



Waggin' Tales

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FVDTC Annual Dinner

FVDTC's Annual Dinner was held at the Fisherman's Inn, in Elburn, on Saturday March 8. *Thank you!* to everybody who made it a fun and successful evening. *Congratulations* to winners of the annual awards:

High Qualifying Average - Novice <no one>

High Qualifying Average - Open Brenda Rivera

High Qualifying Average - Utility Carol Cook

Debbie Orr Memorial Award Will Short

Founder's Award Brenda Rivera

Ed Kneip Memorial Award Brenda Rivera

Heather Memorial Award <no one>

Kanosak Kennel Award Marietta Huber

Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award Cindy Pakenas

Dorothy Dimond Memorial Trophy Jan Schomer

Boner Dean Connolly

Congratulations to everyone who earned titles in 2002:

Ronnie Bizer

Penny Brcich

Becky Cembrowicz

Nadine Conner

Carol Cook

Edward Ehrhart-Malnar

Dale Hakala

Nancy Hammerlund

Cheryl Hettinger

Kathy Hubbard

Marietta Huber

Richard Kallal

Trudi Kimm

Jacque Kramer

Loretta Lazzara

Marian Lazzara

Rose Mary Lysek

Tracy McMahon

Cindy Pakenas

Carolyn Pearson

Brenda Rivera

Jan Schomer

Suzan Scott

William Short

Shirley Short

Sandi Stephenson

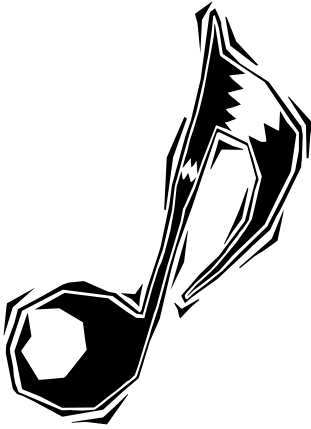
Carol Swenson

Kay Weber

Tim and Anne White

Paulette Zecca

A well-trained dog
is a happy dog



Notes

Agility News

FVDTC has received AKC approval for this year's agility trials to be held on September 13 & 14, 2003 at Creekwood Meadows in Plano. The judges will be Rae Tanner and Joan Simon. The total entry limits are 400 per day. Entries open on July 16 and will be accepted on a "first received" basis.

Lots of help (no experience necessary) will be needed for Friday night setup and for the trials on Saturday and Sunday. If you'd like to get plenty of fresh air and exercise - or just need work credit for this year - contact Cathy Fleury to volunteer.

March Correction Match

This month's FVDTC correction match will be held on Thursday, March 20. Currently, there is a waiting list for open and utility. There is still plenty of room in novice.

What do garage sales, sneakers and picnic baskets have in common? YOU!

May 2nd and 3rd, TAILS (Taking Animals Into Loving Shelter) in DeKalb is hosting a "De-flea Market" and is looking for donations of garage sale type items. Contact Beth Drake at 815-748-7636 or email tailshumanesociety@tbc.net for more information.

On May 10th, Anderson Animal Shelter is hosting a dog walk! The day will include the walk with fun family activities to follow. If you'd like to pledge you and your dog's time, contact Andrea Brickman at 847-697-2880 x 25 to get your pledge form.

For the Golden lover, Golden Opportunities is participating in the LaGrange Annual Pet Parade on May 31st. Go to www.goldenrescue.org for more information and to register you and your golden for the picnic to follow.

Canine Massage Class

Sue Olmos will be teaching a course: Canine Massage Therapy for Owners and Handler's through Harper College this summer. Class dates are July 19th and 26th, 9am-12pm and 8:30am-12pm respectively. The site will be in Arlington Heights just east of Rt. 53. Dogs will be allowed on the 2nd Sat. only. The class section number is LET 0027-001 which you'd need for registration. You can call 847-925-6000 and ask for the Continuing Education Dept. to register. Cost for the class is: \$69.00 for the 2 sessions.

Info at <http://www.midstatesmyotherapy.com>

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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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.

