

WAGGIN' TALES

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AGILITY

We have completed the second annual Fox Valley Dog Training Club's agility trials. The trials ran very well and beautiful weather helped to make this happen. I personally received numerous compliments on how smoothly and efficiently the trials were run. This was particularly gratifying because we, as a club, are so new to this job.

My personal thanks to the Committee Heads, Suzan Scott, Trial Secretary, Jan Schomer, Ribbons, Cathy Fleury, Workers, Cindy Pakenas, Hospitality, and Linda Benson, Trophies, for working so hard before, during, and after to make these trials successful.

Also, a special thanks to all the club members and non-club members who assisted us with Friday night set up, worked all day Saturday and Sunday during the trial, and stayed to tear down on Sunday afternoon. The Committee can not run these trials without the many workers who volunteered their time to help.

Hope to see all of you next year.

Thanks again,

Helen Castellano
Agility Trial Chairperson



**I WANT YOU
TO VOLUNTEER**
SEE YOUR NEAREST BOARD MEMBER

We have an immediate need for several positions to be filled. If you would like more information, or if you can help with any of these, please contact Carolyn Pearson (secretary@fvdtc.org or 630/231-6568), Trudi Kimm (dot@fvdtc.org, 630/673-0527) or any of the other Board members.

October Stewards
Front Table Person
Primary Instructors
 Beginner's classes
 Puppy classes
Assistant Instructors
 Beginner's classes
Class "registrar"
Tuesday Night Breakdown Help
Conformation Instructor

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A well-trained dog is a
happy dog

From Suzan Scott

CORRECTION CLINIC

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 25. Please note that this is the fourth Thursday in October. As of Sept 22, Open is filled for October. Any further entries that I receive will be put on a waiting list in case of cancellations. If you're already entered and know you won't be there, please let me know. There are a few spots left in Utility and lots of room in Novice. The final Correction Clinic for 2001 will be on Thursday, November 29.

Pre-entries for both October and November are limited to two entries per dog. Additional entries can be obtained at the gate if the class isn't filled. Entry forms with fees, dates and my address can be found at www.fvdtc.org -> FVDTC Events -> Match Night -> Pre-Entries. The dates will be revised for 2002 as soon as we have them.

From Trudi Kimm

TRAINING NIGHT

On training nights as well as match nights, the building will officially open at 5:30. Please don't plan to arrive at Kane County Fairgrounds earlier than that or you may find the building and/or the gates to the fairgrounds locked. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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

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 Jan Schomer

AGILITY SETUP

A Special Thanks to: Cindy Pakenas, Kent Hildebrand, Will & Shirley Short, Carol Swenson, Maxine Brinker, Becky Cembrowicz, Tim & Ann White, Rick Cox, Sylvia Schultz, Jacquie Kramer, Mike Bond & Suzan Scott for all your HELP in the set up for our Agility Trial. Your Help was Greatly Appreciated..

From Jerry D'Aprile

FOR SALE

For Sale: Brand ne pet mate crate #700. 48X32X35 plastic airline type. \$100.00

Please contact Jerry D'Aprile at (630) 941-0756

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.

BRAGS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

JP (Trudi Kimm)

09/15/01 NAJ

JP earned his first legs toward his NA with a 3rd place and NAJ with a second place

09/29/01 NAJ

JP earned his 2nd leg toward his NA with a 3rd place

UAGII Candlewood's Rebbonquest "Peggy" CDX, MH, AX, OAJ, CGC, TDI (Tim & Anne White)

09/02/01 Madison Retriever Club, Stoughton, WI

Peggy earned her 9th MH leg of the year

09/23/01 Peggy was one of 101 dogs to qualify AKC Master National Retriever Hunt Test, Shawnee, OK. Of the 388 retrievers eligible to run from across the US, there were 260 entries and 101 dogs who passed. This event consisted of 6 series of highly technical retrieves, every day for a week. Callbacks were made after each series, with dozens dropped daily. Successful dog-handler teams avoided the perils and travails of the slippery, red Oklahoma mud, torrential rain, thunder, lightning, hail and morning fog. There were also hills and ravines, logs and cut brush piles, an occasional snake, tarantula, scorpion and cowpies on the Black Angus Ranches. Once a retriever has completed the M.N. twice, its new title becomes MNH. For more information, check out the internet site at masternational.com.

