



Waggin' Tales

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From the Trial Chair

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I want to personally thank all of our members who worked so hard to make our 51st Obedience Trial such a fine success. I believe that in excess of 60 of our members joined us before, during, and after so that everything went extremely smoothly. Without all of our volunteer members, the trial couldn't have been done. There were also many behind the scenes members who donated raffle items, donated trophies, and made food that was sold at the trial. We had the best raffle, the best awards, and the best food of any trial I have ever attended.

All of this work started months ago when Taffy Wille, the best Trial Secretary anywhere, started to work. She has made my job so much easier. The other chairpersons were as follows: Debbie Kovacevich as Chief Ring Steward, Carolyn Pearson as Hospitality, Edwin Herdes as Set Up, Clean Up, and Tear Down, Margaret Morgan and Barb Misch as Grounds, Jean Airey as Photographer, Bill Clarke and Tim White as Catalog Ads and Booths, Nadine Conner as Kitchen, Kent Hildebrand as Publicity, Kristin Cox as Raffle, Edwin Herdes as Equipment, and Cindy Pakenas as Trophies.

Those Chairpersons then set about finding all of the following members to do the jobs that needed to be done: Cyndi Connolly, Vera Nyberg, Lisa Humm, Sue MacPherson, Anita Ranier, Kathy Hubbard, Maxine Brinker, Connie Hillquist, Kent Hildebrand, Marietta Huber, Rick Cox, Vivienne Hildebrand, Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar, Heidi Terlizzi, Becky Cembrowicz, Francene Andresen, Penny Breich, Sandi Stephenson, Amy Bieri, Alison Rubendall, Paulette Zecca, Kathy Bianchetti, Shirley Short, Peggy Sue Seehafer, Loretta Lazzara, Marian Lazzara, Dale Hakala, Cathy Fleury, Tracey MacMahon, Kristin Cox's school friend, Hillary Morgan, Cheryl Lewis, Mary Bradley, Helen Castellano, Dean Connolly, Anne White, Suzan Scott, Jan Schomer, Ingrid Hamburger, Jerry D'Aprile, Bev Nicholson, and Carol Swenson. I am sure that I have forgotten some names, and I want to extend my thank you to each of you too.

I also want to thank our judges: Ed Haas, Robin Comp-Zelles, Ronnelle Bizer, Diane Propst, and Doris Froman. They all did a great job. And, of course, I want to express my appreciation to all of those exhibitors who showed their dogs at our trial.

I certainly hope that our 2003 trial can be as successful; I am looking forward to that already and to working with all of our members again.

*Will Short
Trial Chairperson*



FVDTC Holiday Party

When: December 26
Time: 7:00 to ?

Games will begin at 7:30 - these are for 2 and 4 legged "people".

What to bring: You, Your Family, Your dogs, and any type of snacks or food you want to share.

Anyone who would like to help run the games should contact Cindy Pakenas (our Goddess of Games) at (815) 827-4317.

**A well-trained dog
is a happy dog**

Membership Report

New:

Tom & Dorothy Smith
3832 N. West Sandwich Road
Sandwich, IL 60548-4128
(815)786-6546
e-mail: tomsmith@indianvalley.com
Guest trained 5 times
Eng. Shep(2), W.H.W.T.

Reinstate:

Julie Whitmore & Peter Wilson
443 S. Water St.
Batavia, IL 60510
(630)406-6832
Border Collies
e-mail: jaws@fnal.gov, pjw@fnal.gov

Address Correction:

Justin & Nancy Illg
830 Mandrake

*Sue MacPherson
membership@fvdtc.org*

Homemade Organic Dog Treats

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

David Lewis
Waggin' Tales
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267
waggintales@fvdtc.org

Ingredients:

- 1 cup wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup dry milk powder
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 3 tab. corn oil
- 2 tab. parsley
- 1/2 cup wheat germ, cream of wheat or cornmeal

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400° F.
Combine all ingredients until all are well mixed. On lightly floured surface knead dough. Roll out dough 1/4" thick. Cut into shapes and transfer to baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Turn off heat and allow to harden in oven for several hours. Treats can be put into the freezer.

Cheryl Hettinger

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.

