

WAGGIN' TALES

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

- High Qualifying Average—Novice..... Brenda Rivera & Kilt
- High Qualifying Average - Open..... Suzan Scott
- High Qualifying Average - Utility..... Mike Kovacevich & Jello
- Debbie Orr Memorial Award..... Cathy Fleury
(Most AKC titles or international equivalents)
- Founders Award..... Brenda Rivera & Kilt
(Three highest scores in regular classes at AKC trials)
- Ed Kneip Memorial Award..... Mike Kovacevich & Jello
(Highest combined score in Open B and Utility A or B at the same AKC trial)
- Heather Memorial Award Carol Swenson & Rebecca
(Three highest scores in Novice A at AKC trials)
- Kanosak Kennel Award..... Ingrid Hamburger & Heike
(Three highest Utility A scores at AKC trials)
- Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award Suzan Scott

- Dorothy Dimond Memorial Award..... Brenda Rivera & Kilt
(Highest average score in regular classes in at least three AKC trials.)
- Boner Award..... Debbie Kovacevich
 - Runner Up Cathy Fleury
 - Runner Up Carolyn Pearson

A special thanks to Nina Herdes for creating all the beautiful decorations, the Boner Awards, the special awards, the expertly hand-mad door prizes, and for her granddaughter's assistance.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

Barb & Jerry Erskine would like to announce the birth of

Riley Rowland Erskine

On February 28, 2000 at 3:13 pm. The baby weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 19 1/2 in long at birth. Barb and the baby are doing great.

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The only thing that feels better than finding a long-lost relative is finding your long-lost dog

- Marilyn Vos Savant
Parade Magazine, 3/5/2000

From Terri Sidell
CANINE CPR

For those who would be interested in taking a class and becoming certified in Canine CPR, the Academy of Dog Grooming Arts in Arlington Heights offers such a program. They also have a video "Canine CPR". Contact the school at:

3930 N. Venura Dr. Suite 150,
 Arlington Heights, IL 60004.
 (800) 570-DOGS

From Joan Payne

THANKS TO EVERYONE

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes over the holidays and throughout my recovery.

Many have asked about my progression because I haven't been to training. My mother has been very ill and is now in a nursing home where I visit her twice daily. The agency maze and paper chase has taken up the rest of my time and energy.

In November I was in the hospital with blood clots, but I am doing great now. The cancer is no longer visible in the liver and my last CT scan revealed the tumor is shrinking in my pancreas. The chemo leaves me very tired some days and the hair loss has bothered me, but I can live with that because my prognosis is good.

Your support, good wishes, and cards have really helped. I consider myself lucky to have the disease in check and have such wonderful friends. Keep the prayers coming; it all works. I believe you have played a big role in my recovery.

Thanks again for everything

From Suzan Scott

FVDTC CORRECTION CLINICS

The next FVDTC Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 23. Please notice that this is the FOURTH Thursday of March.

Due to a change in my schedule, I will generally NOT be at training the week before Correction Clinics to get entries so send your entries to me:

Suzan Scott
 1040 Northfield Drive
 Aurora, IL 60505

Be sure to include your name and phone number and your dog's call name, breed, class(es) entered and jump heights if applicable.

If you happen to see me at training, you can always give

PHONES & ADDRESSES

Nadine Conner's phone number is missing from the roster. The correct number is:

Nadine R. Conner
 (630) 365-1398

Don Kloss' new address is:

Don Kloss
 Brighton Gardens
 831 East Butterfield Rd
 Suite 359
 Wheaton, IL 60187
 (630) 682-1699

me your entry. You can also enter at the Correction Clinic for the Clinic the following month. Just give your entries to the folks at the table and they'll make sure I get them.

The only e-mail or phone entries that I can take are those from people who don't also have to send money like FVDTC instructors or anyone who has worked a previous match but deferred their free run-thrus.

The remaining dates for 2000 are:

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

BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF



Rosie (Penny Brcich)

Blitzen Agility Trial, McCormick Place -

Fri. - Open Agility - Perfect Score - First Place!! TITLE (She got her first two legs in 1997 - persistence (or insanity) pays off (???) 13 seconds under course time

Sat. - Open Agility - Perfect Score - Second Place (by 1/20th of a second!) - 9 seconds under course time

Sun. - Open Agility - Perfect Score - First Place - 17 seconds under course time

D.A.R.T. Flyball Tournament (same weekend) - 100 pts. - Flyball Dog Excellent - Smack Dab Screwballs Flyball Team - First Place Team in Division VI

Enter your brags online at the FVDTC web site
(<http://www.fvdtc.org>, then click on "News")

From the Board of Directors

AWARDS REQUIREMENTS

As a note to new members, and a reminder to everyone else, this is the club's awards policy as of June 1, 1997

