



Waggin' Tales

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Hey!!! Read These!!!

Anyone that is willing to help set-up for our Agility Trial on Friday September 13th, Please let me know. It should only take about 1 hour if I have enough people to help. Time will be announced.

Your Help would be Greatly Appreciated.

Jan Schomer
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We have a "date" to clean our mats. If you can help for some time on Saturday, June 29th - please come-join-us. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and could use help probably most of the morning. If you can help, AND have a wet-dry vacuum, we would love to see you. Please let Ed Herdes (630-232-9191) or Carolyn Pearson (630-231-5658, secretary@fvdtc.org) know if you can help us with our spring cleaning.

Carolyn Pearson
secretary@fvdtc.org

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Help Wanted

Special points of interest:

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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



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

—Carolyn Pearson
(630/231-5658)

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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CH Foxvue's Black Snow Phantom Bear UD Can CDX WC OA OAJ CGC (Will Short)

- Phantom's title was earned in Madison, WI, on 05/05/2002.
- Earned in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, on May 19. He also has 2 legs toward his Canadian Utility title, earned on May 20. He was the 2001 Highest Scoring Flat-Coated Retriever and ranked #1 in Open Agility according to the Front and Finish magazine.

CH Victory Black Snow Ghost Rider CDX Can CD OA OAJ (Will Short)

- Earned in the same set of trials on May 20--the 6th trial of a 6 trial weekend.

Dylan (Kathy Hubbard) is now officially CH MacAlder Blue Moon on the Brae

- We are so proud of him. After 3 years of learning to feel comfortable in the ring, he finished with 4 majors! Now it is on to the Best of Breed ring at Gordon Setter specialties, and finally the confidence to enter the Obedience ring.

U-AG II Candlewood's Ribbonquest TDI, CDX, MH, AX, OAJ (Tim and Anne White)

- "Peggy" earned a MH leg at the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois, Des Plaines IL. This qualifies Peggy to compete in September at the Master National Hunt Test to be held in Bend Oregon.
- "Peggy" earned another MH leg 05/12/02 Fax Valley Retriever Club, Waukesha, WI

UACH Shamrock Acres Celebration JH, UD, AX, OAJ, CGC, TDI (Anne White)

- Liza earned an MX leg 5/18/02 Agility Ability Club, Plano, IL

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.

Membership Report

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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



Dog World

Correction Clinics

This month's FVDTC correction match will be held on Thursday, June 20.

Remaining matches for 2002 are scheduled for:

- August 15
- September 19
- October 24
- November 21

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The current "official word" from Dog World (at least for this week) is that they will no longer have the awards program. A letter that I received from the Dog World managing editor dated May 20, 2002 along with the check that I'd sent in February with our 2001 award applications states that "While we're expanding the coverage of outstanding individuals - canine and human - in the pages of Dog World, we regret to inform you that we have discontinued the awards program.

FVDTC does give out "Dog World" patches for titles earned in the first three attempts with scores of 195 - 200 so if this is one of your accomplishments in 2002, don't forget to put it on your FVDTC awards application.

Board Meeting Highlights

Suzan Scott

Board Meeting Highlights *June 5, 2002*

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). April Meeting Minutes approved as published.


Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that the Westside Sport Center, corner of Dean Street and Peck Road in St. Charles would be a good location for a Spring or Fall seminar. The rent for one gym is \$35.00 per hour. By hosting a Friday night, and all day Saturday and all day Sunday seminar, the rent would be under \$1,000. This does not include the cost of the presenter. Trudi recommended that we schedule the seminar for Spring or Fall, as the building is not air-conditioned.

Trudi is currently seeking more information for several seminars including those conducted by Suzanne Clothier or by Jim and Phyllis Dobbs. Suzanne Clothier offers many types of seminars, including the following topics: Tellington Touch (T-touch), natural jumping methods, etc. The Dobbs seminars focus on the use of electronic training collars. At this time, Trudi has been unable to get a firm cost from either Clothier or Dobbs.

Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we table the idea of the type of seminar offered. Dean Connolly suggested that

we take a survey of our club members to determine what types of seminars they would consider attending. Dave Lewis asked Trudi

if a delay now would prevent us from hosting a Spring seminar, Trudi stated that she felt we would be unable to host the seminar until Fall. Other types of seminar topics were also discussed including a seminar discussing multiple types of training methods. Trudi will contact the Dobb's to determine if they would be able to present that type of seminar.