2002 Correction Clinics

January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 9
June 20
August 15
September 19
October 24
December 12

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

Neiger Terrifick Tasmine' (Au.Import) Reserve Winner Bitch -KC. of Yorkville -April '02
Breeder/Geraldine Robertson,Au., Owner/Handler- Terri Sidell. We are very pleased with our Australian Import, silver standard poodle. She has brought us much joy & happiness.

Terrifick Slvr Tantalate-Best Puppy In Variety-Elgin KC ,Aug.'02,Tantalate 1st show.

(Opalton x Tresor) Silver Standard Poodle. Was also one of the Get in Brood Bitch Class at our Specialty in Oct. Breeder/Owner Terri Sidell

Terrifick Silber Tresor CDX-Best Standard Brood Bitch In Speciality,Oct.'02, Great Lakes Poodle Club Speciality.Silver Standard Poodle. Breeder/Owner Terri Sidell. Shown by Rick Sidell in Brood Bitch Class. Tresor's Dam won the class 5yrs. ago.

Terrifick Slvr Taaffeite CD-Completed CD in 3 Consecutive Trails. Finished at our Poodle Specialty. 2nd leg-Highest Scoring Poodle In Trail. Silver Standard Poodle, a Topas dau., Breeder/owner Terri Sidell

Terrifick Silber Saphir CD-Earned 1st leg at our Poodle Specialty,and was the other Get in the Brood Bitch Class at our Specialty. Upon earning 2nd leg got Highest Scoring Poodle in Novice and Highest Scoring Poodle In Trial.'Completed CD in 3 consecutive Trails Nov. 3, '02. Silver Standard Poodle,Breeder/Owner-Terri Sidell,co-owner-Jan Mysliwicz.

G'Day Terrifick Slvr Huntabt- (Pie x Rosie) Silver Standard Poodle,has two legs towards his CD. Opalton thought it was great to watch me do the heel at our Specialty & thereafter , by myself. Breeder-Linda Johnson,Au. Owner/Handler-Terri Sidell.



2003 Slate for the Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominations for the 2003 Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2003

President	Peggy Sue Seehafer
First Vice-President	Cheryl Hettinger
Second Vice-President	Vera Nyberg
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Amy Ford
Director of Training	<i>vacant</i>
Trial Chairperson	Will Short
Trial Secretary	Taffy Wille
Waggin' Tales Editor	David Lewis
Graduation Chairperson	Dean Connolly
Membership Chairperson	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator	Barb Misch
Tracking Chairperson	Francene Andresen
Director at Large	Tracey Mohr

A Little Obedience, A Lot of Hugs

A terrific group of FVDTC volunteers took time out of their busy schedules to share their dogs with residents of the Holmstad in Batavia on the rainy night of November 18.

Our official purpose was to demonstrate obedience. The group did an admirable job showing everything from silly tricks and puppy kindergarten to brace heeling and Utility exercises.

Our secondary, but really most important objective was to share our tail-wagging friends with people who were very anxious to get their fingers into some quality, clean fur. The FVDTC dogs provided an abundance of doggy hugs and fur time!

The residents asked if we would please come back frequently. The activities director called me a few days after the visit to report the residents said it was one of their all-time favorite activity nights!

I'd like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers and demo dogs! Everyone was punctual and flexible about

adapting to a rather unstructured evening! Thanks go to

- **Francene Andresen** and Toto (Sheltie)
- **Penny Bricch** and Gracie (Sheltie)
- **Nadine Conner** and Dallas (Lab mix) & Sandy (Heeler mix)
- **Ingrid Hamburger** and Heike (Giant Schnauzer)
- **Ingrid's visiting friend**
- **Jane and Liz Newby** and Jazz (Std. Poodle) & Tara (Boxer)
- **Edward Malnar** and Millie (Belgian Sheepdog)
- **Priscilla Pisarski** and Abby (Great Pyrenees)

Giving a demonstration is a great way to have fun with your dog. Where else can you count on getting a perfect 200 score every time, the sincere support of your teammates, and a take-home prize of the memory of so many smiles? As they say, "priceless"...

*Cindee Ehrhart-Malnar
Demonstrations Chairman
demonstrations@fvdtc.org*



Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed for the Wrap & Read FUNdraiser!

I could still use one or two volunteers to wrap gifts from 6-7pm. I also have two spots open for readers; one at 5pm and one at 6pm.

