



Waggin' Tales

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Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Invites you to the
Annual Dinner
and Awards Presentation

March 8, 2003

Fishermen's Inn
Route 47 and Main St.
Elburn, IL

This event is for everyone!

Socialize!
Meet other members!
Find out who is 2002's outstanding volunteer!
Laugh with the Boner Recipient!
Door Prizes!

6:00 pm social hour (cash bar)
6:45 pm program begins
7:00 pm buffet dinner
program continues after dinner

RSVP No later than February 23, 2000
"Dog Show Attire" is appropriate

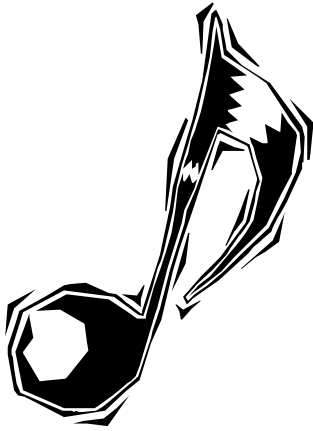
Just what is "dog show" attire, you ask?

In short, it's almost anything you want it to be. Attire is quite dressy for Westminster Best of Breed competition. Exhibitors at small, outdoor shows dress more casually. Among friends, your presence is more important than what you wear.

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



Notes

Quoted from the AKC web site at <<http://www.akc.org/>>

People around the world are touched by the loyalty and resolve of Search and Rescue Dogs who have been working tirelessly to recover victims of the September 11 tragedies. These canine heroes were the inspiration for DOGNY™, the American Kennel Club's charitable program to provide financial resources for Canine Search and Rescue organizations across America.

Pictures, details, and an order form are available on the AKC web site at: <http://www.akc.org/insideAKC/dogNY/home_dogNY.cfm>



Cheryl Hettinger

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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For Sale:

FVDTC is selling a grooming table. It looks just like the one we use for the conformation class, \$25.00. Any questions ask Cheryl Hettinger (vp1@fvdtc.org or 630.557.9310) or Ed Herdes (630.232.9191).

Membership Report

Kelsey & Laurel Van den Born
1072 S Raddant Rd.
Batavia, IL 60510
(630)879-0460
Completed Beginner Class
Labrador Retriever, Pug & Dachshund

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.

Board Meeting Highlights

Board Meeting Minutes

February 05, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:43 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) The December 2002 Meeting Minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) announced that if anyone notices or is told about broken equipment, to please let her know about it. She is going to announce in the next Waggin' Tales that the grooming table in the shed is for sale - as is. She has asked Ed Herdes to take the box of schutzhund dumbbells out of the outside shed. Will Short asked about the status of the east banks of lights. Cheryl reported that Ed Herdes is checking with the fairgrounds regarding why the lights

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2003 Correction Clinics

January 23
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15
June 19
August 21
September 18
October 23
November 20



Annual Dinner—March 8, 2003



Do you know something silly or embarrassing that would make one of your friends eligible to win a boner award? If so, send your nomination via email to dinner@fvdtc.com or drop in box.



Nominee: _____

Reason: _____





Board Meeting Highlights

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blow fuses so frequently.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) reported that the short program about Paws for a Cause to be presented by Cindy Pakenas, originally scheduled for the March 5th Membership Meeting, would be presented at the May 7th meeting. This was due to a conflict with Cindy's schedule.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) presented the 2002 financial statement to the board members for review. The report will be presented to the general membership at the May 5th meeting. Several individuals briefly discussed some specific items for their responsibilities.

A discussion about what constituted the "pre-approval of expenses over \$50.00 rule" ensued. The consensus reached was that amounts over \$50.00 for non-routine expenses for a position must receive pre-approval by the board. Amy was encouraged to ask individuals about any expense re-imbusement request IF she has any questions or concerns about the amount.

Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) asked the Board whether the Beginner's Classes should remain at eight weeks or return to the original ten-week session. The following advantages of having an eight-week session were mentioned.

