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Events for 2002

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Agility 2002

We have received AKC approval for Fox Valley's 2002 agility trials on September 14 & 15 at Creekwood Meadows (Mike Bond's place) in Plano.

The judges will be Bonnie Drabek and Jean Munger. Entries open on July 17 and will be accepted on a first received basis. Each trial has a limit of 200 entries in standard titling and 200 in jumpers w/ weaves. Premium lists should be out by mid-May.

— *Suzan Scott*
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First Annual Wellness Clinic

FVDTC will be holding its first annual Wellness Clinic at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 28. Dr. Patricia Meiser will be available to provide a variety of vaccinations and other services during training that night.

Appointments are necessary; details are available on page 3. Contact Trudi Kimm (dot@fvdtc.org) with questions or comments.

Special points of interest:

- Revised Calendar for 2002 (see p. 5)
- Annual Dinner (see p. 1)
- Help Wanted (see p. 2)

FVDTC Annual Dinner - March 30

The annual dinner is set for March 30, 2002. Do you have some creative ideas, thoughts, and/or suggestions that we could include in this year's program? If so, please send me an

email and we will incorporate it if we can.

Also, we are in need of an MC. If you have a secret desire to speak in front of a large group of people or

know someone who does, please don't hesitate to contact me.

— *Jacquie Kramer*
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Help Wanted

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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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 or Trudi Kimm

- Membership Chair
- Public Education Liaison
- Front Table Person
- Primary Instructors
 - Beginners
 - Puppy
 - Conformation

- Assistant Instructors
 - Beginners
- Match Stewards

—Carolyn Pearson
(630/231-5658
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—Trudi Kimm
(630/673-0527
dot@fvdtc.org)

On-Line Brags

See three 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.

Brag & Other Good Stuff

Buzz (Trudi Kimm)

02/22/2002	Blackhawk KC	BOB
02/23/2002	IKC	BOB

Buzz is in the top 10 for 2002!

Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic will be held Thursday, March 21. As of February 27, open and utility are filled unless I get cancellations.

Don't forget! Starting at the March 21 FVDTC Correction Clinic, there will be a rally obedience ring set up. You can enter this class either at the gate or by using the standard pre-entry form found at www.fvdtc.org -> FVDTC Events -> Match Night -> Pre-Entries. Entries in this class will not count toward the two entry per dog limit in the standard classes.

To continue to hold these matches, FVDTC needs your help. Stewards and judges are needed for all of these matches. If you can steward in any class at any match, contact Ingrid at (630) 365-3248 or at matchsteward@fvdtc.org. If you can judge any class at any of the matches, contact Shirley at (630) 232-2503 or at matchjudges@fvdtc.org

Suzan Scott
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2002 Correction Clinics

January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 9
June 20
August 15
September 19
October 24
November 21



FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

First Annual Wellness Clinic

Thursday, March 28, 2002

Dr. Patricia L. Meiser, DVM

Kane County Fairgrounds, Training Bldg.

<i>Heartworm Test (antigen test)</i>	\$13.00
<i>DHLPPC</i>	\$17.00
<i>DHLPP(no corona)</i>	\$15.00
<i>Corona</i>	\$10.00
<i>Lymes Vaccination</i>	\$17.00
<i>Bordetella</i>	\$10.00
<i>Fecal Check</i>	\$ 9.00
<i>*Rabies Vaccination (1 year) includes Cook and/or DuPage County Tag</i>	\$19.00
<i>Rabies Vaccination (1 year) NO TAG</i>	\$15.00
<i>*Rabies Vaccination (3 year) includes Cook and/or DuPage County Tag</i>	\$35.00
<i>Rabies Vaccination (3 year) NO TAG</i>	\$25.00