Please sign up if you can help! Volunteers will be rewarded with: a warm, fuzzy feeling; VALUABLE work credits; and a festive, hand-made gift from me!

Remember, the FUNdraiser takes place at the new Barnes and Noble in Geneva Commons, just south of Meijer, on Saturday, December 14th from 2pm to 7pm.

Barb Misch
Public Education Liaison
(630) 761-0823
education@fvdtc.org

Lost, But Found

The following items have been accidentally left in the building at some time in the past. If anything sounds like it might belong to you - please check with Carolyn Pearson or at the front table, and they can show you where they are.

If they are not claimed by January 30th, they will be disposed of.

- Purple velour scarf
- 1 White Child-sized Sock
- 1 Metal Pancake Flipper (from trial)
- 1 Wooden Handled Steak Knife (from trial)
- 1 Metal Dog Bowl
- 1 Tongs for Utility article pick-up
- 1 Wooden Slicker brush, Initials "JP" carved on back side
- 1 Leash, Leather, Red, 56" long, 3/8" wide

Pet-Friendly License Plates

Get your pet-friendly Illinois license plate - point your web browser to:

[<http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/vehicles/petfriendly.html>](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/vehicles/petfriendly.html)

Board Meeting Highlights

Board Meeting Highlights *December 4, 2002*

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). August Meeting Minutes approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) reported that she and Cathy Fleury were still transitioning the job duties. The final transition is expected to occur no later than December 15th. Any transactions submitted to the treasurer should be given to Amy Ford after December 15th.

Carolyn Pearson asked whether Amy felt that it was necessary to do an audit prior to the turnover of the books. Amy stated that she was comfortable receiving the books as is. However, after a bit of discussion, it was decided that it would not hurt to do an audit at this time, as it has been a while since one was done. Tracey Mohr stated that she

would check with an accountant she knew to see about doing an audit on the books. It was also suggested that perhaps Nancy Einwich could be contacted to do an audit.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that we are in the final weeks of Session 5. Trudi also asked who was going to open the building to accommodate the club members who arrive around 5:30 p.m. Trudi stated that when she arrives between 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., there are usually one or two people waiting, and that by 5:30 p.m. there are usually ten people. Will Short stated that he could open the doors on the Thursday training nights. However, due to other commitments, he is not able to be there on Tuesdays.

Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) reported that as of December 3rd, the Beginner's classes at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for Session 1, 2003 were full, but the 9:00 p.m. class still had openings. There were only two applica-

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tions returned for the Puppy class.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that he sent a letter to be published in this Waggin' Tales, thanking the obedience trial workers. He will be forming a Judges Selection committee, to determine who should be asked to judge for 2003, and possibly 2004 and 2005.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) sent the following report via e-mail: the next deadline is Sunday, December 8. The rebuilding of the archive has reached a plateau. There are more than 90% of the issues published since 1980, but virtually none prior to that. All available issues since 1997 are now available online on our website. Thanks to Helen Castellano and Joshua Lewis for helping with the scanning of old issues.

Dave also reported that the website is fine, however the ISP's disk is full. He believes that this problem has created some of our previous problems and is monitoring this situation very carefully.

Dean Connolly (Graduation Chairperson) reported that he is preparing for the December 19th graduation.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that the roster is ready for printing. She will have them available for pick-up at the Holiday party/membership meeting on December 26th.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she has more volunteers to read stories than to wrap presents at Barnes and Nobles on December 14th. She would seek more wrappers at training on December 5th.

The Kane County Board meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd was rescheduled to January 7, 2003. Following the November election, the Board has new committee members. She is waiting to get names of the new committee members. Peggy Sue Seehafer drafted a letter which Barb will send to the new board members, stating that our club would also like to be involved with future plans of the center.

Additionally, Barb reported that she has spoken to Linda Schultz and Ruth Church from H.E.L.P. The H.E.L.P. organization has contacted the County Board that they have volunteers who are willing to work closely with the Animal Control Center. H.E.L.P. has also suggested that the center include an on-site surgery facility. H.E.L.P. told Barb that the construction of the center is currently planned as three phases. H.E.L.P. was glad to hear of our interest in the issue, is willing to share any insight they have, and expressed an interest in work-

ing on this issue together.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) reported that she is currently working with Barb on the Animal Control Center issue.