- The instructors got a break from teaching on the Correction Clinic nights.
- The Beginner's students did not have to endure the chaos of Correction Clinic nights.
- The instructors could participate in the correction clinic without having to make schedule adjustments for their class.
- The instructors could work at the correction clinic, if they choose to do so.

Cheryl Hettinger mentioned that she thought that the beginner students might be more motivated by viewing the activities at a correction clinic.

After the discussion, it was agreed that the students were receiving sufficient learning time with an eight-week class. The first night of class will still be without dogs, as is the present policy. Taffy Wille reminded everyone of the following reasons that we do not bring the dogs on the first night.

- Allows the handler the opportunity to check-in and learn the location of the class without the added distraction of maintaining control of their dog.
- We had a bite incident on the first night of classes due to the ensuing confusion.

In addition to the duration of the class, Carolyn asked whether we should leave the fee the same or increase the class fee. Will

Short made a motion to increase the Beginner's class to \$80 per session. Barb Misch seconded the motion. During the discussion, the following issues were brought up.

- Cheryl Hettinger stated that Beginner's classes at PetsMart are \$99.00 and do not include a choke collar.
- Amy Ford stated that we probably get a number of students because we are much more reasonable than other places and that we are financially stable at this time.

After the discussion the vote had the following results: Approved – 6, Opposed – 5, Abstentions – 0.

The fee discussion also included a puppy class increase. Francene Andresen made a motion to increase the puppy class fee from \$60.00 to \$65.00 per session. After a brief discussion, the vote had the following results: Approved – 10, Opposed – 1, Abstentions – 0.

Both increases are effective starting with Session 3, which begins on March 13th.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) reported that we have judges chosen for all classes. Will stated that he will soon be confirming the committee chairs for the Obedience trial. As of this time, Will stated that he is only aware of needing a Raffle Chairperson.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she sent contracts on February 3rd to the following judges.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Judge</u>
Novice A and B	- Dick Wood
Open A	- Donna Larson
Open B	- Sharon Hodgens-Wood
Utility A	- Cindy Pischke
Utility B	- Dan Herald

The prices for entries in our November 9th trial are the same as last year - \$20.00 for the first entry and \$14.00 for each additional entry. Taffy asked Amy Ford whether she had received a contract from the fairgrounds for the trial. Amy stated that she has not as of this time. Taffy reported that she left Chris Unger, Kane County Fairgrounds Supervisor, a voice message regarding the contract. Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that if Taffy does not hear from Chris, she would contact him. Taffy reported that the paperwork has not yet been submitted to AKC as of this time. She would like to have the fairgrounds contract prior to sending in the paperwork to AKC.

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Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, February 9. He will be moving our website to a new host within the next few months. Peggy Sue Seehafer asked how many hits our website has been receiving. Dave said that he could not provide an answer at this time due to the reporting feature no longer working on the current host.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) announced that the new membership application was almost complete. It was redistributed and discussed at the meeting. The changes discussed at the meeting will be incorporated and copies will be made. In addition to the new applications, a letter acknowledging the receipt of applications was created, reviewed and approved with minor changes. This letter explains our application process and invites the applicant to the meeting at which the application will be voted.

Applicants receiving approval will receive a new member welcome packet which includes, a welcome letter, a copy of the roster and a copy of the by-laws.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the club's phone line was updated to include all recommended changes and a split to the main menu. This split allows the caller to quickly determine any training cancellations. The phone system is set-up to page an individual or have the message obtained remotely by the appropriate contact person.

A thank-you letter to Bill Walsh at Walsh Media was signed and given to Barb to present to Bill. Walsh Media, Barb's employer, is allowing the club access to their voice messaging system at no cost to the club. This enables us to use the number (630) 575-WOOF for a general contact phone number.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that the next Tracking test is scheduled for September 6 and 7th at Burnidge Forest Preserve. The judges are Ted Hoesel and Donna Kircher. The entry fees for the test are \$55.00 for the TD and \$85 for the TDX.