***** Available Medications at a reduction: Frontline, Interceptor, Sentinel***

******Prescriptions for other heartworm medications available at no charge.***

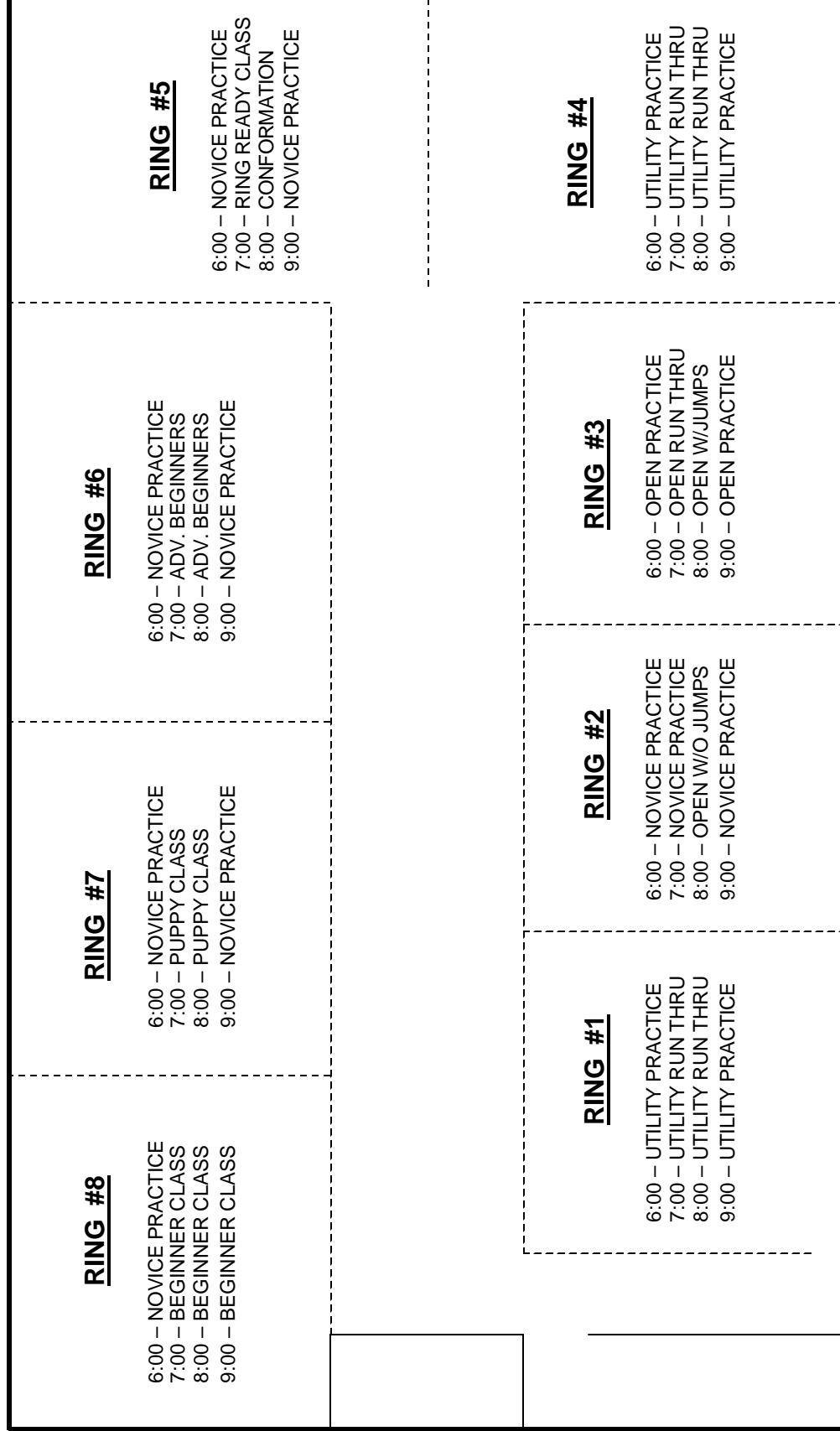
Exam charge for other than vaccinations - \$15.00

Veterinarian reserves the right to vaccinate or not depending on the health of the dog

To set Appointment: Pat (630) 852-0968

Please leave message, local calls will be returned

MARCH THROUGH MAY 2002 RING LAYOUT



**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER
AT THE INFORMATION DESK**

**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS**

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events

Effective March 15, 2002

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training Type</i>	<i>Classes Held</i>	<i>Special Events</i>	
January	3	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 1	Puppy & Beginner
	9	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	13	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	17	Thursday	Correction Clinic	<i>Only Beginner Classes</i>	
	24	Thursday	Regular Training		
	31	Thursday	Regular Training		
February	6	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic	<i>Only Beginner Classes</i>	
	28	Thursday	Regular Training	Start 4-H Classes????	Tentative
March	5	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Session 1	Puppy & Beginner
	14	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 2	Puppy & Beginner
	13	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	17	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Saturday			Annual Banquet
April	3	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		
May	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		
	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	21	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Session 2	Puppy & Beginner
	30	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 3	Puppy & Beginner
June	5	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	27	Thursday	Regular Training		

