



Waggin' Tales

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Dog Bite Prevention Week

Special thanks to Priscilla Pisarski (along with her dogs Abby and Bear) for helping out with Dog Bite Prevention Week presentations to area Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. The Scouts were taught how to determine if a dog is friendly, how to approach a dog, and what to do if they meet a dog that's running free. We've had lots of fun with these presentations and thanks to Priscilla, Abby and Bear, we were really able to make a difference for some scared kids. By the end of one presentation, a young man who had been afraid to even pet Abby wanted to dance with her, by letting her place her paws on his shoulders. Did I mention that Abby is a Great Pyrenneses??? Now that's time well spent! If you're involved with a group that might benefit from future presentations, and would like to be notified of their availability, just let me know.

Barb Misch

PEC

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Upcoming CGC Test

The Canine Good Citizen test is designed to show that your dog has great social skills, and is sometimes required by Homeowner Associations and Apartment Managers. It is made up of the following 10 situations or tests: accepting a friendly stranger; sitting politely for petting; appearance and grooming; walking on a loose lead; walking through a crowd; sit & down on command; coming when called; reaction to another dog; reaction to distraction; supervised separation. We'll be offering the test on Thursday, September 18th. What a great way to show that Fido is a good neighbor! Visit <http://www.akc.org/love/cgc/index.cfm> for more details, and watch your *Waggin' Tales* for information about test demos, requirements and sign-up information.

Barb Misch

PEC

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

Membership Renewals are Due!

Membership renewal forms, available on page 5 of this month's *Waggin' Tales* and on the club web site at <http://www.fvdtc.org> are due by June 30. The Board is asking that all members, even if you do not owe any dues, return the form so that the club roster can be updated to accurately reflect your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. Any renewals not received by June 30 are subject to a \$5.00 renewal fee. *So Hurry!*

Membership Report

Taka Yasuda
 475 Fox Trail Dr.
 Batavia, IL 60510
 (630) 879-2669
 e-mail: yasuda@fnal.gov
 Golden Retriever
 Completed Beginners class

Karen & Terry Moran & family
 1601 Hadley Dr.
 Batavia, IL 60510
 (630) 761-2608
 e-mail ruckusof3@sbcglobal.net
 Chesapeake Bay Retriever
 Completed Beginners Class

Terri Byerly
 323 S. Main St.
 Montgomery, IL 60538
 (630) 801-8031
 e-mail: terribyerly@aol.com
 Aust. Shep/ Cattle dog
 Shetland Sheepdog
 Completed Beginners Class



Braggs & Other Good Stuff

On Sunday May 18, Abbey got her Good Citizenship Award and most important she passed the test for Therapy Dog International. And will now start going to Nursing Homes, etc

Priscilla Pisarski

Don't forget - you can put your braggs online at the club web site <<http://www.fvdtc.org/news>>

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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 Waggin' Tales
 232 Mistwood Lane
 North Aurora, IL 60542
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 waggintales@fvdtc.org

2003 Correction Clinics

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

Pet Friendly Stores

According to the folks at the Geneva Commons (Randall Road, Geneva), your "well-behaved pet" is welcome at these stores:

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|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| • Abercrombie & Fitch | • Coach | • Smith & Hawken | • Corner Bakery |
| • Adrienne Vittadini | • Coldwater Creek | • Wet Nose | • COSI |
| • Anthropologie | • Hallmark | • Wet Seal | • Nick & Tony's |
| • Bath & Body Works | • Jos. A. Bank | • White House Black Market | • Noodles & Company |
| • Bombay Company | • L'Occitane | | • Starbucks |
| • Chicago Home Fitness | • Rockport | | |

- Outside Seating:
- Cold Stone Creamery

Just look for the pet friendly logo:



And, please be a good parent and be potty prepared



2003 Obedience Trial Trophy Sponsorship

I am the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. The Committee members and I would like to offer each of you the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of your choice. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. You may complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail to me or you may contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Last year a significant number of you decided to provide your own trophy. Several members decided that a cash trophy was preferred. Also, the Committee is perfectly willing to purchase a trophy with your cash donation. We are working again this year with Peggy Sue who has a number of beautiful items available for us. It is up to each club member to support our trial in the way that they feel is appropriate. We appreciate the continued support of our trial by our life-time and non-training members.

