judge should contact Sandy Walsh at (847) 695-0826.

Anyone who would be interested in eventually becoming a Primary Instructor for a Puppy class, please contact Taffy Wille at (630) 365-0423.

It was announced that instructors will be needed for 4-H classes. The class is from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 24th. Graduation will be on July 11th. Anyone who is interested should see Carolyn Pearson or Taffy Wille.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, January 16th. The website is receiving approximately 20 "hits" a day.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) asked for any volunteers to contact her, Cathy Fleury volunteered to judge the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class that she is not teaching.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of seven applicants for membership. Taffy Wille made a motion to accept the list as read. The motion was seconded by Trudi Kimm. It was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions. Newly approved members, Merry Lee Hritsuk and Rhonda Felker were present at the meeting. Welcome to our newest members. J

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that a new sign-up sheet is available for stewarding at matches. The next match is January 20.

Shirley Moline (Match Chairperson) has volunteered to

"replace" Helen Castellano as the Match Judges Chairperson. Thanks to Helen for all her time and energy as the match judges chairperson and welcome to Shirley. Shirley reported that she still needs a judge for Open A and Utility B. Brenda Rivera volunteered to judge the Open A class.

Suzan Scott (Statistician Chairperson) reported that the award forms are due by Saturday, January 15th. All members who received a title during 1999 are strongly encouraged to complete a form (even if you are not applying for an award) to receive acknowledgment for the wonderful accomplishment of attaining a title.

Joan Payne / Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar (Annual Dinner Chairpeople) announced that the next dinner will be at Fisherman's Inn on March 11th. The menu will be the same as last year. Cindee asked that club members look through their personal photos that can be used to create a poster to be displayed at the dinner. All photos should be identified and will be returned. Any submissions for the "Proud dog" part of the program should be sent (or given) to Carolyn Pearson by February 1st. They can also be submitted on-line via the webpage on the club's website. Joan Payne encouraged ALL club members to attend the dinner to honor every accomplishment (regardless if it was a new title or not) and all of the hard work that all volunteers have done.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.50 is Ed Herdes as drawn by Cathy Fleury.

Old Business

The condition of the jumps used at training was discussed. Peggy Sue Seehafer, Ed Herdes and Will Short reviewed the condition and quantity of the jumps in the shed. It was decided that all of the jumps are in need of paint but we have sufficient jumps for all of our needs. When the weather gets nicer, a painting "party" will be held. At that time, any jump that is no longer usable will be removed from the club's assets. Ed Herdes stated that he will tighten any loose jumps and will put in an eight inch hole for all the bar jumps. Anyone noticing any equipment that is in need of repair should contact Ed Herdes immediately so that the repair can be made. If Ed is not available, contact Peggy Sue Seehafer or Carolyn Pearson.

Voting for 2000 Board Of Directors

Carolyn Pearson read the names for each position. Peggy Sue

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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Seehafer asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Brenda Rivera nominated Trudi Kimm for the position of Director at Large. Trudi accepted the nomination. Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar seconded the nomination. Bill Clarke made a motion to close the nominations. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without any opposition or abstentions.

Joan Payne made a motion that the slate is accepted as read with the addition of Trudi Kimm. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without any opposition or abstentions.

New Business

Suzan reported that the agility trial is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 16th. The paperwork will be submitted to AKC. It is to be held at Mike Bond's Creekwood Meadows Agility Facility in Plano. The tracking test is Sunday, September 17th and it is hoped that hosting both events on the same weekend will not cause a problem attaining volunteers to work.

A way of giving instructors an easy method for them to give their students their name and phone number was discussed. The club currently has a supply of approximately 2,600 business cards. Judy Anderson's mother can make a rubber stamp to be used to stamp a place for the instructor's name and phone number on the back of the club's business. Any instructor who would like a personalized rubber stamp should contact Judy and get a price. Any instructor who would like to use the club's cards should contact Carolyn Pearson for a supply.

Peggy Sue announced that the first meeting for the Kane County Wildlife Center will be conducted on March 3rd at the Campbell House at 7:00 p.m. The Campbell House is the Kane County's art center is located by the Cougar's Stadium. There will be a speaker from Willowbrook center at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

— Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

New Members — January 12, 2000

Rhonda Felker 763 Brookline St. So. Elgin, II. 60177 (847) 742-2279 execsls2@flash.net Standard Poodle

Ron & Amy Lewandowski

1621 Scott Blvd Geneva, II. 60134 (630) 208-8167 raca28@aol.com Australian Cattle Dog/Australian Shep Mix

Maria Siebeck 118 10th Ave. Bartlett, II. 60103 (630) 497-1310 K9srkewl@aol.com Golden Retriever Ed & Christine Heston 231 Evergreen Dr. Batavia, II. 60510 (630) 761-6513 eclhes2000@aol.com Black Lab Mixes

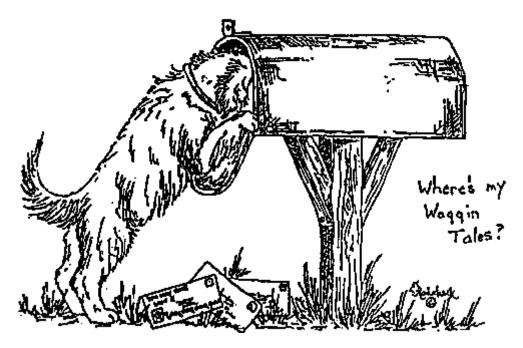
Allison Rubendall 1101 Thoroughbred Circle St. Charles, II. 60174 arubendall@aol.com Collie Merry Lee Hritsuk 27 W 655 Timber Lane West Chicago, II. 60185 (630) 293-0163 mhritsuk@att.net Dobermans

Siebeck Judy 30 W 263 Irving Park Rd. Elgin II. 60120 (847) 697-0258 pixie258@aol.com Golden Retriever

> —Judy Anderson Membership

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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FVDTC Calendar—January / February

January	6	Thursday	Regular Training	February	2	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	12	Wednesday	Membership Meeting		3	Thursday	Regular Training
	16	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		10	Thursday	Regular Training
			Beginner's Class		17	Thursday	Correction Clinic
	27	Thursday	Regular Training				Beginner's Class
					24	Thursday	Regular Training