New Business

- Will Short suggested that at meetings where a program was scheduled, that the program begin at 7:00 p.m. However after much discussion about the pros and cons of the suggestion, it was decided not to change the meeting start time when a program is scheduled.
- Will Short suggested that we eliminate the use of the P.O. Box, as much of the mail that arrived was junk mail. However, it does offer the opportunity to have a non-changing contact address, especially for any governmental paperwork. Barb Misch re-iterated her offer to check into the possibility of a voice mail system that could be set-up to do an automatic message forward to the appropriate individual. For example, any message seeking information on a Beginner's class would automatically be forwarded to the Class Registrar's phone number.
- Will Short also expressed concern about the wording used in the November 6th Membership Meeting during the discussion of encouraging club members to become assistant instructors. It was stated in the minutes "we should make it extremely obvious that it is not necessary to have any prior experience". Will stated that perhaps, we were not presenting our instructors as the experienced individuals that they are. It would have been more accurate to state "we should make it extremely obvious that it is not necessary to have any prior TEACHING experience". Individuals who are interested in assisting at any level class are more than welcome. The Primary instructors are generally experienced in dog training and in "people" training and welcome the opportunity to share the knowledge, and love, that they have for instructing with others wishing to volunteer as assistant instructors.

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that volunteerism has decreased throughout the country and we should not discourage anyone willing to donate their time. We should encourage ALL club members to help. Taffy Wille stated that she enjoys teaching the Puppy classes for many reasons, not the least is the great feeling she gets as she watches the puppies learn new things and then continue on to more advanced classes.

- Carolyn Pearson announced that the Nominating Commit-

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tee consisting of Cheryl Lewis, Ingrid Hamburger and herself have put together the 2003 Slate, to be published in the December Waggin' Tales and to be voted on at the January 8th Membership Meeting.

- Tracey Mohr addressed the idea of creating a Code of Ethics statement for all club members. This statement would simply be a formalization of the high standards and professionalism that club members exhibit. This would also be a way of displaying our pride and the continuation of our positive image in the community. This is not intended to be punitive or negative, rather it should be viewed as positive display of the pride that we, as club members, have in our club.

Carolyn Pearson distributed two examples of statements used by the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois and the As-

sociation of Pet Dog Trainers. Carolyn stated that she just looking at ideas on how other organizations had defined their ethics.

Tracey stated that as a Director of Human Resources, she had been involved in the development of many mission, vision and ethics statements and would be happy to create a draft to use as a starting point. Any one who has an example of an Ethics statement is encouraged to pass along that information to Tracey by December 31st. These examples do not necessarily have to be dog club specific, they can also be something for the company you work for or other organizations that you are a part.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

From the Archives - This Date in FVDTC History

November 1982

Legs and Points

Ed Kneip and Doberman Crystal		
Cudahy KC	Open B	194
Racine KC	Open B	197
Freeport KC	Open B	195½
Kenosha KC	Open B	197½ 2nd Place
Logans Port KC	Open B	199 2nd Place
	Utility	184½
Greater Lafayette	Utility	190½ 2nd Place
Janesville KC	Open B	193½
	Utility	193 2nd Place

December 1987

Aldythe and Leon Comstock

Aldythe Comstock died October 13, 1987, less than one month after Leon (whose death on September (sic) 21 was reported in the last issue of WT.)

Fox Valley Dog Training Club was founded in 1948 by Aldythe, after she had become interested in Obedience training in 1947 but there was no club in the area. Leon did not share her enthusiasm in training, but was very interested in our club and its welfare. Both served in executive capacity through the years.

Aldythe became an Obedience judge in 1950, judging all Obedience classes and Tracking. She was a very popular

judge, always gracious in the ring and had judged throughout the United States, including Hawaii, and also in Bermuda.

Batavia was the Comstock's home for many years. I will always remember the Poodle Christmas parties, and in later years the July picnic meeting at their home. Who can ever forget Leon's beautiful rose garden.

They retired and moved to Sun City Center, Florida in 1973. Aldythe joined Sarasota Obedience Training Club and plunged into the midst of their activities. However, Fox Valley was always Number One in their hearts.

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Waggin' Tales was edited by Aldythe for six years, until the move to Florida, and it was Leon who gave our paper its name. Aldythe was a member of the Dog Writers Associate of America, one of the early members of the Illini Obedience Association, and in 1985 received the Gaines FIDO award as the outstanding Obedience person chosen for the year. She was a great champion of Sportsmanship in Obedience and her column appeared in Front and Finish on a regular basis.

