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SUPER BRAGS — 2000

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ANNUAL DINNER 2001

Thank You!

To Rick Cox, Master of Ceremonies To Ronnie Bizer, Honored Speaker To Marietta Huber, Honored Speaker To Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar, Annual Dinner Chairman To Nina and Ed Herdes for the hard work in making the evening so wondeful

And a special **Thank You** to all the volunteers who made March 11 a successful evening, and 2000 a success year for Fox Valley Dog Training Club.

A well-trained dog is a happy dog

From Cheryl Lewis IT WAS TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Both my husband and I had dogs growing up so it was natural that after we were married, we would want to make that addition to our family. Neither of us expected it to be right away. Since I was a child I knew that if I ever got a white shepherd that I would name it Jericho. Of course Dave tells a friend who happened to know of a puppy that was available and off we went down that road. What a change in our lives! We had to find a new place to live because where we were did not allow pets. Did you know that German Shepherds as a breed were as bad as Pit Bulls, or so the people renting us an apartment told us? That comment alone resolved me to getting obedience training for this loving little puppy. So we entered into the Fox Valley Dog Training Club community. Ronnie Bizer, Joan Payne and Ellen Sidwell started us on our way in obedience 12 years ago. They, with countless others, supported us through all my mistakes and helped Jericho and I achieve an American/Canadian CDX. It does not seem like much of a title for 13 years of companionship, but those who knew us understood that title was hard earned. Between having three children and working full time she taught me patience and perseverance. The amazing thing to me is all the wonderful people it



put me in contact with. Those I would have never known had it not been for that shepherd pup. She was my partner more than a pet. In obedience you have to rely on the dog as much as they rely on you. I had never known that sort of companionship before.

Last Friday (Feb. 23rd) my partner passed away. My children have never known life without her. My 9 year old still says prayers for her at night. I am amazed at the life we have led because of her. We wanted to let you know we love all of you who have shared it with us.

Goodbye, my friend, my heart...

Jericho XXII AM/CAN CDX, CGC Nov. 20, 1987 – Feb. 23, 2001 OTCH Shoreland Internal Combustn UDX "Oscar" (Golden retriever) March 1, 1993 - February 8, 2001 Oscar enjoyed the short time he had to play in and eat snow since he and Jim moved here from California last November. He gave so much in the ring but its a happy boy that we will remember the most.

Loved by Jim Comunale (new member) & Tina Mazza

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.

From Suzan Scott CORRECTION CLINIC

The March 22 Correction Clinic was almost filled by March 1 and I already have several entries for the April 19 and May 10 correction clinics. If you're planning to enter either April or May, please send your entry to me ASAP. Entry forms can be found on the table at training or online at www.fvdtc.org -> FVDTC Events -> Match Night -> Pre-Entries. Remember, preentries for April and May are limited to two entries per dog. Additional entries can be obtained at the gate if your class hasn't filled.

If you want to enter and haven't, now would be a good time. If you've entered and know you can't make it, let me know and I'll move your entry to a different match. If you don't know if you've entered, ask and I'll tell you.

The remaining correction clinics for 2001 are will be: April 19 - May 10 - June 21 August 16 - September 20 - October 25 November 29

Remember that PRE-ENTRIES for April, May, September and October are limited to two entries per dog.

From Trudi Kimm WHERE'S SIG??

Dr. Sig Hansen will no longer be able to come to FVDTC to treat our dogs, but he is available at these locations:

Natural Pet Animal Hospital (Tinley Park) Animas Veterinarian Clinic (Grayslake) Misener-Holly Animal Hospital (Chicago) Family Pet Animal Hospital (Chicago) Cardunal Dog Club (Elgin) Glendale Animal Hospital (Glendale Heights)

More information is available from Dr. Hansen's office at (847) 551-1279

From Kathy Hubbard MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim and Louise Baron 6N162 Weber Dr St. Charles, IL 60174 (630)377-9219 Iouslogo@aol.com Standard Poodle Completed Beginner Obedience class

FRONT & FINISH

READ CAREFULLY!