2003 Correction Clinics

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

Shaggy Dog

A man walks into a bar. After buying a beer he looks around the bar and sees three men and a dog playing cards. Amazed, the man wanders over and starts watching the game. After watching the game for ten minutes, the man leans over to one of the other players and whispers "Wow, that's a really smart dog!".

The man whispers back "He isn't that smart, every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail!"





Front & Finish Pictures

NO COST TO MEMBER, FOR ALL DOGS ACQUIRING TITLES OR SPECIAL AWARDS DURING 2002.

INFORMATION MUST BE SENT TO JEAN AIREY BY APRIL 15 -
THERE IS A PUBLICATION DEADLINE OF APRIL 25th THIS YEAR.

SELECT ONE:

I will:

- _____ SEND IN A PHOTO TO USE BY APRIL 15
- _____ Be at the club on March 13, 20, or 27th to have a photo taken
- _____ Not need a photo in the ad

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR NAME: _____

DOG'S REGISTERED NAME and ALL TITLES:

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

DOG'S BREED: _____

TITLES EARNED THIS YEAR: _____

(Repeat Dog's information for each dog. If multiple dogs in picture, provide starting with dog on left as you look at the picture)

Pictures will be taken at the club on March 13, 20 and 27th by Jean Airey with a Digital Camera. There is no cost for the photo. There is no cost for having a photo in the ad. You may purchase a color copy of the picture you select for \$3.00.

Send information, photos etc to:

Email text and high quality scanned photos to: jairey@bigfoot.com. Please state "Front&Finish" in the subject line, or I will delete without opening.

Or USmail to:
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Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Meeting Highlights March 5, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:41 p.m.

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

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) reported that the grooming table was sold to Tim and Anne White. She also reminded everyone that any broken equipment should be reported to her or Ed Herdes.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) reported that the program for the May 7th Membership meeting is Cindy Pakenas speaking about Paws with a Cause.

Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) stated that the Session #2 begins on March 13th. Currently finalizing instructors for that session. As always, primary and assistant instructors are needed. Class fees will increase starting with Session #3, starting on May 29th (not March 13th, as stated in the February Board Meeting Minutes). Beginner's class will be \$80.00, and the Puppy class is \$65.00. This increase does not impact the \$15.00 fee that current members pay for the Beginner's and Puppy classes.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that all trial applications have been submitted to AKC.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) sent the following report with Carolyn: the deadline is Sunday. Peggy Sue reminded everyone to extend thanks to Dave for all of his hard work on our Website, especially keeping it up-to-date.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) distributed the 2002 financial statement for review. There was no immediate discussion regarding it.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she had one application that was published in the February Waggin' Tales. The applicants were not present. Sue MacPherson made a motion to accept the application as published, Cheryl Hettinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all club members present.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF phone system was updated to include the Tracking Test date and information about the March 20th correction clinic. The WOOF line will be updated to report any event

that is cancelled (i.e. due to weather, etc.).

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reminded club members to sign up as stewards for the March 20 correction clinic.

Suzan Scott (Match Co-Chairperson) reported that the next correction clinic is on Thursday, March 20. Currently, there is a waiting list for Open and Utility. However, there are still plenty of spots in novice.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) sent the following report with Carolyn: A list of all club books and videotapes is now displayed on the front of the book cabinet. Thanks to Ed who has been moving the cabinet so it is more visible. Peggy Sue also reminded everyone that if there was a book or videotape worth purchasing, to please let Ginger know that information. Or, consider making it a donation to the club's library.

Jean Airey (Publicity) sent the following report with Carolyn: Flyers have been mailed to the DeKalb County Extension Services for presentation at a 4-H class.

Photos for Front & Finish will be taken at training in March, except March 4. The deadline this year is April 25th, so all information, photos etc. must be in Jean's hands no later than April 15. There is no cost to a member for a photo, or a text listing in the ad. Photos will be taken with a digital camera, individuals who want a 'hard copy' can get one for \$3.00. Ad cost is \$350.

Nancy Pederson (Historian) was not in attendance. However, Peggy Sue reminded everyone to send any noteworthy items to Nancy for our archives.