Old Business

Tracey Mohr reported that she has received some feedback regarding the creation of a club "code of ethics" statement. Before she committed a great amount of time, she wanted feedback from the board members regarding her continued efforts. The discussion included whether

the term "code of ethics" was an appropriate name. It was decided that it was not so much a statement of ethics – it more a value or a mission statement of how we as club members display good sportsmanship within our club and to fellow dog-people outside of our membership. Tracey stated that a good example of a value statement is the definition of good sportsmanship used by the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois (GRCI).

Will Short stated that he believes that the Robert's Rules of Order included conduct at all events, not just at meetings. He was going to search for that information and forward it to Tracey Mohr.

Tracey Mohr stated that she would prepare a rough draft to be presented at the March 7th Membership Meeting. If the value statement is written and approved by the membership, it will be added to the by-laws.

New Business

- Helen Castellano asked the Board about the possibility of adding a representative of the Agility committee to the Board. The consensus was that this would be appropriate, as the Tracking Chairperson is a Board Member. Will Short made a motion to add the Agility Chairperson to the Board of Directors. Vera Nyberg seconded the motion. The vote had the following results: Approved – 11, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The discussion also included whether the total number of Board Members should be increased to 11 or keep the number at ten. It was felt that due to the evolution of the graduation process, that the position should remain, but as a Committee Chairperson. This would allow the Board of Directors number to remain at ten. Will Short made a motion to change the position of Graduation Chairperson from a Board Member to a Committee Chairperson and to update the By-Laws to reflect this change. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. The vote had the following results: Approved – 11, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0.

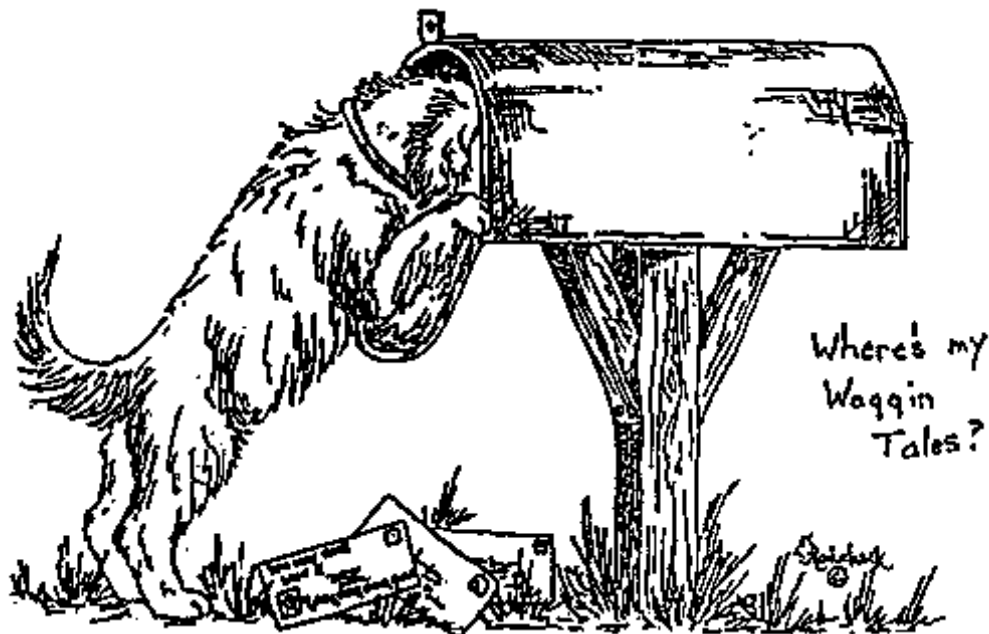
- Amy Ford made a motion to update the by-laws by changing the quorum number from 5 to 7. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. After the discussion of how many members constituted a quorum, the vote had the following results: Approved – 11, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.



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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
		Start 4H Training
5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
13	Thursday	Regular Training
		Start Session 2
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
27	Thursday	Regular Training