The membership voted to continue the Front & Finish centerfold for 2001, so club members whose dog(s) received one or more titles during 2000 are asked to notify:

Jean Airey 1306 W. Illinois Ave Aurora, IL 60506-2604

Absolutely no later than April 12 with the following information specified exactly as it is to be in F&F. If you do not notify me, the information will not be in the ad. Please supply information for each dog.

DOG's NAME:
Title received this year:
Name of Member:
Dog's titles: (List all)

(Enclose a picture of your dog - READ ON!)

There is a charge for having a picture in the ad. That charge is \$10 per picture (2 dogs in one picture = \$10). This charge must be paid to Cathy Fleury NO LATER THAN APRIL 12. If Cathy does not let me know she has the money, the picture will not go in. There is no cost for just listing your dog and its title(s).

I will be taking pictures at the club in March for those who do not have a picture on hand.

From Ronnie Bizer ELECTRONIC COLLARS

Dear FVDTC Members,

Ten years ago if anyone ever asked me if I used an electronic collar, I would have answered with a very definite, "NO. Those collars are used only by people who don't understand dog behavior or are too lazy to teach." I would go on to state that dogs collar trained worked out of fear and not enjoyment.

My strong opinion on collars has changed. I have seen electronic bark collars stop an obnoxious barker in one afternoon. Electronic underground fences stop dogs from running into the street where nothing good awaits them. Yet I still was leery of the hand held control, feeling that dogs that wore these collars were "zapped" unmercifully.

Now I do have a confession to make – I'm a "seminar junkie". I thoroughly enjoy my sport and love to learn all that is possible - "I'm not dead yet". Please realize that just because I go to someone's seminar does not mean I endorse the method being taught, but it makes me think about how and why I teach what I do. My friends know I have walked out of seminars stating, "I will never do THAT".

When Lynn and Joe Heidenger and Bob Self put on a Dobbs seminar at Stone City several years ago I attended with skepticism. Jim Dobbs made me think (I like that). He showed how the collar should be adjusted: the correct timing to use it appropriately, and dogs that ENJOYED their work.

Now, true the electronic collar can be abusive if used incorrectly. But then I've seen a professional trainer ruin a dog's trachea with a buckle collar. Dogs have been known to die with a choke collar on and pinch collars can cause lacerations. Yet all of these collars can be used effectively and humanely.

When introduced correctly, the dog should understand and respond positively to most training techniques (even ones I personally do not like).

Several years ago, we had difficult explaining the use of pinch collars to "non dog people". I feel that the electronic collar, while not for everyone, is a useful tool to have in your training repertoire.

Personally I retrained 3 of my own dogs so that I was comfortable teaching the process to others. While I do not use the collar for 99% of my training ,I have seen it stop fence fighting and stool eating; the collar has been excellent for people who love and want to keep their fast runaway dogs responding to the "come" command instead of the "chase the squirrel" command and the "stay" command over the "bolt out the door" command.

The Jim Dobbs seminar on April 7 & 8 is to help people understand the use of this training devise. If you are interested in learning and knowledge (even if you would never do THAT), look in the red box at training for a flyer.

Respectfully,

Ronnie Bizer

From Taffy Willy FATAL ATTRACTION

Reprinted, with permission, from "Dog Fancy", April 2001

Keep Easter treats out of dogs' reach.

Easter baskets can deliver a toxic blow to your dog. Chocolate can be fatal, says Steve Hansen, DVM, director of the national Animal Poison Control Center affiliated with the New York- based American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