Jacquie Kramer (Annual Dinner Chairperson) announce that the dinner plans are going well. The current number of people attending is 65. The programs are being printed. And finally, a lot of hard work by the committee will be evident on Saturday, March 8th. Jacquie stated that she needed letterhead to send thank-you letters to vendors who have, or are going to, donate items for the door prizes.

Suzan Scott (Agility Secretary) reported that AKC has sent approvals for the Agility Trial. The judges for the Agility trials are Rae Tanner and Joan Simon. The trial will be at Creekwood Meadow on September 20 and 21.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Chairperson) sent the following

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report with Carolyn: Paperwork has been submitted to AKC for the Tracking Tests, scheduled for September 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.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$9.00 is Vera Nyberg as drawn by club member, Ingrid Hamburger.

Old Business

- Trudi Kimm reported that Dr. Meisner is not returning her phone messages to try to set up a date for a health clinic at Fox Valley. Glenbard has two dates in March.
- Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that she attended the Kane County Safety Committee's meeting on March 4th. The outcome of the meeting was the recommendation to the Kane County Board to approve the Keslinger Road site for the Kane County Animal Control facility. Peggy Sue stated that the other sites had not received much enthusiasm by many of the Safety Committee members. The Kane County Board has an Executive Meeting scheduled for March 13th. Peggy Sue asked to be placed on the agenda for the April 1st meeting for the Safety Committee to remind them that the club is interested in working with the county at this site.

Peggy Sue asked Barb Misch if she would be the committee chairperson for a small committee of club members to look into this effort including what type of building and the cost of a building. Amy Ford and Dale Hakala volunteered to be on the committee. Carolyn Pearson suggested that Barb speak to Bridget Carlson about the training building she just built, and Heidi Terlizzi suggested that Barb speak to Sunny Inniss regarding her training building. Anne White asked about the ownership of the property that the building would be built. Peggy Sue stated that the club could pursue a 100-year lease for the land.

Carolyn Pearson also reminded the club members that by owning our own building, we would be responsible for maintenance, cleaning, utility expenses, etc. Trudi stated that offering a tiered membership fee schedule has worked for other clubs. It is built on the premise that the more you work, the cheaper your membership fee might be.

- Peggy Sue Seehafer read the following statement: Three situations have been brought to my attention where words have been hurtful. All incidences took place at training nights and were within earshot of the dogs' owners and their children. Members of our club were heard saying that a dog that was brought for training should be destroyed. This dog was barking but was not showing signs of aggression. Another person was heard making a similar statement about another dog.

Statements were also made about the 4-H children learning dog training with our club was a problem. Our club has an obligation to provide training to 4-H children as a part of our usage agreement for using the Extension building for our meetings. I personally find it reprehensible that anyone would make the statement that they would destroy a dog that was there for help, simply because it was barking.

At our January meeting we discussed having a code of conduct for FVDTC. Tracey Mohr has put together the following Value Statement that we would like to add to all membership applications and to our membership renewal form.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that will reflect credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support and the welfare of the dogs with which we work. I will refuse to malign others by making libelous, slanderous or malicious criticism regarding another person, their dogs, or their training methods. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials.

During the discussion of this value statement, Anne White asked what would the ramifications be if this statement was violated. Peggy Sue stated that each situation would be evaluated on an individual basis. Jerry D'Aprile asked whether there would be follow through on a violation of the value statement. Peggy Sue reminded him of the past situation that resulted in the termination of club membership, due to a cruelty to animal charges brought against club member. Carolyn read section 4.2.2 of our By-laws which states "Any member may be dismissed and his/her rights cancelled for a good cause, after said cause having first been reviewed by the Board of Directors and, if neces-

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sary by the membership-at-large, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting. However, no member shall be dismissed for any cause until he/she has been notified by the Secretary of the charges made and shall have an opportunity to reply in his/her defense, either in writing or in person, at the next regular meeting.” Peggy Sue asked if there were any objections to placing this statement on our Membership Applications and our Renewal Membership Applications. Lewis Terlizzi stated that we should also add the ramifications of violating the value statement to the statement on the membership applications. It was agreed that it must be included on the applications..