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events

Effective March 15, 2002

Date	Day	Training	Classes	Special Events	
July	2	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	7	Sunday		Waggin' Tales Deadline	
	9	Tuesday	Regular Training		
			NO Training	4-H Graduation	Tentative
	18	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		
August	1	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 3	Puppy & Beginner
	6	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 4	Puppy & Beginner
	7	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	11	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	22	Thursday	Regular Training		
	29	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	4	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Saturday			Tracking Test Set-up
	8	Sunday			Tracking Test Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	13	Friday	NO Training		Agility Trial Set-up
	14	Saturday			Agility Trial
	15	Sunday			Agility Trial
	19	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	26	Thursday	Regular Training		
October	2	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 4	Puppy & Beginner Class
	15	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 5	Puppy & Beginner
	24	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	31	Thursday	Regular Training		
November	5	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	6	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	10	Sunday			Obedience Trial
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	26	Tuesday	Regular Training		
December	4	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	8	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	19	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 5	Puppy & Beginner Class
	26	Thursday	Christmas Party	No classes	Christmas Party & Membership Meeting



Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Meeting Highlights March 13, 2002

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that a Wellness Clinic, sponsored by us, is scheduled for March 28th. She stated that several volunteers are needed – someone with vet-tech experience would be greatly appreciated. Appointments are necessary and can be requested by calling Trudi 630-673-0527, at training, or via e-mail at dot@fvdtc.org.

Trudi reminded the club members that with the exception of both Utility and both Open rings, ALL other rings are shareable. No one has the right to prohibit another trainer from using the ring. She also reminded the trainers using the Utility and Open rings to PLEASE return the ring to its original layout. The next person using the ring should NOT have to spend their training time to place the jumps in their appropriate positions.

Trudi stated that starting at the March 21st Correction Clinic, we will be offering a Rally Obedience match ring. The ring will be set-up according to AKC rules and a judge will be in the ring doing the run-throughs.

Trudi also announced that she is currently looking into hosting a seminar in 2003. Possible choices for presenters are Suzanne Clothier and Jim and Phyllis Dobbs. Anyone having any other suggestions should contact Trudi.

Trudi reported that Mary Russell needs to be “replaced” as the Primary Instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner’s class. Mary’s job is now requiring longer hours, with Thursdays being one of the busiest days. Mary said that the class has a lot of great students and the new instructor will definitely enjoy themselves. Trudi extended thanks to Cathy Fleury who offered room in her Ring-Ready class for the Advanced Beginner’s students, on the nights that Mary has not been able to teach.

Trudi stated that we need a Puppy instructor for session starting tomorrow, March 14th. A bit of confusion between Carolyn and her caused this last minute “panic”.

Cathy Fleury reminded fellow club members that the Puppy and Beginner’s classes “pay the rent” and that it certainly behooves us to all volunteer – if each member just took one session to be a Primary or Assistant Instructor, we would not be scrambling to beg for volunteers. Trudi also stated that she and Carolyn Pearson had spoken about offering a special perk to the instructors – the sole use of the training building from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Any club members who were not instructors would not be allowed to train before 6:30 p.m. Trudi stated that she hoped we would not have to resort to those restrictions for non-instructors, but if it continues to be extremely difficult in getting instructors, the policy could be instituted.

Carolyn gave the following report for Will Short (Trial Chairperson) who was not in attendance. Will Short is currently seeking to fill some Committee Chairpeople positions for the November Trial.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has all AKC approvals have been received for the November 10th trial. The price of our entries is \$20.00 for the first entry and \$14.00 for each additional entry.

The following are our judges.