To receive a club award, you must have:

a total of 6 work credits **and** attended a minimum of three meetings

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

ONE credit:

- Steward or Judge a Match
- Steward or Judge a CGC Test
- Judge a Graduation night
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk one night
- Serve on a Committee
- Assist at the Anderson Animal Shelter Annual Dog Expo club booth
- 1/2 day at the November Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant on 4 nights

TWO credits:

- Serve as Chairperson on a Committee
- Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class
- Assistant Instructor per quarter for Advanced classes
- Serve as a Board Member
- Full day at the November Trial

THREE credits:

- Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner class
- Primary Instructor per quarter for Advanced classes
- Two day Tracking Test
- Serve as the Puppy/Beginner Class Coordinator

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

From Carolyn Pearson & Suzan Scott

Obedience Barbie:

Barbie comes with a training bag full of gear, a set of utility articles, a full set of regulation obedience jumps, her own lawn chair, cooler, a subscription to Front and Finish, and her very own obedience Golden Retriever "OTCh Sparklepond's Shorestepper's Heelalong Fool" better known as "Two-hundred". Accessories such as HIT ribbons and high scoring club plaques can be purchased separately.

Tracking judge Barbie:

Barbie comes with a polartec snowsuit, Gore-Tex rain-gear and boots, wool socks, leather tracking gloves, silk long underwear, sunscreen, bug spray, a baseball cap, a waterproof clipboard, mylar paper and space pens in three colors. She also comes with whistles in two different colors to match the snowsuit and rain

gear, a complete set of tracking flags, a compass, and a set of 12 different tracking articles. Unlike most Barbies, this Barbie always has a "bad hair day" so it's best to leave a hood or the baseball cap over her hair at all times. Included in the deluxe version is Barbie's tracking dog "Pokealong's Can't Find Squat TD", or "Sniffer", a Siberian Husky who comes with his own harness and rope as well as a lifetime supply of hot dogs. Sniffer has been known to eat start articles with one gulp and turn the start flag into a large toy at TDX tests, grabbing it in his mouth and running in large circles around the field (especially when there is a large audience watching). This version also comes with a case of Valium for Tracking Judge Barbie for this very reason. This is the most expensive Barbie and most collectors prefer to leave her in the original box.

From David Lewis

An observation I had while watching the Westminster Dog Show:

Watch a dog show some time. See how the judges look over the animals, examine their teeth, peer into their eyes, poke, and prod them. Watch the dogs get pranced around, doing things very un-

natural to dogs.

After the show, the dogs probably go home and talk to other dogs that aren't show dogs, and tell them what went on. The other dogs probably think they're nuts.

Then listen to some people's UFO abductions stories.

From Carolyn Pearson

RESCUE HELP NEEDED ASAP !!!!!!!

Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for a (put your favorite dog breed here), we were finally notified by the breeder that at long last, our number has come up, and... **WE'RE HAVING A PUPPY!**

We must **IMMEDIATELY** get rid of our children now, because we just **KNOW** how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be! Since our puppy will be arriving on Monday, we **MUST** place the children in new homes this weekend!!!

They are described as:

One male, white, blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Name is Tommy. Temperament tested. Current on all shots. Tonsils removed already and very healthy condition!

Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little time and training, he will do well in a new home .

One female, strawberry blonde hair, green eyes. Three years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Her name is Mary. Temperament tested, but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy and happy (mostly.) Gets along well with little boys, but does not like to share toys. She is house trained, and would do best in a one child household.

We really **LOVE** our children, and want to do what is best for them. I hope you understand, that ours is a **UNIQUE** situation, and we have a real emergency here! They **MUST** be placed by Sunday night at the latest.

Marge

From Ingrid Hamburger

PRAYER FOR A STRAY DOG

Dear God please send me somebody who'll care! I'm tired of running, I'm sick with despair. My body is aching, it's so racked with pain And dear God I pray as I run in the rain. That someone will love me and give me a home A warm cozy bed and a big juicy bone. My last owner tied me all day in the yard Sometimes with no water and God that was hard! So I chewed my leash God, and I ran away To rummage in garbage and live as a stray. But now God I'm tired and hungry and cold And I'm

so afraid that I'll never grow old. They've chased me with sticks hit me with stones While I run the streets just looking for bones! I'm not really bad God, please help if you can For I have become just a "victim of man!" I'm wormy dear God and I'm ridden with fleas and all that I want is an owner to please! If you find one for me God, I'll try to be good I won't chew their shoes, and I'll do as I should.