New Business

Peggy Sue announced that we added the Agility Chairperson to a Board position and changed to Graduation Chairperson position to Committee head. This allows the number of board members to stay at fourteen. Peggy Sue also announced that we will be modifying the By-laws to reflect this change and the change in the number from five to seven to signify a quorum.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

What's Up on the Web?

FVDTC has a very active and successful site on the World Wide Web. So what can you find there?

- The latest news
- The most accurate calendar of events
- Current and past issues of *Waggin' Tales*
- Information about classes, correction clinics and trials
- Contact information for Board members and committee chairs
- Dog Leads - a gateway to dog-related activities on the 'net.

Through the first two months of the year, the FVDTC home page has been viewed more than 1300 times. After the main page, the most popular pages are the *Waggin' Tales*, and class

information (especially the Beginner's class).

About 75% of you are using Microsoft's Internet Explorer to view the site, and another 8% are using AOL.

Most of you just type in the URL, or use bookmarks and favorites, but we also get references from the AKC, Google, Yahoo, Netscape, MSN, AOL, Dogpile and other search engines, and other pet- and dog-related sites.

The vast majority of hits come from the United States, but people in the Netherlands, Canada, France, Finland, Australia and the UK have also read about FVDTC.

Come visit us on the web at <<http://www.fvdtc.org>>

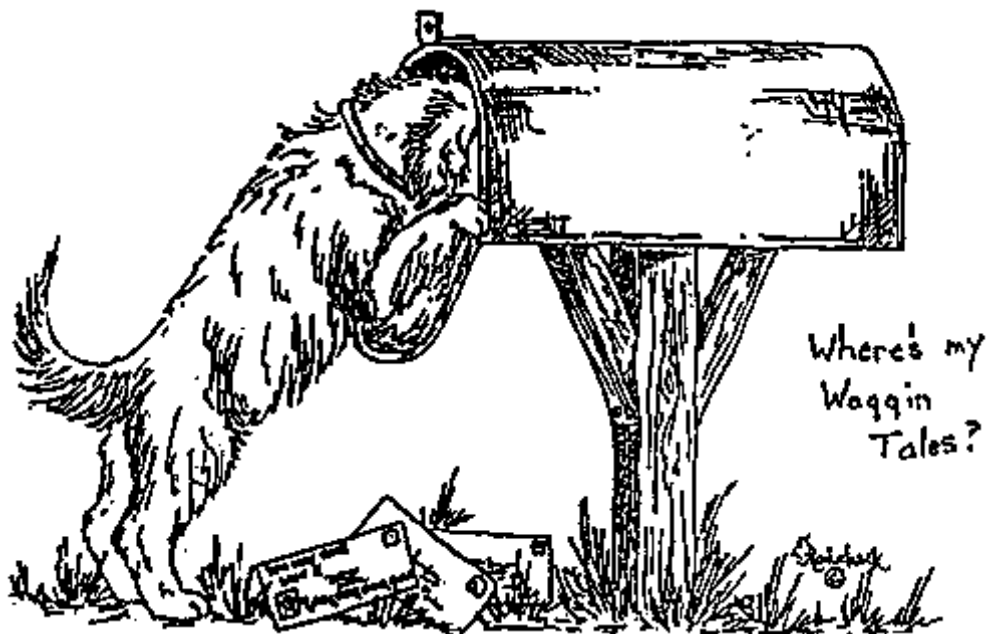
FVDTC Web - Page Views (January 2 - March 6, 2003)

| Page | Views | Page | Views |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Home Page | 1330 | Dog Leads | 255 |
| Waggin' Tales (current Issue) | 762 | Contact Us | 242 |
| Training | 313 | News | 231 |
| Events | 280 | People | 201 |
| Calendar | 276 | Ring Layout | 145 |
| | | Waggin' Tales (all past issues) | More than 2000 |



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March

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| 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 |

April

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| 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 |