If you are providing your own trophy, a description will be needed no later than **JULY 1ST** and we would need to receive the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please mail the donation to me or give it to one of the Committee members no later than **JUNE 1ST**. Thank you. Helen Castellano, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy Pakenas, and Peggy Sue Seehafer.

**Helen Castellano
Trial Trophy Chairperson
35W075 Chillem Drive
Batavia, IL 60510
(630) 761-0411**

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Trophy You Wish to Sponsor (Please Describe):

Please Choose One of the Following:

A. You will provide trophy

B. Cash to purchase Trophy

C. Cash as trophy

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\$



From the Trial Secretary

It's that time of year again! I'm getting ready for the onslaught of entries to our obedience trial. I am taking this time to remind all of you that many people mail their entries to me prior to our own premium list is mailed. Every year I am asked why our own club members do not get into our trial. You, as members, are aware of entry fees and judges before anyone outside the club is. If you would like to mail an entry in before receiving our premium list in the mail, you need to be aware of some AKC rule changes that went into effect March 10, 2003.

To be acceptable an entry must:

- 1 Be submitted with required entry fee
- 2 Be on an Official American Kennel Club entry form
- 3 Be signed by the owner or his duly authorized agent

Include all of the following information:

- 1 Name of show/trial giving club
- 2 Date of show/trial
- 3 Breed
- 4 Variety, if any
- 5 Sex
- 6 Name of class(es) entered
- 7 Full/Registered name of dog
- 8 Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- 9 Address of owner

Include one of the following:

- 1 AKC registration number, or
- 2 AKC litter number, or
- 3 ILP number, or
- 4 Foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog, or
- 5 Identification number issued by AKC

Include the following, if known:

- 1 Date of birth
- 2 Place of birth
- 3 Name of breeder(s)
- 4 Name of sire
- 5 Name of dam

The date of our trial is Sunday, November 9, 2003. Our fees are \$20 for first entry and \$14 for second entry of same dog. Our judges are Richard Wood – Novice, Donna Larson – Open A, Sharon Hodgens-Wood – Open B, Cynthia Pischke – Utility A, and Daniel Herald – Utility B.

My address is 640 Maple Court, Elburn, IL 60119-8979.

Sincerely,

Taffy Wille
Trial Secretary

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00**

REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00**

LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: 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 select a Training membership.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ *

**In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-8-03*

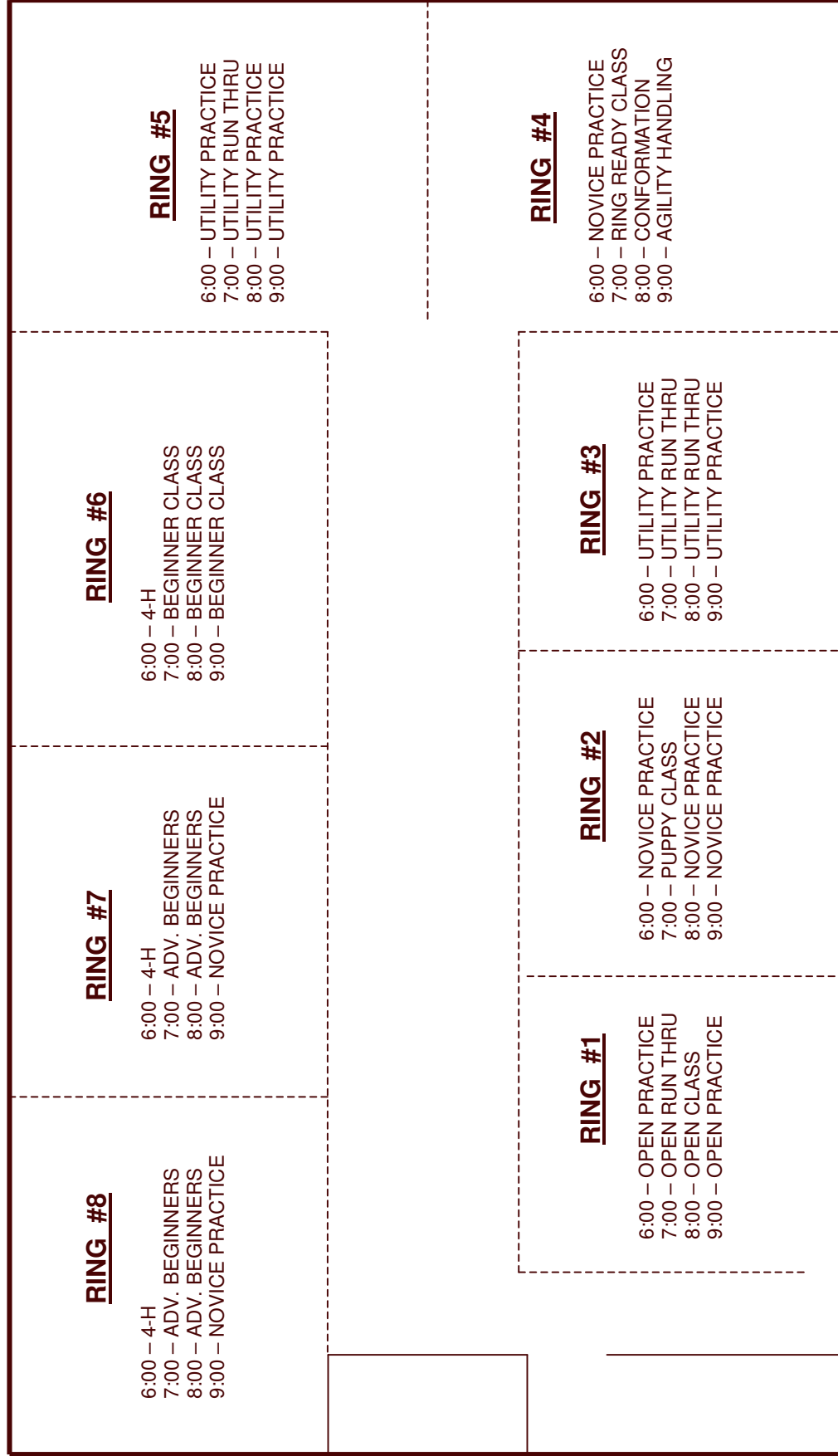
Please mail this application with your dues to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