I will love them, protect them and try to obey When they tell me to sit,

to lie down or to stay! I don't think I'll make it too long on my own Cause I'm getting so weak and I'm Oh so alone. Each night as I sleep in the bushes I cry Cause I'm so afraid God, that I'm gonna die! I've got so much love and devotion to give That I should be given a new chance to live. So dear God please, please answer my prayer and send me somebody who will really care, That is, dear God, if You're really there!

Author Unknown

NEWS FROM THE AKC

Excerpted from the AKC web site at <http://www.akc.org>

At its February meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club voted to change jump heights for the following breeds:

- Dachshunds
- Clumber Spaniels
- Skye Terriers

The new jump heights for these breeds will be at 3/4 height at the dog's withers. The new heights are effective immediately.

PROUD DOG

I'm proud of my dog because

I am proud to have been owned by "Sammie Helen" who came to live with us when she was seven and immediately adopted me. She was a great frisbee dog, companion and guardian. She was 15 when her arthritis became unbearable.

Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar

From Kathy Hubbard

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Applications for membership:

Donna Dodson
29275 Pleasant Hill Road
Kingston, IL 60145
member in previous years but not recently

Wendy Miller
509 s. Fourth Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174
just finished Beginner class

E-MAIL WAGGIN' TALES

If you would like to save the club a few dollars, receive your Waggin' Tales up to a week before everybody else, and get your pictures in color:

Get your Waggin' Tales via E-Mail!

You need to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from <http://www.adobe.com>) and send an e-mail to waggintales@fvdtc.org.

From Carolyn Pearson

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Membership Meeting Highlights March 1, 2000

The meeting began with a demonstration of Canine CPR and Rescue Breathing. Neil Dal Cerro, fireman and paramedic at Fermi Lab, demonstrated the techniques used. The Business meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary), the January Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Taffy Wille and Carolyn Pearson (Acting Directors of Training). Carolyn reported that classes are wrapping up for session number one. Graduation is next Tuesday, March 7th. Session number 2 will begin on Tuesday, March 14th. Instructors are ALWAYS being sought for all levels of classes.

The 4H classes began on February 24th. There are three rings devoted to the 4H students, between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There are 17 students signed up for the Beginners class, and 20 students signed up for the Advanced Beginners class. Trudi Kimm reported that these numbers also include those students who have only signed up for Dog Care, which is not an obedience class.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported the process is moving along. Judges have been contacted.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that the following are the judges for our November 12th Obedience Trial:

Novice A & B	-	Fred Buroff
Open A	-	Cindy Pischke
Open B	-	Diane Propst
Utility A	-	Kent Delaney
Utility B	-	Velma Janek

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) sent his report with Carolyn. The deadline has been changed to Sunday, March 12 (not the 5th), due to a business trip.

Sandy Walsh (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she is still in need of two judges for the Tuesday, March 7th Graduation. A judge is needed for the 7:00 p.m. and the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's classes.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) read the names of two applicants, which were published in the February Waggin' Tales. Brenda Rivera made a motion to accept the list as published. The motion was seconded by Kathy Hubbard, approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) expressed concern that the Anderson Animal Shelter's had not yet contacted her for their annual Canine, Crafts and Critters Expo, usually held in the end of April. Trudi Kimm reported that the shelter has decided not to do the two-day event this year. They have been experiencing an attendance decrease and felt that the amount of effort in doing the two-day event was too much.

A trip to "scope out" the pet show held at the Arlington Park International Racetrack is still being planned by Peggy Sue Seehafer, Kathy Hubbard, Trudi Kimm, Judy Anderson and Tracey Mohr. They will use the excursion to determine whether the club would benefit from attaining a booth at the 2001 show.

Tracey also requested that if anyone has any ideas of events that we can attend, to please contact her, either through email, education@fvdtc.org, or at (630) 377-7316.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) stated that she has purchased a new enclosed and lockable cabinet to hold our library collection. She is in process of having the wheels installed. She will be implementing a new way of loaning the books, by putting cards in all of the books to be signed by the loaner and kept in the cabinet.

Ginger also stated that she will be publishing a list of the books that will remain in the library (the rest were destroyed when the former library cart got wet) AND a list of books that she thought would be good additions to our collection. Once the "wish list" is published in the Waggin' Tales, everyone is encouraged to peruse it and provide feedback to Ginger.

Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar / Joan Payne (Annual Dinner Chairperson). Cindee was not in attendance, but Peggy Sue stated that Cindee has done a wonderful job organizing the Annual Banquet, which will be held on March 11th at Fisherman's Inn, Elburn. From all of the planning that has occurred thus far, this should be a great party. Nina Herdes has once again offered to

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From Carolyn Pearson

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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create and donate the table arrangements. She even made sure that they were completed prior to her surgery on Tuesday.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.50 is Shirley Moline as drawn by club member, Joan Payne.