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Those of us who knew them through the years will always remember this very gracious lady and her witty, charming husband.

Dorothy Vettel

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events

Effective January 1, 2003

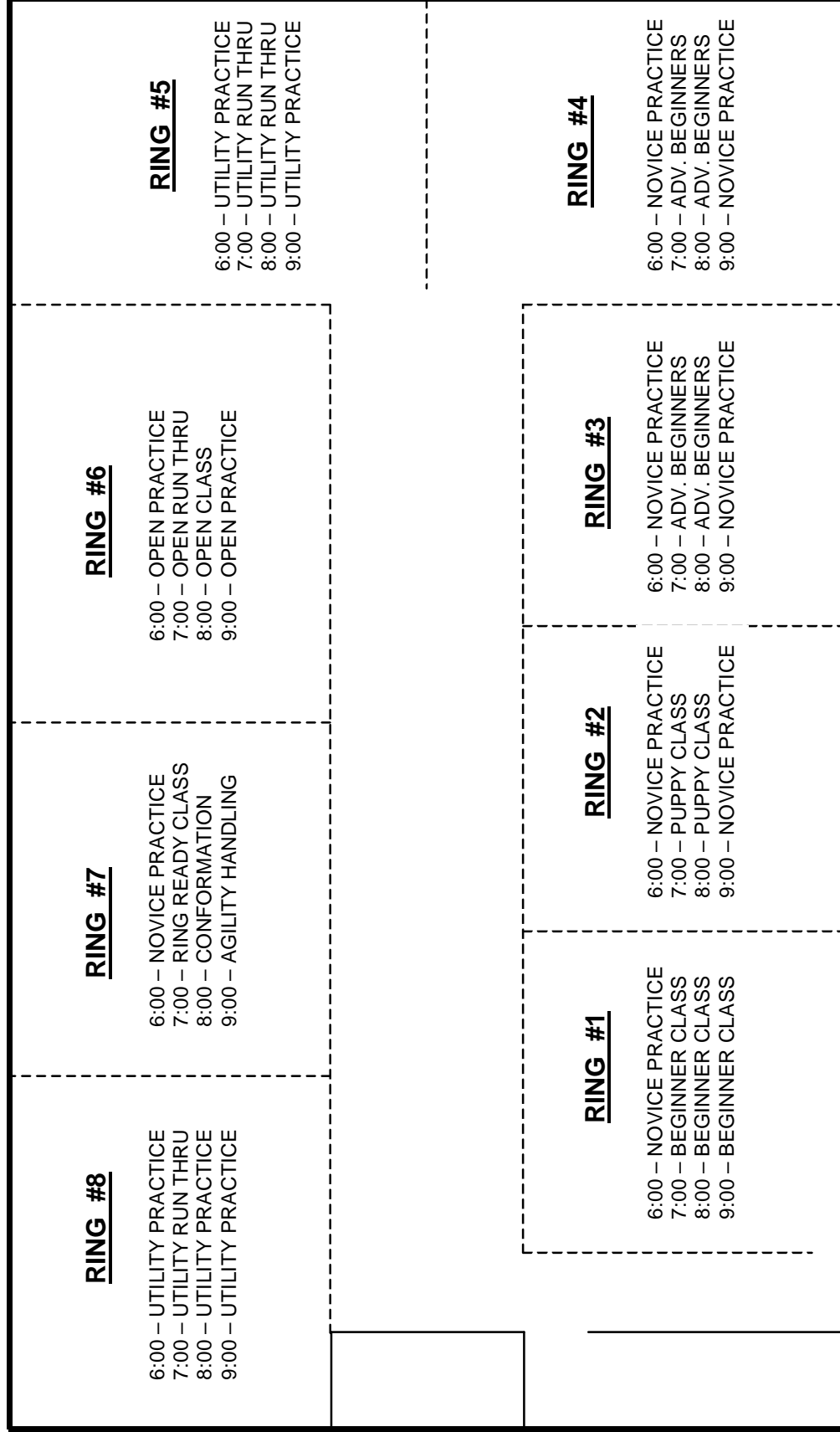
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training Type</i>	<i>Classes Held</i>	<i>Special Events</i>	
January	2	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 1	Puppy & Beginner
	8	Wednesday			Membership Meeting – with elections
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	12	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
February	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		
March	4	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Session 1	Puppy & Beginner
	5	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	9	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 2	Puppy & Beginner
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Saturday			Annual Banquet
April	1	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	2	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	6	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	24	Thursday	Regular Training		
May	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	8	Thursday	Regular Training		
	11	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	20	Tuesday	Regular Training	End Session 2	Puppy & Beginner
	29	Thursday	Regular Training	Start Session 3	Puppy & Beginner
June	4	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	8	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	12	Thursday	Regular Training		
	19	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	26	Thursday	Regular Training		