DOG BED:
 Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

Trudi also stated that Marietta Huber has volunteered to teach an Agility drill class. The class will begin at 9:00pm and will NOT include equipment. The focus of the class is the type of handling necessary to run an agility course. The tentative start date is July 25th. The first time Marietta will provide a demonstration of what she will be teaching in the class.

Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) reiterated that we are still in need of two primary instructors.
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Please detach at line and fill out form completely ASAP and return to:

Peggy Sue Seehafer
4N115 Trotter Lane
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The obedience trial trophy committee is starting to compile a list of trophies for this year's trial. If you are having the committee purchase a trophy for you, they need to know how much and what trophy by 5/31/02 so they can shop. If you are donating your own prize, the committee must be told what the item is and what trophy it is for no later than 6/30/02.

I would like to contribute to the 2002 Obedience Trial Trophy Fund.

I would like to sponsor the following Trophy(ies): _____

Please check the appropriate response

- I will be purchasing/furnishing my own prize(s) for the Trophy(ies) I am sponsoring.
- I would like to give a cash prize. (Please specify amount for each trophy you are sponsoring)
- I would like the committee to purchase the prize(s) for the Trophy(ies) I am sponsoring.
- I would like to contribute to the general trophy fund - please apply where needed.

_____ - Total Amount I am contributing.

Name and phone number - _____

Please attach a separate piece of paper if you are including a dedication or memorial in the premium list with your name.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2002
DUES FOR THE 2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JUNE 30, 2002**

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 2002-2003 ROSTER, AND YOUR LAST ISSUE OF WAGGIN' TALES WILL BE THE JULY ISSUE UNLESS YOUR CHECK AND COMPLETED FORMS ARE RECEIVED BY 7-8-02

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS A \$5.00 REINSTATEMENT FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR DUES NOT RECEIVED BY 7-8-02

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BREED OR BREEDS OF DOGS TO LIST: _____

TRAINING AREAS OF INTEREST: _____

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)
YOUR TEACHING STATUS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD AT NEXT YEAR'S BANQUET, BE SURE THAT YOU ARE A TRAINING MEMBER.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE WAGGIN' TALES VIA E-MAIL? YES NO

**THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE BY 7-8-02 NO EXCEPTIONS.
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY ALL MEMBERS FOR YOUR
APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO BE VALID.**

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

"FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB"

TO

**KATHY HUBBARD
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Board Meeting Highlights

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tors. One for the 7:00 p.m. Beginners class and one for the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginners class.

Peggy Sue Seehafer, reporting for Obedience Trial Trophy Chairperson, Cindy Pakenas, made a motion to spend a maximum of \$700.00 for the purchase of trial trophies not sponsored by any other club members. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis, and approved by all present. There were none opposed or abstained.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has been receiving a steady flow of entries.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the deadline is Sunday, June 9th, the website is "spiffy".

Kathy Hubbard (as acting Membership Chairperson) sent the following report via e-mail. There are currently 226 members voted in as of May 1, 2002. This does not include the six applicants who were published in the May and June issues of Waggin' Tales, to be voted on at the September membership meeting. Although this is the highest number of members we have had recently, a better picture of our actual count will be available following the current annual membership renewal process.

To date Kathy has received just 67 membership renewals. Thanks to all the board members who renewed in such a timely manner. Some lifetime, non-training members still do not send back the renewal form to keep their information current. A reminder to ALL members wishing to renew – please send your renewal application PRIOR to July

News From The AKC - Take Your Dog to Work Day

News excerpted from the article found at the AKC's web site: <<http://www.akc.org/>>

On June 21, 2002, Canine Good Citizens will be joining our nation's work force to celebrate the 4th annual Take Your Dog To Work Day. Founded by Pet Sitters International (PSI), Take Your Dog To Work has thousands of participants across the country.

Pet Sitters International [has] identified the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program as one standard that can be used for taking dogs into public places. Owners of dogs who don't quite have the skills needed to come to the office can participate in Take Your Dog To Work by proudly dis-

1st – or the \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be accessed to your membership. All instructors should also send in your renewal application – EVEN if you do not owe any membership dues.