(630) 293-5741

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON
Sue MacPherson
405 Joliet Street
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MAY THROUGH AUGUST 2003 RING LAYOUT



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

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



Special Board Meeting Highlights - April 30

Board Special Meeting Minutes April 30, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:47 p.m. A special meeting of the Board was conducted to discuss the following items.

Class Donation to the Gymnastics Boosters Club fundraiser

Carolyn stated that the expiration date in the original request of December 31, 2004 was NOT a typographical error by Cheryl Lewis. During the discussion at the April 2nd Board Meeting – the date was changed to December 31, 2003. During subsequent discussions with Cheryl Lewis, she asked that the date be changed. Carolyn asked that the Board members consider changing the expiration date from December 31, 2003 to June 30, 2004. This would still allow the “winner” of the coupon almost a complete year to use the coupon.

Will Short made a motion to change the date from December 31, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The motion was seconded by Dave Lewis. It was approved by all without any opposition or abstentions. The coupon was signed by Peggy Sue Seehafer and presented to Dave Lewis for Cheryl.

Building our own building

Many different were discussed under this topic. Peggy Sue Seehafer asked all of the Board members to think about what we would offer to the county in “exchange” for the opportunity to use part of the property at Peck and Keslinger Roads. Barb stated that she and Ken, her husband, are involved in another organization that is growth without the volunteers necessary to do the work. It is proving difficult for the organization to continue.

Cheryl Hettinger asked “How would we guarantee getting more volunteers?” That is a huge unknown at this time. Tracey Mohr stated that conceptually it is a good idea to obtain our own building, similar to a company buying another a company or expanding. One way of preparing and overcoming the growing pains is through preparation and open, honest and frequent communication to all club members.

Francene stated that one positive she thought of was the opportunity our own building gives us to increase our name presence and visibility in the community – display the name on a permanent sign at our location. Francene stated that without the help that she had from Ingrid Hamburger, when she first moved to the area, she would not have known where to train her dogs. Tracey Mohr agreed, stating that we need to get our name out to effectively compete with the pet stores of the area offering training classes.

Taffy Wille asked about the size of the site, Peggy Sue stated

that the current plan is to use 5 of the 40 acres for the county facility. The Executive Board meeting to vote on the Keslinger site is slated for May 13th.

Peggy Sue stated that she will meet with members of a kennel club in Wisconsin who have recently built their own building. In spite of their sparsely populated location, they have thrived and expanded their building size since the initial construction. Peggy Sue stated that she was advised that we should consider contacting an engineer at this time for advise and construction ideas. This activity MIGHT require the club to pay for these plans.