Class	Judge
Novice A and B	- Ronnie Bizer
Open A	- Ed Haas
Open B	- Robin Comp-Zelles
Utility A	- Doris Froman
Utility B	- Diane Propst

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, March 17th. The website is up-to-date and still receiving a steady stream of visitors.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that she is currently working on getting the tax filings ready for the May 15th filing deadline. She is also considering the elimination of one of our accounts. We currently have a Money Market AND a checking account. She will investigate which is more beneficial for us to maintain. She will review interest earned, amount of allowable checks that can be written on the account and any service fees for which we currently are responsible.

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Membership Meeting Highlights

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Taffy Wille suggested that Cathy look into a Platinum Checking account at the 5/3 Bank. They are currently offering an interest-bearing checking account with a high interest rate.

Dean Connolly (Graduation Chairperson) asked if it would be possible for all instructors to verify the following information of the Beginners and Puppy students:

- Student's Name (the person actually training the dog)
- Dog's call name

Dean reported that with the exception of some incorrect Graduation Certificates being distributed, things were going well.

Kathy Hubbard (Membership Chairperson) reported that the 2002 Rosters were distributed (either picked-up or mailed). Kathy also read a list of eleven new applicants and one reinstatement that had been published in the January and February Waggin' Tales. Additionally, she read a list of seven new applicants that had not been published in the Waggin' Tales. Taffy Wille made a motion to waive the requirement that the names be published in the Waggin' Tales. Trudi Kimm seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with none opposed or abstaining.

Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to accept the list (published and unpublished) of names as read. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with none opposed or abstaining. Welcome to ALL new members. It was wonderful to see the

newest members present at the membership meeting.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that help is definitely needed for the March 21st Correction Clinic. For the sake of the new club members present, Ingrid and Kathy Hubbard briefly explained what a match was and what type of work the stewards did at the match.

Taffy Wille gave the following report for Jean Airey (Publicity) who was not in attendance. She reported that she spoke to Jean and received the following information about the Front and Finish ad: Please read and follow the instructions printed in the February Waggin' Tales. Cathy Fleury also asked that the club consider returning the monies collected from the club members for the cost of the photos included in the Front and Finish ad back to those club members. Cathy stated that since the cost of the ad was significantly lower than in the past, we did not have to pass along the cost to the club members. However, Taffy replied that Jean was not completely convinced that the price quoted to her over the phone was for both pages of the ad, or just one page. It was agreed that we would wait to decide about possibly returning the money AFTER we received the official bill from Front and Finish.

Jacquie Kramer (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that currently she has a guest list of 47 people who will be attending the Annual Banquet at Fisherman's Inn on Saturday, March 30th. Jacquie stated that Nina Herdes has made some wonderful "mini-Boner Awards" and she has only received two nominations as of tonight. Jacquie asked that everyone

take a minute to search their memory for a club member who deserves to be nominated for the Boner Award.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that we have scheduled the Fall Tracking Tests (TDs and TDXs) for the weekend of September 7th and 8th. The tests will be at the Burnidge Forest Preserve. The judges tentatively scheduled are Bonnie Kircher and Pam German. Francene reported that due to the amount of negative comments she has heard about Wichman Forest preserve – cost to rent was very expensive and multiple dogs have been involved in aggressive behavior – it was decided that we will not use it for our tracking tests.

Francene stated that she is in need of a Hospitality Chairperson for the events AND also needs experienced tracklayers and cross-tracklayers (experience is not necessary).

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) reported that at the February Board meeting, the list of possible places to donate money was narrowed to the following two places: the Suffolk County (New York) SPCA and the Chicago Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Dog Group. The Suffolk County SPCA is looking for donations to pay for their state-of-the-art mobile animal surgical unit. The Chicago SAR Dog Group is looking for donations to pay for two-way communication radios.

After a bit of discussion about the location of each of the organizations, and the fact that local law agencies using search dogs were publicly funded, it was decided that the Chi-

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Chicago SAR Dog Group was sufficiently local and looking for donations for necessary and vital equipment. Anyone seeking more information about the organization can view their website at www.crsardogs.com. Brenda Rivera made a motion that we send a \$300 donation to the Chicago SAR Dog Group in memory of the September 11th Terrorist Acts. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with one opposed and no abstentions.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$9.00 is Donna Dodson as drawn by new club member, Sandy Ellsworth.