Old Business

none

New Business

- Set-Up Help Needed** - Carolyn Pearson reported that someone is needed to put up the equipment on March 7th AND 14th. Ed Herdes will be unavailable those days, due to Nina's surgery. No

one volunteered.

- New Club T-shirts And Sweatshirts For Sale** - Carolyn Pearson announced that there is still time to place a t-shirt or sweatshirt order, for any special sizes and a color preference (red or black). Anyone who wishes to pre-order a T-shirt or sweatshirt should see Paul at the front table and fill out an order form, and provide a down payment of 50%. Anyone pre-ordering a shirt will receive a \$1.00 off of the price.
- New Training Building Committee** - Trudi Kimm would like to form a committee to determine the interest level of renting a new building for our training. Anyone who is interested in joining in the committee should contact Trudi Kimm at (630) 673-0527 or at training.

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

FOR SALE:
 I have a 1mo. old Dog Crate I would like to sell
 42 L 25 W 28 H black drop in corner pins
 \$65.00 will sell for \$50.00.

Bonnie Sherwood
 847-888-4244

ATTENTION:
FUN MATCH JUDGES & STEWARDS
 Please be sure to sign in at the table so you get credit for helping. If anyone stewards after 8:00 and I am gone, Please... let me know...
 Thanks
 Jan Schomer
 (630)896-9885

From David Lewis, Editor

PUT YOUR NEWS IN WAGGIN' TALES

If you have news or announcements you would like to share with the club, put it in the Waggin' Tales.

There are a few guidelines to follow to ensure that your message is presented in the way **you** would like:

Submit your articles to:
 David Lewis
 Waggin' Tales
 232 Mistwood Lane
 North Aurora, IL 60542
 (630) 897-4267
 waggintales@fvdtc.org

Plain text E-Mail is the best way to get your article included. Attachments in Rich Text Format will work also. Typed letters and faxes are OK, too, but hand-

written notes are the most likely to result in errors.

Always include your name and a phone number with your article.

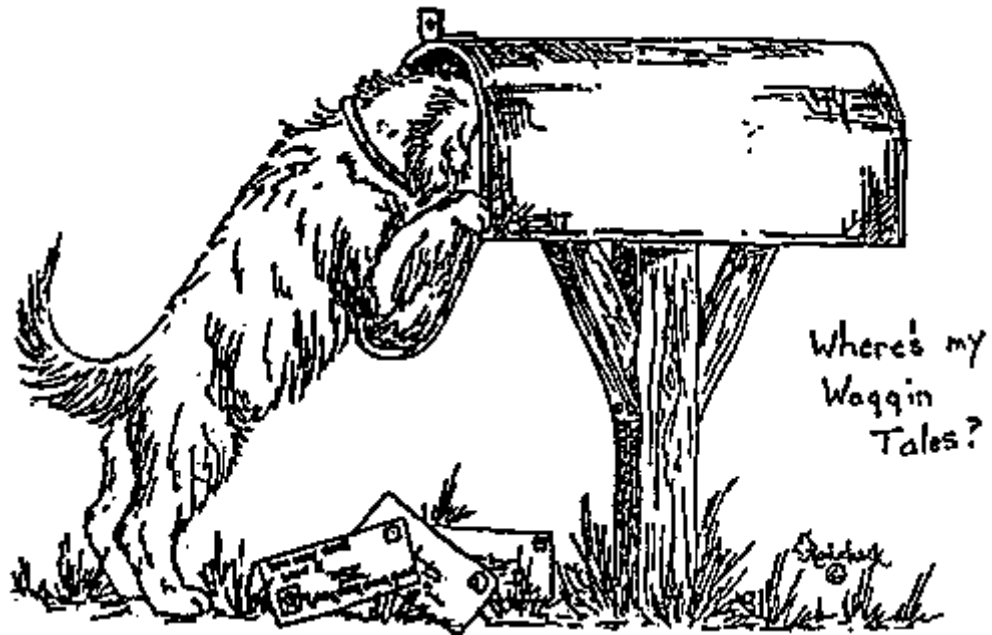
What Gets Included

Waggin' Tales is the primary means of communication for the Board to the membership, so announcements from the Board and meeting minutes get highest priority. Next are news, brags and stories from the membership. If space permits, dog-related classified ads and for-sale items from members will be included.

I am always interested in your comments (both good and bad) and suggestions for improving Waggin' Tales.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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FVDTC CALENDAR— MARCH / APRIL

March	1	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	April	5	Wednesday	Board Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		6	Thursday	Regular Training
	7	Tuesday	Regular Training		9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Saturday	Annual Banquet		11	Tuesday	Regular Training
	12	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training				Puppy Class
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic		27	Thursday	Regular Training
			Puppy Class				Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	30	Thursday	Regular Training				