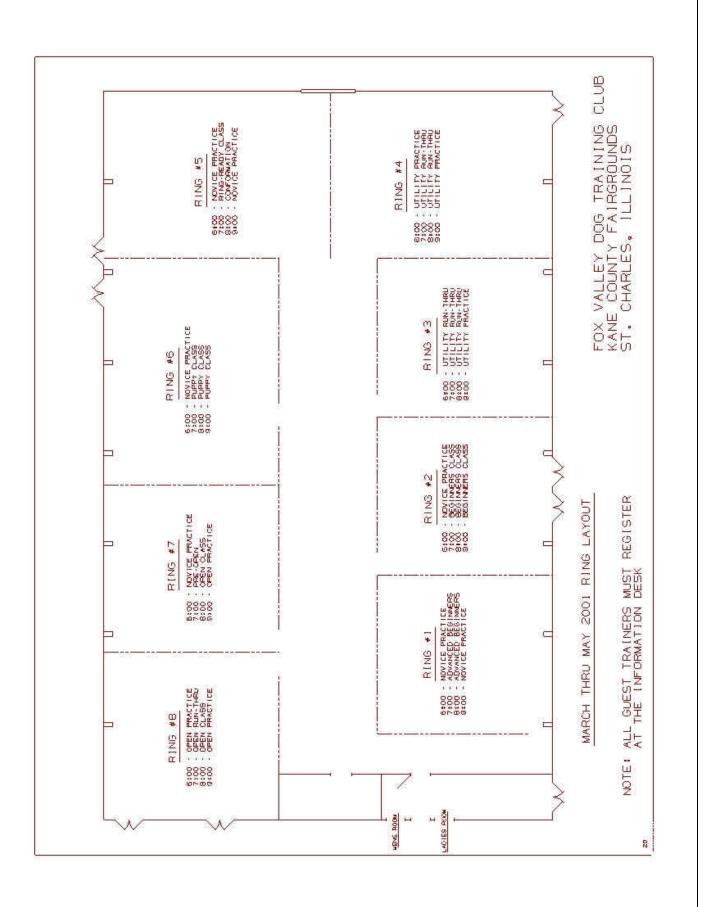
Caffeine is one ingredient in chocolate that can affect a dog's nervous system, heart, and intestinal tract. Dark chocolate and baking chocolate are particularly potent. The effect varies with the size of the dog and amount ingested.

Sugar can also upset a dog's stomach, and macadamia nuts can cause a temporary disorder that includes severe rear-leg weakness and diarrhea.

A dog that accidentally grabs a single cookie or piece of candy likely won't have problems, Hansen says. But if it ingests a large or unknown amount of chocolate, or experiences vomiting, diarrhea, or muscle tremors, call your veterinarian or poison control center immediately. (You can reach the non-profit NAPCC at 888-4ANI-HELP; there is a \$45 fee per case.)

Beware, too, of the artificial grass in Easter baskets. Though nontoxic, the strands, if eaten, can cause digestive blockage.





From Carloyn Pearson, Secretary MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 7, 2001

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that she has received two requests for demonstrations. She also reminded the club members that we would have a booth at the annual H.E.L.P. Dog show is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Anyone interested in helping "man" the booth should contact

Trudi.

She announced that, as of tonight: the 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's classes were full, the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class was almost full and the 7:00 p. m. Puppy class has seven students. She does have all primary instructors lined up, but would al-

ways like to have more assistant instructors. Anyone who has thought about working as an assistant instructor should see Trudi.

She announced that several of the advance level instructors would be moving in to other roles in the future. A "pre-open" class is starting on March 13th from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with Sandi Stephenson as the instructor. The format of the class will be novice run-throughs, followed by sits and downs and with any remaining time, the beginnings of training for open (i.e., dumbbell retrieves, drop on recall, etc.). This class will not use jumps. Trudi also stated that she is seeking an individual to do open and/or utility run-throughs between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. This is necessary because there are a large number of individuals that are unable to receive an open run-through with Will Short.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that the trial committee is currently working on selecting judges for November, 2002 Obedience Trial.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, March 11th. When asked how the Website was doing, he stated that the activ-

ity level continues. Carolyn Pearson reported that a guest trainer in her class stated that she was really impressed by the Website, especially the fact that it was kept up to date.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) was not in attendance, but she sent her report with Carolyn Pearson. Carolyn read a list of seven applicants that were published in the January and February Waggin' Tales. The list was approved as read by all without any opposed or abstentions. Jan Schomer suggested that if the new 2000/2001 rosters had not yet been sent to the printer (with the cover and in book format), perhaps we should consider saving some money and just have a simple listing of members, copied and distributed at training. Carolyn Pearson stated that she would contact

Kathy to determine the status of the roster printing. If it hasn't been made "official", she will suggest that it be just copied and passed out as is.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) Suzan Scott reported for all Match Chairpeople that help is needed for all positions, stewards and

judges. The March 22nd correction clinic is filled. The April 19th and the May 31st correction clinics are filling rapidly.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) was not in attendance, but sent her report with Carolyn Pearson. Ginger is currently working on an easier process to allow club members check out the books and to allow her to keep track of who has what book. She is currently updating book inventory list. Once the list is updated, it will be published in the Waggin' Tales.

Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar (Annual Dinner Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent her report with Carolyn Pearson. There are 61 people attending the dinner this Saturday at Fisherman's Inn. All of the plans are getting finalized. Dinner will be served family style rather then buffet. Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that Nina Herdes has made some very beautiful table arrangements.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Georgia Tolp as drawn by club member, Peggy Sue Seehafer.

Old Business

Taffy Wille reported that she has received the order

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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 Carloyn Pearson, Secretary MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Carolyn Pear-

son reported

that due to

heavy work-

load at work,

she had been

complete the letter. It will

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of the book called "New Art of Dog Training" by Shelby Marlo. Anyone who either ordered a copy or would like a copy should see Taffy.

Will Short asked the status of the letter to be sent to Ginny

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please update your rosters: Lloyd and Mildred Spencer PO Box 781 Cherokee Village, AR 72525-0781 (870) 257-4604

Cathy & Michael Fleury 12N287 Muirhead Rd Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 464-5909 we should spread the cost amongst the individuals that were featured in the ad. That idea was not well received because the number of pictures is an unknown at this time. The individuals might incur a substantial cost if

be sent once Carolyn's deadline has passed.

New Business

The issue of the Front & Finish "centerfold" ad that the club generally has published in the June issue was addressed. It was discussed at the February Board meeting and most of the board members felt that this is a tradition worth keeping. However it was decided that the general membership should be asked whether this should be continued. The cost would be the same as last year - approximately \$600.00. The half page ad is \$375.00 and the pictures would need to be much smaller than is currently published in the full-page ad. It was agreed that, as was done last year, the club members wishing to have a photograph in the ad would be asked to offset the cost by paving \$10.00. Cathy Fleury will collect the money and provide a list of paid members to Jean Airey.

Nancy Pederson stated that she felt that the national recognition received by the club was a positive thing and should be continued. Will Short responded to the comment that the ad is also used to include advertising for our November Obedience Trial, by saying that he does not believe that using reason was enough to justify spending the money for "trial advertising".

Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion that we

that were done. The vote was taken after rereading the motion. The motion was NOT approved. The tally is:

no longer spend the money for the Front & Finish

"centerfold" ad as we done in the past. Will Short

sion, Tracey McMahon stated that it was hard to make an informed decision without knowing our

seconded the motion. During the following discus-

current financial situation. Several other club mem-

bers echoed that opinion. Will Short stated perhaps

Approved:	8
Opposed:	12
Abstained:	7

The "centerfold" ad will be placed in the June Front & Finish. Cathy Fluery will collect the \$10.00 per picture from all club members and provide a list to Jean Airey. Any club mailing a check to Cathy must be aware that her street number of the address in the 1999/2000 rosters is out-dated. Her new street number is 12N287 Muirhead (everything else is the same). Anyone using existing photos should send them to Jean Airey and follow-up with her make sure that it is of the quality that needs to have for publication. The ad must be submitted to Front and Finish by April 1st. The dates that Jean will be at training to take pictures will be provided when know.

Trudi Kimm reported that Fred Scharringhausen recently lost his mother.

It was also discussed that several of the currently used jumps should be replaced by the equipment that is stored in the shed. Ed Herdes will work with the club members that have noticed the failing jumps to handle this request.