Old Business

Tracey Mohr reported that a new rental contract was successfully negotiated between the club and the Kane County Fairgrounds. After no rent increase since January 1997, the finalized increase amount was only \$50, from \$275 to \$325 per week. The new contract has a start- and end-date of three years. With a known end-date, the club can plan for another increase in 2005.

New Business

□ Tracey Mohr reported that we have received information about the possibility of having a registered Pet Massage Therapist give a demonstration on a dog, at an upcoming membership meeting. Carolyn Pearson will contact the Kane County Extension Center to determine if the "no dog in the building" rule still applies. If it

does, an alternative site will be looked into.

□ Tracey Mohr asked for feedback about the possibility of creating a "Doggie cookbook/training tips/health tips" book to use as a fund-raiser. A general concern was expressed about offering "medical advice" from non-medically trained individuals. Carolyn Pearson stated that the health tips would be more like "things I've learned as a dog owner" – the example that she gave was the tip that she and Anne White learned from their respective vets – NEVER put Quik-Stop on a tissue wound to stop the bleeding. Quik-Stop should only be used on accidentally nipped toenails.

□ Another idea, suggested by several club members, as a fundraiser was to host a vet for a Question and Answer session. The following suggestions were made:

- o Having club members pre-submit questions to be answered
- o Limit the discussion to a maximum of one-and-a-half hours
- o Ask the vet to discuss general first aid, such as the following:
 - o What is the best way to remove a tick?
 - o What should you do if you find fleas on your dog?
 - o When is it too hot/cold to exercise your dog outside?

In deference to the length of the

meeting and the topics that still remained to be discussed, Kathy Hubbard made a motion that the Board Members review the two fundraiser ideas and make a recommendation to the general membership at a future membership meeting. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with one opposed and no abstentions.

□ Francene Andresen also suggested that we put together a display of items that we have available for club members to purchase or checkout, such as our t-shirts, collars, and library books and videotapes. Carolyn Pearson volunteered to do that.

□ Andy Hanses (also another new club member) announced that the annual Bark in the Park fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. The registration fee is \$20.00 and more information is available on the website www.backinthepark.com.

□ Electronic Training Collar Policy Re-addressed. Trudi started the discussion by giving a brief synopsis of the article that she wrote and had published in the February Waggin' Tales. Tracey Mohr interjected with a brief history of the policy and what initiated the original discussion in the summer of 2000, to allow the newest club members some insight. Tracey also asked that anyone wishing to speak on the topic to please be considerate by raising their hands and not interrupting the current speaker.

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Membership Meeting Highlights

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Anne White expressed concerns about someone using the collar while on Stay exercises – would the collar correction be too much of a distraction to the other dogs in the ring? It was stated that there would probably be less of a distraction for the remote correction than to have a handler physically return to correct their dog.

Cathy Fleury stated that when Chance was alive, she could not use any type of collar correction due to his neck and back problems. That same situation was also shared by Tracy McMahon and her dog.

At that time, Trudi read the following to propose her recommendations to change the current electronic training collar policy.

I move to change FVDTC's policy on electronic training collars to allow electronic training collars to be used at our training facility with the following stipulations and caveats:

1. *The electronic training collars may only be used by FVDTC members, **and** only with the approval and supervision of the Director of Training (DOT) or a DOT designated person. No electronic training collars will be allowed on Match nights.*
2. *The only electronic training collars allowed, will be those that offer multi-adjustable levels of correction and/ or paging (vibration), clicker, nick or audible tones. Examples of those collars are the collars offered by DT Systems, Dogtra and Innotek.*
3. *The electronic training collars will be allowed in only at advanced train-*

ing levels, not in puppy or beginners classes. If an advanced class instructor is not comfortable with an electronic training collar being used in their class, the instructor does have the right to require the use of another training collar during their class.