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Effective January 1, 2003

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training Type</i>	<i>Classes Held</i>	<i>Special Events</i>	
July	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Sunday		Waggin' Tales Deadline	
	8	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	17	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	24	Thursday	Regular Training		
	31	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 3	Puppy & Beginner
August	5	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 4	Puppy & Beginner
	6	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	10	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	3	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Saturday			Tracking Test Set-up
	7	Sunday			Tracking Test Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	19	Friday	NO Training		Agility Trial Set-up
	20	Saturday			Agility Trial
	21	Sunday			Agility Trial
October	25	Thursday	Regular Training		
	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		
	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 4	Puppy & Beginner Class
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start Session 5	Puppy & Beginner
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
November	5	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Sunday			Obedience Trial
	11	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	16	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	25	Tuesday	Regular Training		
December	3	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation Session 5	Puppy & Beginner Class
	23	Tuesday	Christmas Party	No classes	Christmas Party & Membership Meeting

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2003 RING LAYOUT

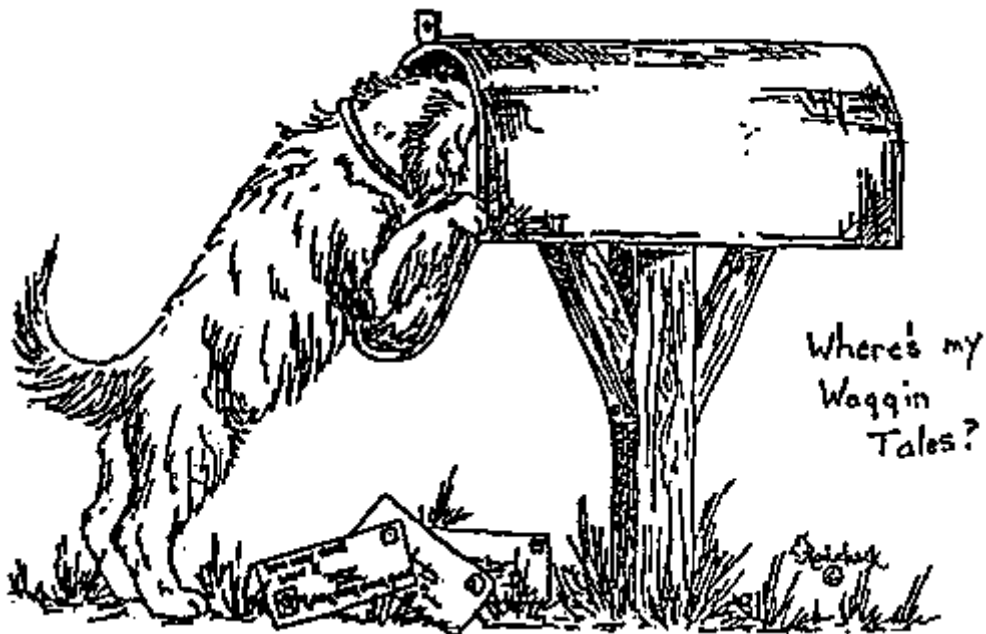


**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER
AT THE INFORMATION DESK**

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

**FOX VALLEY DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

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December

4	Wednesday	Board Meeting
5	Thursday	Regular Training
8	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
12	Thursday	Correction Clinic
19	Thursday	Regular Training
		End Session 5
26	Thursday	Christmas Party
		Membership Meeting
		No Classes

January

2	Thursday	Regular Training
		Start - Session 1
8	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
		Elections
9	Thursday	Regular Training
12	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
14	Tuesday	Regular Training
23	Thursday	Correction Clinic
30	Thursday	Regular Training