Old Business

The shortened duration of the Beginner's classes (sessions 2 and 3) was reviewed. Trudi stated that she did not see any negative impacts to the 8-week class (shortened from 10-weeks) at the end of the Session 2. She also felt that the instructors enjoyed having the break on Match nights. It was the consensus of the board, that we will continue offering the Beginner's class as an 8-week class.

New Business

Carolyn reported that she had a disturbing conversation with a person working at a local vets office. This person reported that they were aware of two dogs recently that were abandoned by their respective owners (while being boarded at the office) that were put-down just because no one claimed them. Carolyn has asked Kathy Hubbard for a listing of the local breed specific rescue programs. This listing would be provided to all of the vet's offices that we currently distribute our club brochure. Taffy stated that she was not sure when Jean Airey would be mailing more out in the future. Carolyn will contact Jean to make that determination.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

playing a picture of the dog in the office.

In the Raleigh AKC offices, the Dogs In The Building Committee has developed a program that is being viewed as a model for dogs in corporate settings. Dogs coming to work at the AKC must have passed the CGC Test or have an obedience title, have current vaccines, and have an active flea prevention program. Owners must sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge and agree that they will not permit their dogs to infringe on the rights of others. Dogs use a designated elevator and owners carry clean-up bags when dogs are walked. We know that having a dog present can lower our blood pressure and relieve stress.

WE HERD IT FROM THE MAVERICK

by

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How Too Much Positive Can Make a Negative

(From the May 2002 issue of Front and Finish)

I just heard on the car radio about another dog bite. This time it was a Labrador and the child needed over 100 stitches. It almost seems like I hear about dog bites on a weekly basis and this is only locally. Dog bite incidents have increased dramatically over the last twenty years. If you don't believe me, ask a veterinarian who has to do more muzzling or tranquilizing of dogs now more than ever for routine exams and simple procedures. Ask most homeowners insurance companies about their statistics that are on the rise because they are paying out to the victims. That is why most homeowners insurance companies now restrict coverage to potential clients with particular breeds of dogs. Currently on the list are German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Dobermans, Chows, wolf hybrids and Pitbulls. I'm sure the list will get longer. There are breed bans in two cities in Washington and I hear there are more in many states across the country.

Why do you think dog bites have increased when our society has progressed so far? We can now clone animals and we have every type of high tech electronic device; pagers, palm pilots, computers in cell phones, digital cameras and film processing on your computer to name a few yet our dogs are still biting the mailman or the neighbor's kid. **My theory is that most dogs today have no bite inhibition.** I'm speaking from experience since I have to deal with dog problems on a daily basis. Even though I instruct and oversee over 400 lessons a month in herding, many a time I end up dealing with a dog that is fear-aggressive or dog/people aggressive and the herding lesson goes on the back burner because I feel that this is a much more serious issue than whether or not someone's dog herds sheep well.

Bite inhibition is rarely discussed or mentioned in most dog training books today. Most puppy classes or your average family dog training class rarely touches on this subject. You'd better believe that there are plenty of training aids discussed in books and used in classes. There are gentle leaders, pointers, clickers and always something new on the horizon. But, we seem to have forgotten basic common sense. In our rush to go with the flow and be politically correct, the cliché word "positive" has become the mainstream in dog training. Everywhere you look, the word "positive" has infiltrated business names and logos in the advertisement of dog training. **I feel this is the root cause for the increase in dog bites.**

Dog owners are told to spray their puppy with lemon juice, Binaca or to distract them with a toy when a puppy mouths, nips or actually draws blood. Distracting the puppy is not teaching bite inhibition and spraying something is inconvenient. It has to be handy and many dogs don't mind the sprays. Bite inhibition needs to be taught before a dog is six months old. Ideally, 7 week old puppies should start training.

Dog Bite Inhibition 101

The Reenactment of a Veterinarian Exam,
Grooming, Play and Introducing your Puppy to Strangers