Dave Lewis stated that we should appoint a totally separate committee to handle the detail work due to the fact that most of the board members are currently over-extended with their other board commitments. Peggy Sue that we currently have a small committee of herself and Barb Misch and some club members who have provided information as needed.

Another question to think about was “Is this the time and place to build our own building - do we have the money, etc.?” Francene reminded everyone that there have been rumors floating around for many years that the fairgrounds are not in a permanent location. It was reported that the fairgrounds has purchased other property.

Amy Ford has contacted a mortgage broker about rates, etc. The consensus was that this is a good time for mortgages, because interest rates are low. We would probably get a monthly mortgage amount similar to our current rent to the fairgrounds. Barb stated that during a preliminary search, she received a price of \$275,000 for a building similar in size to the fairgrounds building, which is approximately 100 x 190 feet.

Taffy suggested that we could start slowly with scheduling activities outside of our own training classes, such as renting the building to other clubs, etc. Helen Castellano, through Peggy Sue, asked that we consider having a site large enough to host our Agility trial, outside is good, but inside would be ideal.

Barb also suggested that we have a non-member HIRED building manager. That would allow us a little more control regarding the way things are handled.

Dave Lewis suggested that now would be a good time to change to a tax status of 501(c)(3). We are currently a 501(c)(4). The 501(c)(3) tax status would allow us to offer a tax break to people/companies for their taxes. However, Taffy said that we would need to come up an easy way of keeping track of any donations – could become quite the headache for the Treasurer. Peggy Sue stated that with her experience of filing for the 501(c)(3) tax status with the Wildlife foundation,

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the paperwork is the headache. It is more appropriate for an attorney to handle and not the Treasurer. Amy stated that she would look into the process – to see if she would be able to do the filing or not.

Dave said he feels that we should have a better idea of the amount of money necessary to own and operate our own training building. That would include such things as utilities, property taxes, insurance, etc. Peggy Sue stated that she is hoping to be able to work out the deal with the county to do the plowing/mowing for the property. Taffy Wille stated that the Building Insurance for just a business building (such as the building owned by Jeff's business) is approximately \$1,300 annually. Amy warned us about getting "too into" the details of expenses – because that information will change by the time the building is up and occupied.

In response to the overall question of whether the board feels comfortable advising to the membership at the next general meeting that the process continues pursuing the ownership our own building. Barb Misch made a motion to that we continue going forward with the process. Cheryl Hettinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, without any opposition or abstentions.

Regular Board Meeting Highlights - June 4

Board Meeting Highlights June 4, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:47 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The April 02, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published. The April 30, 2003 Special Board Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas, Penny Breich (Director of Training). Cindy and Penny have volunteered to be the co-Directors of Training. Carolyn Pearson remain as the Assistant Director of Training.

Carolyn Pearson (Assistant Director of Training) reported that classes began May 29th. The 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's and the 7:00 p.m. Puppy classes are at the maximum number of students. There are about 10 students at the 9:00 p.m. Beginners.

Updating the homework sheets has begun. Several instructors have reviewed the Week 1 – first one done. An opportunity to review will be extended to all experienced Beginners and Puppy instructors. The goal is to have a brand new updated set

Robert's Rules of Order

Before the discussion began on the wording of the value statement, Carolyn asked that Board determine which Robert's Rules of Order would be considered the "official" club version. She stated that just doing a simple search on the Amazon.Com online bookstore Website – she found 33 different versions in print. Additionally, she also found an on-line version of the book on the www.rulesonline.com Website. However Dave noticed that the on-line version was the 4th Edition of the book – not the 10th edition as the Website stated was the latest and greatest edition of the official book. Although it would have been nice to use the on-line version (as all the current Board members have Internet capabilities), it was decided that having the latest and greatest hard-copy edition would allow the club to conduct business. Vera Nyberg made a motion that we purchase two copies of the 10th edition of the Robert Rules of Order for the club. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, without any opposition or abstentions. Carolyn will purchase the two copies – one copy will be present at meetings and one copy will be placed in the club's library.

by the end of this session.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) was not in attendance due to illness, however she sent the following report via e-mail. Taffy asked the Board to review and approve the items on the 2003 Obedience Trial Trophy List. Will Short made a motion to accepted the list as presented. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. During the discussion, several newer Board members asked for a brief history of the trophy list request. It was explained that unless a club member sponsored a trophy on the list, the board has authorized the club to purchase any unsponsored trophy. Any unclaimed trophy from a previous trial is considered to be sponsored by the club, unless an original trophy donator wished to sponsor it again. The motion was approved by all present.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, June 8. Dave also reported that he has been diligently working with our Internet provider to resolve the e-mail problems with the website.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) reported on the details of the fundraising program mentioned by Bill Clarke at the May Membership

