



Waggin' Tales

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Thank You!

Thank you for all of the support you've given me during this difficult time. The cards, prayers & offers of help have made things a little easier. As you imagine, the dogs have been a great source of comfort & on many a day provided me with a reason for getting up & going. (Heaven knows their breakfast can't be late!)

Thank you again for everything. I feel very lucky to be associated with such a wonderful group of people.

Kathy Lohmeyer

Help Wanted - In the Kitchen

Nadine Conner is looking for help in the Kitchen for the November trial. If you are willing to help during the trial, or in baking goodies ahead of time, please contact Nadine at (630) 365-1396 or at nadine5544@aol.com

Help Wanted - Be an Instructor!

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A well-trained dog
is a happy dog

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

Marietta Huber announces the earning of a variety of titles by her dogs since last Spring:

Ramapo's Indian Jewelry, NA, OAJ, CD, CGC ("Crystal")

05/19/02 OAJ Open Jumpers with Weaves Agility Ability Plano, IL

Ch MACH3, Starbuck Torbay Race On, MX, MXJ, UD, ADCH, NATCH

08/10/02 MACH 4 - 4th Masters Agility Championship Agility Ability Plano, IL

Ch Random Wag Trick or Treat, OA, OAJ ("Trixie")

03/03/02 AX - Master Agility Gateway Agility Trial Belleville, IL

AXJ - Master Agility Jumpers Gateway Agility Trial Belleville, IL

04/20/02 AD - Agility Dog (USDAA Agility Title) On Course Agility Trial Wheaton, IL

08/03/02 AAD - Advanced Agility Dog (USDAA Agility Title) On Course Agility Trial Wheaton, IL

Willcare's Walk on the Wildside, MX, MXJ, AAD, CDX, JH ("Wrangler")

04/13/02 UD - Utility with 1st Place Steel City KC Crown Point, IN

04/21/02 JM - Jumpers Masters (USDAA Agility Title) On Course Agility Trial Wheaton, IL

08/18/02 EAC - Elite Agility Certificate (NADAC Agility Title) On Course Agility Trial Wheaton, IL

07/13/02 U-CH - Breed Champion (UKC Breed Title) Toy Fox Terrier Show Ixonia, WI

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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Check Your Attic!

2002 Correction Clinics

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

If you have any old issues of *Waggin' Tales* in your attic, we are trying to rebuild the archive of past issues that was lost over the years.

Specifically, we need:

- Anything prior to 1981
- January, March, 1993
- May - December, 1993
- January - September 1994

old issues to the club, please contact David Lewis at waggintales@fvdtc.org or at (630) 897-4267.

Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed:

- Carolyn Pearson
- Cheryl Hettinger
- Elizabeth Tveter

If you can loan or donate your cache of

David Lewis



Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Meeting Highlights September 4, 2002

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) announced that we are seeking instructors for session 5 Puppy and Beginner's classes. Those classes begin on October 15th and end on December 19th. If you would like be a Primary or Assistant Instructor, contact Trudi (dot@fvdtc.org or 630-673-0527) or Carolyn Pearson (secretary@fvdtc.org or 630-231-5658). Currently all session 4 classes have sufficient instructors.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that all committee chairpeople are confirmed and a list of those individuals was published in the August Waggin' Tales. Anyone who would like to work at the trial is encouraged to contact any of the committee chairpeople and say "How can I help you?".

Novice A	0
Novice B	24
Open A	27
Open B	56 (closed)
Utility A	28
Utility B	48 (closed)

Once again, the fundraising raffle will be coordinated by Rick and Kristen Cox. Any donated items are gratefully accepted and can be given to Rick Cox or Will Short at training.

A sign-up board is now available at training for volunteers to sign-up to steward in your favorite ring.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that as of today, she has received the following entries.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) sent the following report via e-mail: The quest to rebuild the Waggin' Tales archive continues. A big thank you to everybody

who has provided help so far. Currently there are promises for nearly every issue back to 1981. If you have old issues that you would like to donate or lend to the club, please let Dave know. Additionally, if you can help scan the issues so we put them online, let Dave know that as well.

The next Waggin' Tales deadline is next Sunday, September 8. The "spiffy" web site just received its 650th request for information since its inception in May, 1999.