Take a 7 week old puppy and poke and prod it like any veterinarian would to examine the pup for medical problems; touch the dog's pads, toenails and toes. Move the toes, squeeze the foot and toes lightly. Clip the toenails every few days, just taking a little bit off of the toenails, mainly to get the puppy used to this important part of grooming. (For many dogs this is a huge problem and could have been prevented if it was taught to tolerate toenail clipping as a pup). Hold the pup on its back, move its legs around, touch, rub and squeeze lightly the pup's legs and tummy. Male dogs should learn to have their testicles and sheath examined. Open the puppy's mouth and touch its teeth and gums. Pull the earflap back and touch just inside the pup's ear with your finger. Hold the puppy's head still and look into its eyes, pull up and down slightly on the eye to expose the white part of the eye. Lift the tail up by the base and touch the puppy around the anus. Puppies that scoot will have to have their anal glands expressed monthly. (Owners need to learn how to do this or it can be a costly trip to the groomer or veterinary office every month). Granted, most normal puppies will object to the very first thing I've listed to do. The average puppy is going to struggle. When a pup struggles, do not let go. Continue to hold. The average puppy usually tries biting. Tapping with one finger on the muzzle and saying my razz word "ack" at the same time is all the correction most puppies will require. Some puppies don't fight it long and with others it could be a marathon of wills. No matter how long it takes, the owner should not give in.

This reenactment of a veterinarian exam should be done at least twice a day until the puppy is 6 months old and at least

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once a week there after for six more months to see if the dog develops a problem with any part of it. Once the pup gets used to it, the whole exercise should take less than a minute.

If you have a breed that is going to need brushing when he is older, now at 7 weeks is the time to start getting him used to it. The pup must learn to stand still and lay down on both sides for brushing. A slicker brush really gets to the skin but use it lightly on a puppy. As the pup is lying on both sides lift each leg and brush under armpits, tummy and all sides of the neck, ears, body, and tail. Again, if the pup objects to being on his side or to standing still, hold him firmly and don't let him win. If he bites at the brush or your hands, correct the same way as explained during the vet reenactment exam.

Those little needle sharp puppy teeth can really do some damage to one's skin. I'm always amazed at how clients have shown me their hands and arms full of scratches and bite marks. Not to mention ripped clothing. Yet, they didn't want to do anything to hurt their dog. It seems to me that the owner is getting hurt and appears to be sacrificing themselves to their pet. Playing with a puppy or an adult dog should include bite inhibition training. Tug of war and roughhousing should never be allowed. It encourages aggression, especially if your dog is going to be around children at anytime. Constructive play such as ball or toy retrieving and hide and seek games encourages bonding and obedience. It's a fun way to encourage the dog to listen to you. Hide and seek games will teach the dog to stay until called and then to come when called. It also gets them to use their nose. Retrieving reinforces a recall if you repeat the command "Come" as the dog brings the ball back. You can periodically make the dog "stay" and then throw the ball to reinforce "stay" with distractions. When your dog returns the ball, you can teach an "out". This can be useful if your dog picks up something he shouldn't.

During any playtime or while lavishly praising a dog or puppy, they may get worked up and grab your flesh or pants. Don't make excuses for the dog. As soon as you realize that the dog bit you, yell firmly the "ack" razz. If this becomes a habit and the "razz" isn't enough, set the dog up with a long line on. Get the dog excited in the situation where he may bite. As soon as he bites, step on the line and reel the dog to you still yelling "aaaacccckkk". This should be enough of a correction for most dogs. If not, the correction should be more forceful.

Basic beginner classes should not just include the vet. reenactment exam, grooming and proper play but how to introduce your dog to strangers. All of the former are extremely important for a well-rounded dog but meeting strangers is something your dog could do perhaps several times a day for the rest of his life. Strangers will always be walking up to your dog on the street or coming into your home. This is a very crucial time when most dogs will bite if they haven't been trained properly. Again, 7 weeks is the ideal age to start training this, and training should continue until the dog is at least a year old. Puppies are easy. Of course, the pup needs to be on leash. Use a moist treat such as cheese to hand to strangers to give to the pup. Tell the stranger to get their hands on the pup first, petting him all over before giving the treat. Most pups will grow up thinking all strangers are wonderful if owners are consistent in this training. If you have an older dog that already has a problem with strangers, it will take much more than treats to work through it.

If dogs have problems with part of the vet reenactment exam, part of brushing, at play or when introducing strangers, it will eventually show up in other social or training situations. Believe me, I see it all the time. The reason is that if your dog

has learned he can just get upset enough or intimidate someone enough then he will easily get his way.