4. *Each electronic training collar user will be required to have attended an electronic training collar seminar and/or to be certified by the DOT or designated person.*
5. *All dogs wearing an electronic training collar must have been previously introduced to the collar outside of FVDTC. No collar will be placed on a new dog for the first time at FVDTC training building. Proper use of the collar dictates that a dog must be conditioned to the collar, just as a dog is introduced to a clicker ("Charging Up a Clicker" must have occurred before the clicker is understood by the dog).*
6. *If a user of an electronic training collar is found to be abusing the collar, as determined by the DOT or designated person, the collar must be immediately removed and will not be allowed back on any dog trained by that handler. That trainer must receive additional training on the correct use of the electronic training collar and may then petition for the privilege to be re-instated. An isolated case of a dog screaming after a collar correction does not constitute abusing the collar, just as a forced retrieve may elicit a vocal response from any dog, but repeated incidents may constitute abuse.*

Following the completion of Trudi's statement, the discussion continued. Kay Weber asked whether a handler would have to attend a seminar just to learn how to use the clicker collar. Trudi

responded that the caveat stated was "seminar – OR – DOT certification". Brenda Rivera reminded everyone that a clicker collar is still considered an electronic training collar.

Jerry D'Aprile suggested that perhaps the caveat should be changed to "trainer is certified – AND – the dog has a CD title". Cathy Fleury said that would not be a good measurement because many trainers train their dogs to higher levels prior to starting their official obedience trial career. Peggy Sue Seehafer reminded the club members that an electronic training collar should not be used for a "quick fix", other training alternatives should be explored first. Francene Andresen felt that all options of training should be available for club members to use in the training building. She stated that using the electronic training collar saved the life of her "Little Miss Come Means-Keep Away".

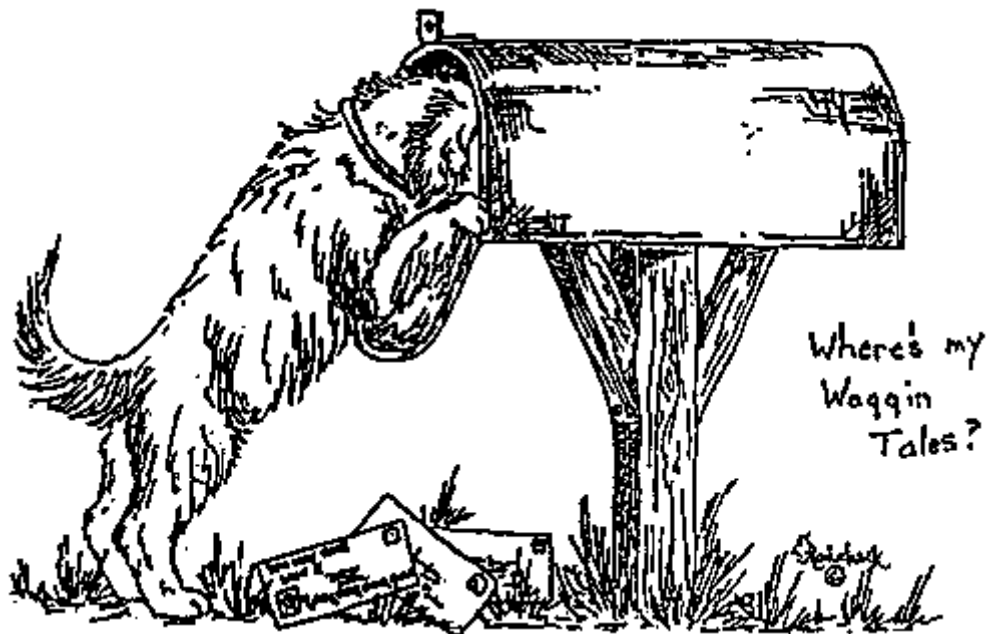
Jerry D'Aprile suggested that we establish the policy with a test period timeframe. That would allow the members to use their electronic training collars AND provide the club with the ability to receive and monitor feedback from other community members who train with FVDTC. Following positive responses for that suggestion, from the membership, Jerry D'Aprile made a motion "to implement the electronic training collar policy, as read by Trudi Kimm, until the September 4th Membership Meeting. At which time the policy will be re-

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**FOX VALLEY DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

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March

5	Tuesday	Regular Training
10	Sunday	Annual Dinner RSVP Due
13	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
14	Thursday	Regular Training
17	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
21	Thursday	Correction Clinic
		No Beginner Class
28	Thursday	Regular Training
30	Saturday	Annual Dinner

April

3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
		No Beginner Class
25	Thursday	Regular Training