Kathy Hubbard (acting Membership Chairperson) read a list of 14 new and one reinstatement membership applications as were published in the May, June, July, and August Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Francene Andresene seconded the motion. It was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) sent the following report with Carolyn. The "take-out" cards are typed. The inventory database has been partially updated. Once Ginger returns from vacation – a thorough verification will be done between the books-on-hand and what is in the inventory database. Once the inventory has been completed, the list of books and video in our possession will be published in the Waggin' Tales and on the website. All books will be placed in the library cabinet. The books and videos will be available by checking with the front table volunteer.

Jean Airey (Publicity) sent the following report via e-mail: Notices and photographs were sent out to local papers promoting the agility trial. A new mailing to local vets will include information on breed rescue groups. Photos have been taken and will be given to Kent to use for publicity at the trial.

Jan Schomer asked about the checks from the club members, that had not yet been deposited by the club for the cost of the ad. She was reminded that at the March Membership meeting, we agreed that we would wait to decide about possibly returning the money AF-

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TER we received the official bill from Front and Finish. At the March meeting, we discussed the fact that the quoted cost of the ad seemed to be unusually low and we would wait to get the actual bill from Front and Finish.

Carolyn Pearson also reported that due to the lack of usual quality, the club will contact Front and Finish about reprinting the ad at no additional cost to us. Although all photos submitted were of the same quality, that was not evident in the ad. As of the end of July, the club had not received a bill from Front and Finish. Taffy verified with Jean that the bill was to go directly to Cathy Fleury. Carolyn will verify that we still have not received the bill as of September 5th.

Jan Schomer (Statistician Chairperson) reported that club members can start sending work information to her after October 1st.

Jacque Kramer (Annual Dinner Chairperson) was not in attendance. Carolyn reminded everyone to send Boner nominations to Jacque – do it while it is fresh in your mind.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that the Tracking Test is Sunday, September 8th, with the set-up on Saturday, September 7th. It will be held at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. The judges are Bonnie Kirchner and Pam German. The total expenses for both judges are \$250.00. All entries are full plus there is a list of alternates. Tracklayers for the TD test are to be at Burnidge between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Tracklayers for the TDX test are to be at Burnidge at 11:00 a.m. Trudi Kimm reminded Francene that Donna Dobson had also volunteered to a crosstrack-layer. Francene stated that she is currently unsure of the food expenses, because it has not yet been purchased. Francene is also working with Suzan Scott to obtain the final two plaques.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$3.00 is Francene Andresen as drawn by club member, Taffy Wille.

Old Business

- Carolyn Pearson reported that she has found a certified Service Dog (and owner) willing to be the demo-dog for a Pet Massage Therapist Demonstration. Still need to work on the scheduling with all parties – will attempt to schedule for the November 6th Membership Meeting.
- Creation of a display of items that are available – nothing new to report. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help should see Carolyn Pearson.
- Electronic Training Collar Issue – The trial period time discussed at the March meeting, ended at tonight's meeting with the expectation of community feedback provided to the membership. Tracey Mohr reported that thus far the following information has been accumulated.
 - Several e-mails were received. There were two messages that supported the ban of e-collar usage and two that supported the e-collar as an effective training tool. A copy of the original message, if available, was distributed to the members present at the meeting.
 - The FVDTC Board also investigated what position the AKC has on the usage of electronic training collars. Tracey Mohr stated that we wanted to verify that AKC's rules were not violated in any way. The following is an excerpt from the position statement, as made at the AKC's July 2001 board meeting, as was distributed to the club members present at the meeting.

The Board considered a staff recommendation for an AKC position statement and a policy governing the use of special training collars on the grounds of AKC events. There was a motion by Ms. Scully, sec-

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ended by Mr. Goodman, to adopt the following policy:

Proposed Policy

Special Training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to, collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, harnesses, muzzles and head collars may not be used on dogs at AKC events, except as allowed in the AKC Rules, Regulations, and policies.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand) to delete the harnesses from the proposed policy.

The main motion was then adopted with the VOTE (affirmative, Ms. Scully, Dr. Smith, Dr. Davies, Mr. Merriam, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Marden, Mr. Menaker; opposed, Dr. Mays, Dr. Battaglia; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand).

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Strand) to adopt the following Position Statement:

Position Statement

The American Kennel Club recognizes that special training collars may be an effective and useful management device, when properly used, for con-

trolling dogs that might be extremely active, difficult to control on a neck collar, or dog aggressive. These collars are also recognized as possibly useful for gaining control at the start of basic obedience training, essential education that dogs deserve and need.

There is a point at which owners should have sufficient control of their dogs to manage them on regular neck collars, without the use of special training collars. This is the point at which dogs are acceptable on the grounds of AKC competitive events and will have the opportunity to participate in those events.