In Conclusion

I blame a lot of dog trainers that are trying to make a living in this PC society that give puppy and dog classes all across the country. Many have sold their souls to the latest gimmick and their hearts may not even be in it but they're going along with the latest fad. This is all well and good for the professional dog trainers and people full time in the sport of dogs. But, most of these types of dog people don't put their dogs in the situations that the average pet person does. The average pet person has children and has other peoples' children coming in their home. Aunt Betty comes for a visit and toddlers can be interacting with the family pet. Doves of relations at holiday time, parties and children's sleepovers are what most dogs of the average family endure. And you know what? There is no excuse for a dog nipping or biting anymore. In this society now, the dog always loses. Family members are suing other family members and neighbors are suing neighbors. Dogs are usually put down.

Twenty years ago when a dog bit a child you asked, "What did the child do to the dog?" It wasn't assumed automatically that the dog was wrong. Nowadays, dogs are expected to tolerate many difficult situations that most dogs couldn't handle. They must endure any teasing or abuse from children or adults. Many owners do not supervise or train their dogs yet expect their dogs to handle almost anything. Many parents expect children to be safe anywhere at anytime. If a parent allows a child to play on the edge of a cliff and the child falls, do you blame the cliff?

Dogs need training and supervision. Children need supervision and to be taught to leave strange dogs alone unless an adult gives permission. Children need to learn how to approach a dog and how to treat a dog. Many adults need to learn this too. Dogs that aren't good with children need to be kept away from them at all times. If adults make bad decisions and a dog nips or bites, the dog is usually history. Dogs pay dearly for bad judgment. Usually, someone is at fault other than the dog.

We want it both ways in our society! We don't want to correct our dogs anymore and everything is positive but if a dog does bite then there is usually a lawsuit and the dog gets a permanent non-positive correction, death. We are giving a message to dog owners that they are cruel to correct their dogs but when the dog bites, the victim gets a lawyer. This is so unfair to pet owners.

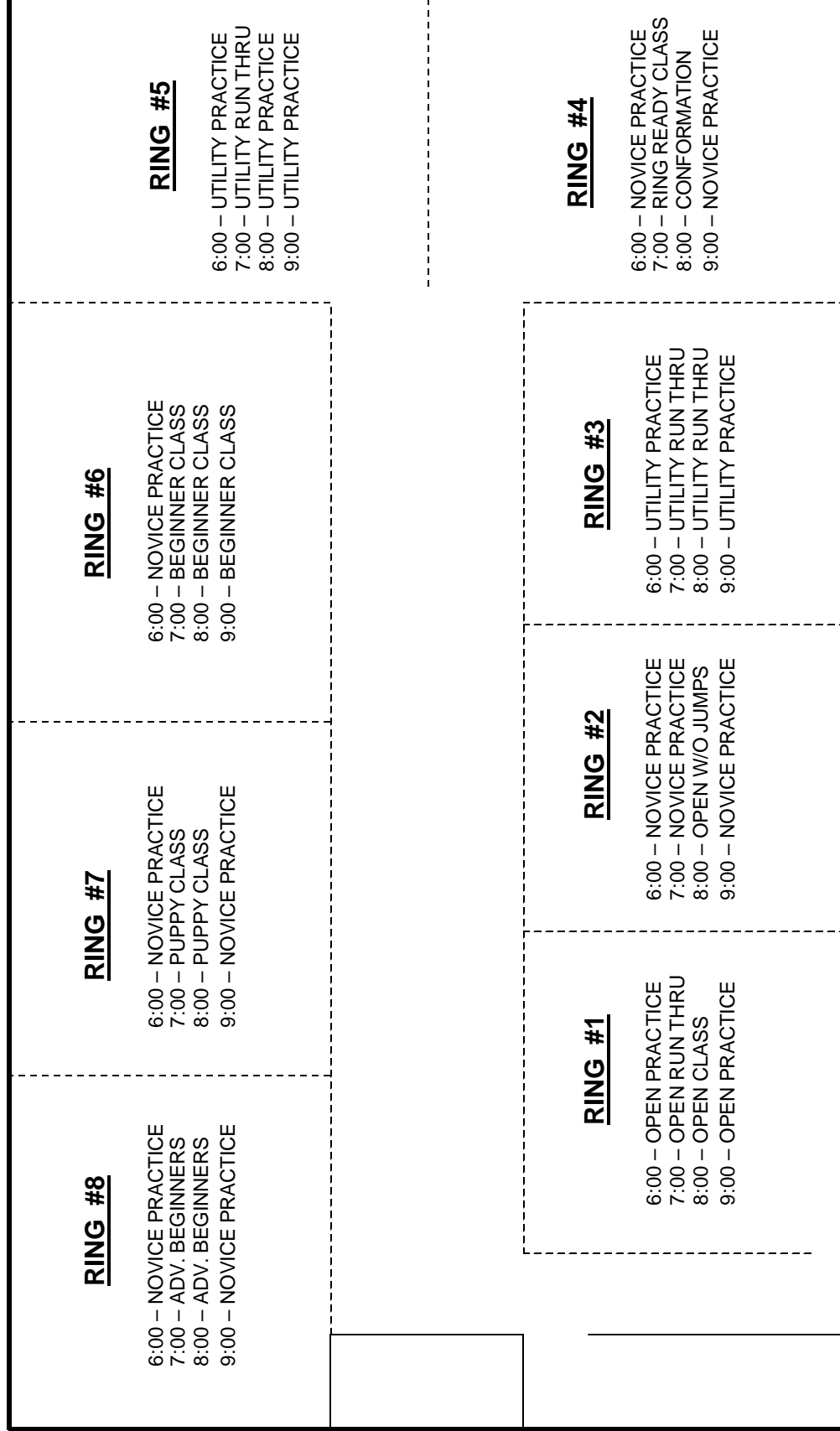
Bite Inhibition is extremely important and should be a major part of every dog's training. But, this society needs to understand, all the bite inhibition training in the world is not always going to stop a dog from biting in all cases. Especially if the dog is being abused or put in a difficult situation. When I was a vet assistant as a teenager, a dog came into the office with four marbles shoved into his ear canal by a six-year-old child. The child had been bitten. The father of the child wanted the dog put down. The veterinarian physically threw him out. That wouldn't happen today. It all goes back to common sense. We as a society seem to have lost it in lots of ways.