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

AWARDS AND TITLES FROM 2000

Linda Benson & Tygr	Pasonii	
Linda Benson & Vicki		
Penny Brcich & Rosie		
William Clarke & Britt		
William Clarke & Carmel		
Dean Connolly & Shadow		
Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar, William Malnar & M		
Catherine Fleury & Duncan		
Catherine Fleury & Sadie		
Ed Herdes & Oppie		
Marietta Huber & Wrangler		
Marietta Huber & Popcorn		
Marietta Huber & Crystal		
Marietta Huber & Rainbow		
Marietta Huber & Squiggles		
		CDX(DOG WORLD), UD (DOG WORLD),
		CD, CDX, UD within 1 Year (DOG WORLD)
Trudi Kimm & JP		
Trudi Kimm & Sassi		
Mike Kovacevich & Boomer		
Mike Kovacevich & Tina	Golden Retriever	CKC-CD (Dog World)
Tracy McMahon & Blaze	Rottweiler	TD
Tracy McMahon & Drago	Rottweiler	UDX TD NA NAJ
Carolyn Pearson & Brady		
Carolyn Pearson & Phoenix		
Nancy Pedersen & Timber		
Brenda Rivera & Kilt		
Jan Schomer & Camper		
Jan Schomer & Dusti		
Don and Sylvia Schultz & Gabriel		
Don and Sylvia Schultz & Roddy		
Suzan Scott & Jett		
Suzan Scott & Phoenix		
William Short & Phantom		
William Short & Ghost		
Sandi and Tom Stephenson & Jenna		
Carol Swenson & Rebecca		
Carol Swenson & Zacchaeus		
Kay Weber & Baker		
Kay Weber & Holli		
Kay Weber & Rider		
Kay Weber & Gofer		
Tim and Anne White & Liza		
Tim and Anne White & Peggy		
Susan Yee & Snowflake		
Paulette Zecca & Tyler		

BRAGS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

Buzz	(Trudi	Kimm)
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WD, BOS, 2 points	Wisc Kennel Club
as Canaan Dog Buzz's f	irst ever show and he was pushing for Breed!
WD, BOS, 1 point	Burlington Kennel Club
WD, BOS 2 points	Blackhawk K C
	as Canaan Dog Buzz's f WD, BOS, 1 point

From Kathy Hubbard, Membership Chair MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS — 2001

The 2001 membership renewal application is published in this month's issue of Waggin' Tails. Membership Chairman Kathy Hubbard asks that ALL members fill out this renewal form and return it to her, so that our membership roster can contain accurate information, including email addresses. You will see a new information line on this year's renewal called "TRAINING AREAS OF INTEREST". Please let us know in what areas you are currently training, e.g. Obedience, Conformation, Agility, Tracking, Field, Therapy, other (write it in). With this information, we can begin directing new members to people with similar areas of interest.

Kathy requests that ALL members, both Regular and Lifetime, Training and Non-Training return a renewal form. Dave: I would appreciate any comments you have on these additions and changes. Thanks.

Kathy

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

DUES AND TRAINING FEE RENEWAL NOTICE

DUES FOR THE 2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2001. 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: KATHY HUBBARD, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON (address below)

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 2001-2002 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN' TAILS WILL BE THE JULY ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-8-01. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-8-01.

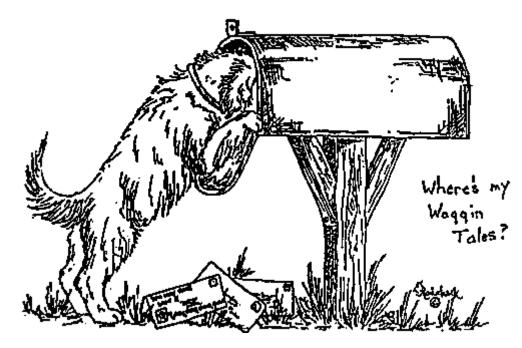
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PHONE:			
BREED OR BREEDS OF D	OGS TO LIST:		
TRAINING AREAS OF INTE	REST:		

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 TAILS VIA E-MAIL? YES NO DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN TAILS? YES NO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-8-01 NO EXCEPTIONS. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY <u>ALL</u> MEMBERS FOR YOUR APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO BE VALID.

> KATHY HUBBARD MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON 403 N. 7[™] STREET DEKALB, ILLINOIS 60115 (815)758-0243 membership@fvdtc.org

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FVDTC CALENDAR- MARCH / APRIL

March

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Regular Training Thursday Tuesday

Regular Training Graduation (1)

- 7 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 10 Saturday Annual Banquet
- 11 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 13 Regular Training Tuesday Start Puppy (2) Start Beginner (2) Correction Clinic 22 Thursday

Beginner Class Thursday **Regular Training** April

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8 Sunday

Tuesday

- 12 Thursday
- 19 Thursday

Thursday

Wednesday Board Meeting Waggin' Tales Deadline Regular Training Correction Clinic Beginner Class Regular Training

Regular Training