- Additionally, the FVDTC Board also investigated any possibility of a violation of our lease with the Fairgrounds. There is no mention of any equipment restrictions in the lease.
- Tracey Mohr reviewed a slight change in the voting procedure. During the initial discussion of how to conduct a fair election, it was decided to provide an "inner envelope" to all voters. This envelope was to be sealed with the ballots inside. Rather than incurring an additional expense, the method was changed to a process similar to voting in a union election. In each return ballot, a "signature sheet" must be included. There must be one signature for each ballot returned. All ballots returned must be postmarked by September 25th.
- In addition to the feedback that Tracey Mohr reported, Will Short also stated that he had a copy of a petition signed by individuals who did not support the use of electronic training collars. He also had e-mail messages from members of the community-at-large in response to the same petition. Tracey reminded
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Will that any communication received was to have been given to her, as the previously agreed upon “collector” of information, in advance of the meeting. Will Short apologized for not providing that information to her, as he had agreed at the August Board meeting, but stated that he has just received some of the information on Tuesday night at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club. A brief discussion began about the lack of opportunities for Tracey to obtain and review the petition PRIOR to the meeting. Since it was agreed that Tracey would review all communication, Will Short agreed that he would present the signed petition and e-mail messages to Tracey. At that time, Tracey and Will Short met privately to discuss the fairest way to present the information to the members at the meeting.

While Tracey and Will were discussing the petition, the other discussions continued. Tracy McMahon stated that initially she also shared the opinion that electronic training collars were horrible until she was taught how to use it effectively in her training. Tracy also stated that whenever she received questions or even questioning looks, she always took the time to answer the questions or provide information to the individuals. Taffy stated that the whole point of this meeting was to communicate to the membership the feedback from the community.

Cindy Pakenas stated that she has received some comments from the public that are opposed strongly against the use of electronic training collars. Kathy Hubbard stated that we should take opportunity to remind the public that the electronic training collars and the collars for the invisible fence is the same. Trudi stated that she felt that the dog training community should be presented with all types of training tool devices. We should provide a place to be taught the proper way to use the tool. Tracy McMahon said that she believes that we should provide the community an opportunity to learn how to use an electronic training collar correctly, as the collars are easily obtained at many stores.

Kay Weber stated that the training club should only use the positive reinforcement method of training. She defined positive reinforcement as rewarding the proper behavior - not correcting the inappropriate behavior. She stated that a leash correction was defined as a punishment.

Following their discussion, Tracey reported that they agreed that the names would remain confidential and held by Tracey, but the wording of the petition would be included in the meeting minutes. This petition was sent out by a FVDTC club member to non-club members. The following is the wording of the petition.

“As a member of the local ‘dog community’, I do not condone the use of positive punishment (including, but not limited to ‘shock’ collars) as a method of training dogs. If Fox Valley Dog Training Club condones, supports or allows the use of these methods, not only will I will not support or recommend this club, but I will tell everyone I know to do so as well.”

Tracey indicated that she was extremely disappointed that one of the club’s own members would circulate a petition asking others not to support the club.

Tracey reported that the petition was signed by about 10 individuals, none of whom are FVDTC members, at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club meeting. In addition, there were about five responses via e-mail to the same petition request. Tracey reminded the club members that this information did not represent the whole picture; the club does not know how many people the e-mail petition was circulated to and how many did not respond because they actually supported electronic training collars. In addition, no similar petition was circulated asking for support of electronic training collars, so the results likely did not present a balanced picture of community feedback.

Will Short also reported that the Dundee Animal Hospital and the Animal House would not recom-

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mend the club to their clients if we allow the use of electronic training collars. Various club members at the meeting also reported that the following local training facilities or clubs do not allow the use of the electronic training collar: Northwest, Smack Dab, German Shepherd Dog Training Club, Glenbard and CarDunAl. Trainers are allowed to use an electronic training collar at Kanosak Training with supervision. This information was verified as correct as presented at the meeting.

Kay Weber asked whether the Puppy or Beginners class instructors would be allowed to use the collars on their own dog. Regardless, of whether their dog is being used as a demonstration dog for the class or just being trained. It was decided that the answer to this question should be deferred until it is confirmed whether the electronic training collar is allowed at training.

Trudi Kimm reported that during the trial period, she did not see more than four or five trainers using an electronic training collar. The list of trainers allowed to use an electronic training collar at training included approximately twelve club members. Trudi also reported that she did not receive any negative reports during the trial period.