Well, "HAPPY HERDING" for it's time for me to go "AWAY" and say "GO-BYE".

The Thought of the Month:

Corrections should be saving dogs' lives and isn't that a positive?

MAY THROUGH AUGUST 2002 RING LAYOUT



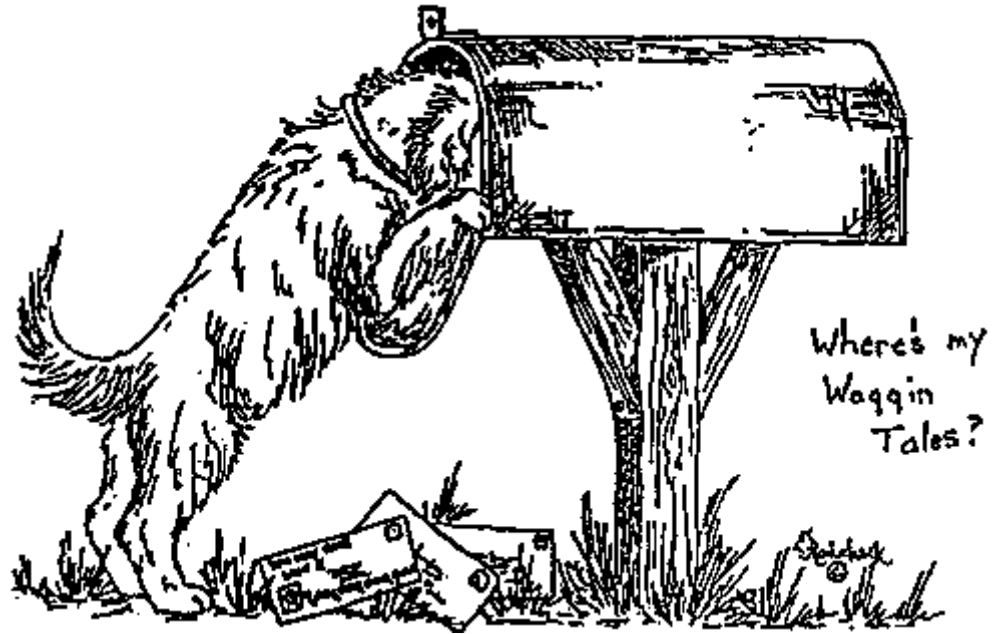
**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER
 AT THE INFORMATION DESK**

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



**FOX VALLEY DOG
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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

July

2	Tuesday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	No Training
		Kane County Fair
25	Thursday	Regular Training