PUT YOUR BRAGS ON THE WEB

See 3 years of electronic brags on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org/news>). You can also add your dog's accomplishments to the list for all the world to see

From Kathy Hubbard

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Barbara Bonner

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Guest trained five times

Jeff and Tricia DiCosola

281 Tower Hill Drive
St Charles, IL 60175
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Labrador Retriever
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

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1940 Chippewa Drive
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630)653-3462
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Irish Setter
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

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42W560 Hughes Road
Elburn, IL 60119
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German Shorthair Pointer
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

Ken and Barb Misch

528 McKinley St.
Batavia, IL 60510
(630)761-0823
ItsAllAboutTheDog@hotmail.com
Australian Cattle Dog
Completed Beginner Obedience Class

THE FOOT RULE

There is a formula for figuring out how bed space is allocated. It is called the "Foot Rule". You start by determining the total number of feet (as in those at the end of the legs, not the kind made up by inches). Then you divide that total by the number of feet belonging to the person (s) or dog(s) in question.

This is how it works:

You and spouse share your bed with 1 dog. You and your spouse total 4 feet and the dog also has 4 feet. That is a total of 8 feet. The dog has 4 out of 8 feet or 50%, therefore, the dog gets 50% of the bed.

You could work this in reverse as well. You have 2 out of 8 feet or 25% and so does your spouse, so each of you gets 25% and the dog gets 50%.

Now I have 5 dogs. At 4 feet per dog, that is 20 feet. Add to that my 2 feet and we have a total of 22 feet in the bed. I have 2 out of 22 feet which is 9.1% of the bed. The dogs, since they share a total of 20 of 22 feet, get 90.9% of the bed.

Simple isn't it?!

Once I figured out my percentage of the bed space, the next step was to work out the exact area that I am entitled to. My bed is a California King which is approximately 6 ft x 7 ft. Here is the math:

$$6 \text{ ft} \times 7 \text{ ft} = 42 \text{ square feet}$$

From Carolyn Pearson

CLUB LOGO CLOTHING

A new order will be placed for club t-shirts and sweatshirts. Prior to placing this order, we are able to offer to you the opportunity of ordering a special size (i.e. anything other than a large or X large) please see Virginia at the Information table and complete the order form. You will also be able to choose between a black or red shirt.

This is a limited time offer, available only until October 15th. Anyone who pre-orders a shirt (of any size) will be asked to put a 50% deposit down - BUT - will receive a \$ 1.00 off the prices listed here.

From Kathy Hubbard

ANIMAL FIRST AID

If you are interested in animal first aid and CPR, there is a class being taught in our area this Fall at Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL:

Animal First Aid and CPR, Ref# 9223

1 session

Saturday, Nov 17, 2001

8am - Noon

Room V-110

Cost \$49

You can register for this Community Education class by telephone using VISA, MasterCard or Discover by calling (815)825-2086, extension 204 or 210. You may also register with a credit card by FAX by calling (815) 825-2306

Kishwaukee College, Malta is about 45 minutes west of St. Charles on Route 38.

$$9.1\% \text{ of } 42 \text{ square feet} = 3.8 \text{ square feet}$$

In order to determine the exact dimensions of my bed space, I needed to know the percentage of length to width - this comes out to 54% long to 46% wide.

When I apply these percentages to my spot I find that the dimensions of my part of the bed are 2.1 feet by 1.8 feet or in other words:

I GET THE PILLOW!!!

	T-Shirts (Red or Black)	Sweatshirts (Red or Black)
Small—X-Large	\$12.00	\$20.00
XX Large	\$13.00	\$21.00

Currently we have the following in stock, and available for immediate purchase at training

	T-Shirts		Sweatshirts	
	Large	Medium	XX Large	
Red	2	1	1	
Black	1	1	1	

From Carolyn Pearson

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Membership Meeting Highlights October 3, 2001

Meeting brought to order at 8:02 p.m. at the Burger King. Due to some confusion, the key to the Extension Center had not been obtained. Sincerest apologies to anyone caught in the confusion and extreme gratefulness to all the club members who graciously "went with the flow" without any complaints.