Kay Weber also expressed concern about the inclusion of the clicker collar in the list of training collars not allowed. Carolyn Pearson stated that the current policy agreed upon at the March Membership meeting included the clicker collar and therefore it could not be removed from the policy and ballot at this time. Tracy McMahon expressed concern about the restriction of pinch collars. It was stated that there is currently no discussions about restrictions of the pinch collar and that the collar is not listed in the policy and ballot.

During a discussion about the wording of the ballot to be mailed, Merry Lee Hritsuk and Kay Weber stated that the ballot was confusing. However, the other club members present at the

meeting felt that ballot did not require any modifications. Tracey reported that the "current policy" was included on the ballot itself to eliminate any confusion about the wording of the policy and what the club members were voting on.

- Merry Lee Hritsuk also asked whether a financial report was currently available. It was stated that due to Cathy Fleury's mother's current hospitalization, there was none available at this time. Merry Lee also asked whether a financial report had been presented at any recent board meeting. Tracey asked that the issue be tabled until Cathy Fleury was present. Carolyn reported that she will discuss this issue with Cathy Fleury.

Merry Lee also reported that as the Glenbard Training Club's Treasurer, she recently had an experience with their bank. Due to a lack of recent transactions on one of their accounts (none were necessary during the time), the bank almost turned over the account to the State of Illinois as an inactive and abandoned bank account. Carolyn also stated that she would provide this information to Cathy Fleury to prevent this type of experience from occurring to FVDTC.

New Business

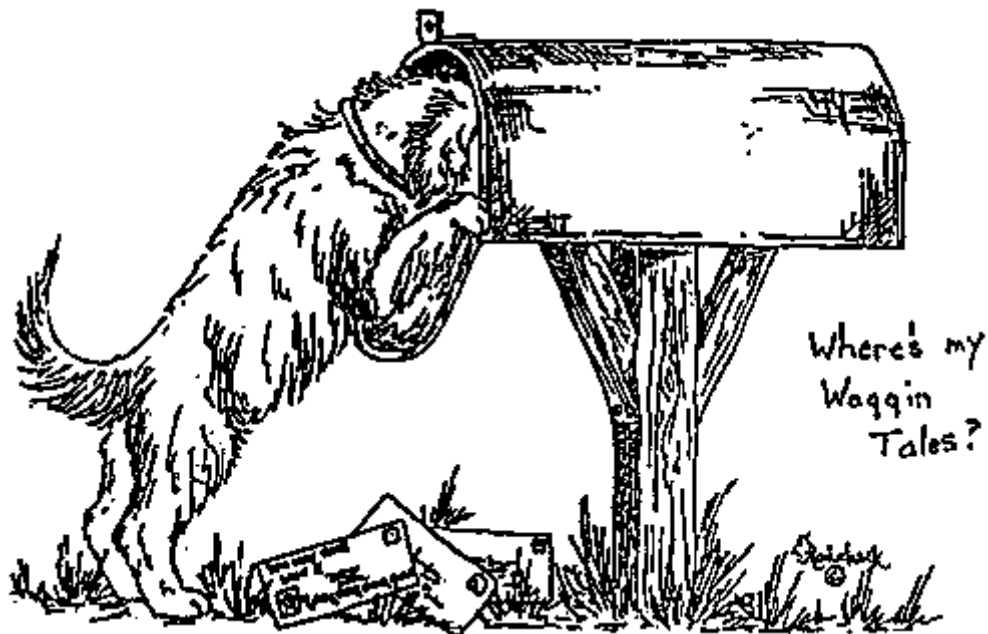
Cindy Pakenas reported that she needs baked goods for the Agility Trial on Saturday and Sunday, September 14th and 15th. Please contact Cindy Pakenas, if you are able and willing to donate a dessert.

Trudi Kimm reported that the Novice Ring Ready class that Cathy Fleury teaches needs a substitute while her mother is in ICU. If you can help, please call Cathy Fleury at 847-464-5909, in the evening or leave a message.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

**FOX VALLEY DOG
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September

4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
5	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Saturday	Tracking Setup
8	Sunday	Tracking Test
		Waggin' Tales Deadline
12	Thursday	Regular Training
13	Friday	Agility Trial Setup
14	Saturday	Agility Trial
15	Sunday	Agility Trial
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Thursday	Regular Training

October

2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
10	Thursday	Regular Training
		Graduate Session 4
15	Tuesday	Regular Training
		Start Session 5
24	Thursday	Correction Clinic
31	Thursday	Regular Training