The September meeting minutes were approved as published. Many items of correspondence were read.

Will Short reported that Judy Anderson (First Vice-President) is doing much better following her liver transplant. Her recuperation is processing very nicely.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) sent the following report with Carolyn Pearson. Carolyn reminded that the training building is available no earlier than 5:30 p.m. Trudi will be in Memphis for a show on Thursday, October 11th - Susan Scott will have the keys to open the building.

We desperately need to Assistant Instructors for all Beginners and Puppy classes. Additionally, beginning in January, 2002 we will need a Primary Instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class. Our excellent current instructors, Vickie Hagens and Paul Grosso would like to take a break after this next session. Any one who is interested in this "job" should seriously consider being an assistant instructor for this session. Assisting is an EXCELLENT method of receiving on-the-job training. We are also offering an 8:00 Puppy class this session – another opportunity for some on-the-job training with Taffy Wille, another excellent instructor.

We also desperately need a regular Conformation instructor. Currently our class is being taught by an individual who is not a club member.

Carolyn also reported that a copy of the current contract between the fairgrounds and the club cannot be obtained, by the fairgrounds or the club. During her conversation with the fairgrounds supervisor, it was decided that a new contract should be created. Items such as the "official" starting time, specific location on the fairground's property for our training and the equipment that we use (i.e. chairs and tables) will be discussed.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that Taffy has obtained 245 gold coins for the trial. They will be handed out to all entries per armband. He also reminded ALL club members that Friday night, November 9th, is reserved for the Car-Dun-AI club to set-up for

Committee Name	Chairperson	Needs Help?
Chief Ring Stewards	- Debbie and Mike Kovacevich	- YES
Grounds	- Cindy Pakenas	- YES
Kitchen	- Nadine Conner	- YES
Tear Down	- Dean Connolly	- YES
Raffle	- Kirsten Cox	- Donations needed
Booths	- Bill Clarke	
Catalog Ads	- Bill Clarke & Tim White	
Equipment	- Ed Herdes	
Publicity	- Kent Hildebrand	
Scoring	- Taffy Wille	
Signs	- Kathy Hubbard	
Trophy	- Helen Castellano	

their trial and should NOT be used to reserve crate space. Apparently, several Fox Valley club members were less than cooperative last year with Car-Dun-AI's request not to set-up.

Help is needed beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th for assisting in set-up. Any club member who wishes to become involved in the trial should contact one of the listed chairpeople.

Dean Connolly stated that he is in desperate need of people to assist in the breakdown after the trial. Carolyn Pearson asked whether we would be interested in paying Steve Kleinheksel to breakdown. It was agreed that she should definitely ask Steve. She will let the trial com-

From Carolyn Pearson

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mittee know his answer.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that with the exception of the Utility A and the non-regular classes, all classes have filled.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: the deadline is Sunday, October 7. He also reminded club members that if they receive the electronic version of the Waggin' Tales, they help the club save money.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: Payment of club expenses are current.

Dean Connolly (Graduation Chairperson) stated that the next graduation is Thursday, October 11, 2001.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) reported that she will have a list of club member applications that will be published in the October Waggin Tales for vote at the November meeting. She also stated that the roster is currently being proofed, prior to printing.

A brief discussion ensued about the errors that were occurring with e-mail addresses. It was decided that the best way to get correct e-mail addresses is to pass a list around at the next club membership meeting for verification.

Kathy stated that Barb Misch's application would be published in the October Waggin' Tales, but she was attending this meeting. Taffy Wille made a motion that we waive the "published" requirement, Francene Andresen seconded the motion. It was approved by all members present. Taffy Wille then made a motion to accept Barb's application for membership. The motion was seconded by Peggy Sue Seehafer and approved by all – Welcome Barb!

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she is in DESPARATE need of stewards for the October 23rd match. There is currently NO one signed-up to work ANY rings. She'll be out of town until just before the match, so she requested that anyone who is able to work – sign-up directly on the orange poster board at training, leave a voice message or send her an e-mail message.

Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that attendance at H.E. L.P. show was down from last year. Most of the people that stopped by our booth definitely needed train-

ing assistance.

Jean Airey (Publicity) was not in attendance, but sent the following report with Taffy Wille: She would like to send out another batch of brochures to the vet offices, but needs to update the contact information first. Carolyn reported that unfortunately as of tonight's meeting, we still do NOT have a volunteer for the Class Registrar position.

Old Business

- Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that Linda Benson will begin her chemotherapy treatments next week.
- Agility Trial Report. Suzan Scott reported that things went well, everyone appeared to have fun and most participants enjoyed the awards offered.
- Taffy Wille reported that she still has Shelby Marlo books, New Art of Dog Training - Balancing Love and Discipline, available for sale. Anyone who would like to purchase a copy should see her at training, call her at 630-365-0423 or via email at taffy@elnet.com. The cost is \$10.00 per copy.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that the equipment inventory was done in June and subsequently sold to club members. The only items remaining are schutzhund type dumbbells (\$4.00 each, OBO). Anyone interested in them, should contact Carolyn Pearson at (630) 231-5658, via e-mail at secretary@fvdtc.org or at training.
- Carolyn Pearson also reported that nothing has been scheduled for the mat cleaning. We still need to contact Denny about a weekend date that we do not have to breakdown the equipment and we would be able to gain access to the fairgrounds on a Saturday. That date will be announced and ALL volunteers will be gratefully accepted.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that as of last week, Trudi Kimm had not had the opportunity to do more that looking up the price of the equipment on the J & J Dog Supplies Web site. A complete set of the 58 laminated signs were priced at \$89.95 per set. The wire sign-holders for the 24 stations were priced at \$59.95 per set. Carolyn found a holder that will also work but can be purchased for \$35.00 for 24 stations.

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From Carolyn Pearson

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- Carolyn Pearson reported that another clothing order is being put together. See the Waggin' Tales for more information.
- Carolyn Pearson also reported that we are still in need of a new "class registrar". It would be extremely helpful to have someone with Internet access. The person must love to talk to people. Jerry D'Aprile will finish out the last session – BUT would be happy to have anyone interested in the position use this time for "training".
- Front Table help is also still DESPARATELY needed. Carolyn stated that we LOSE money when we do not have someone at the table. The job is NOT hard – just need a friendly smile!

ity of sending any money from the club to the search-and-rescue dogs (or any canine "victims") of the east coast terrorist acts in New York City and Washington, D.C. After some discussion, it was decided that many organizations were reporting that they were overwhelmed by the donations and that we should concentrate our donation on more local events. Peggy Sue also stated concern regarding the amount of donations that actually went to the victims. She will do a little investigation regarding various organizations to determine who provides the most "bang for the buck" when comparing the donation versus the administration expenses.

- Carolyn Pearson stated that each TUESDAY night that we have training (until March 2002) – we will need to break down our equipment. Work credit will be offered to all who stay to help.

New Business

- Carolyn Pearson reported that she had been approached by Marietta Huber regarding the possibil-

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2001 RING LAYOUT

<p><u>RING #8</u></p> <p>5:30 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – BEGINNER CLASS 8:00 – BEGINNER CLASS 9:00 – BEGINNER CLASS</p>	<p><u>RING #7</u></p> <p>5:30 – OPEN PRACTICE 7:00 – OPEN RUN THRU 8:00 – OPEN W/O JUMPS 9:00 – OPEN PRACTICE</p>	<p><u>RING #6</u></p> <p>5:30 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – PUPPY CLASS 8:00 – OPEN W/O JUMPS 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE</p>	<p><u>RING #5</u></p> <p>5:30 – UTILITY PRACTICE 7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU 8:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE 9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE</p>
<p><u>RING #1</u></p> <p>5:30 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 8:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE</p>	<p><u>RING #2</u></p> <p>5:30 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS 8:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE</p>	<p><u>RING #3</u></p> <p>5:30 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – RING READY CLASS 8:00 – CONFORMATION 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE</p>	<p><u>RING #4</u></p> <p>5:30 – UTILITY PRACTICE 7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU 8:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE 9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE</p>