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meeting. The Mid-America Bank offers a percentage of the interest earned by an account holding club member to the club. If the club was an account holder, an amount would also be donated to the club. However, Amy stated that given the expenses of switching banks and the fee schedule differentials, this would not be the best way of fundraising. Amy approached the bank we maintain an account. They will review the program facts to determine whether our bank will consider starting a similar program. Any club members who already bank at Mid-America can still register to participate in the program.

Peggy Sue reported that she and the Hamers are planning to meet soon to review the paperwork for a 501(c)(3) filing.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she has been receiving membership renewal applications. She reported that she has had very few club members volunteering for the Grievance Committee.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF line was updated. She and Priscilla Pisarski presented the Dog Safety Nights to two different organizations. The Aurora Beacon News published an article on May 31st regarding the presentation.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) stated that she has received one request for an entry as of this time.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) was not in attendance due to a business trip, however she sent the following report via e-mail. Suzan Scott has indicated she will be unable to be the Agility Trial Secretary for 2004. If there is any club member who is interested, they should contact Helen. If not, she will look into hiring a Trial Secretary for 2004 and will get back to the Board for approval of the expense.

Peggy Sue stated that we should look to our club members to fill this position, rather than hiring someone to do the job. Peggy Sue said that she considers it almost an insult to the volunteers to have done a job to be "replaced" by someone else that receives monetary compensation. Carolyn stated that the last time we hired Roy Jones as our Obedience Trial superintendent it was very expensive and did not seem to be worth the money.

Old Business

1 Barb Misch reported that she is in the process of organizing the CGC Test demonstration. It will be done at the June 18th Correction Clinic. The CGC test will be done at the September 18th Correction Clinic. Barb spoke to Kathy Hubbard, who reported that it is possible for an

evaluator to complete about 15 to 20 dogs in 90 minutes. Barb will contact Kathy Hubbard and Suzan Scott regarding being an evaluator. It was decided that a fee of \$10.00 per dog is reasonable, this should cover the expenses of the AKC packets we need to purchase. The number of dogs accepted to take the test will be limited. Barb will also investigate some type of small reward, such as a ribbon, for the participants who pass the test

- 2 Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that she has been informed of a parcel of land (with buildings) that has been donated to the Kane County Forest Preserve District with the stipulation that it was to be used by dog lovers. This property is near the corner of Route 72 and Sleepy Hollow Road. She also stated that the proposed site of Peck and Keslinger may have a parking issue due to the parceling of the property. Peggy Sue stated that she will continue to investigate other sites other than the property on Peck Road.

Miscellaneous other issues were mentioned about owning our own building – we would be responsible for the payment of property taxes. One item on the Agility Trial Committee's wish list is the ability to host an indoor agility trial, however the AKC minimum ring size is 100' x 100'. In addition to the ring space, additional space is necessary to allow for people and dogs in the building. Amy asked about what is included in the rent we currently pay to rent Creekwood Meadow for our two-day trial. Will stated that it also includes the use of the equipment. Francene asked whether we had considered renting the fairgrounds building for the agility trial. However even if we were to move the agility trial – we would still need to rent equipment.

New Business

- 1 Peggy Sue Seehafer reported that she has been to the new off-leash dog park in St. Charles. It is located on Camp-ton Hills Road, just west of Peck Road. She was told the park security will be "dog-friendly" unless there is a problem with aggressive dogs. Peggy Sue stated that the park does not have trees, and no on-site water – so be prepared for that. The park is fully fenced, but it is a temporary type of fencing.
- 2 Carolyn addressed the possibility of purchasing a used lighted tabletop display board. It was decided that at this time, it would be not adequately utilized and would be difficult to store.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



And They Call It Puppy Love!

Last night, I went to put Holly and my other dog Macey outside for the last time before bed (around 10:30). Since it was very dark out, I didn't worry about Holly barking at the birds or the occasional rabbits that grace the yard.

Anyway, my neighbors next door to me are recent newlyweds. They got back from their honeymoon 2 weeks ago or so. SO, seeing that it was such a nice night out last night, my neighbors had their bedroom window open (which faced the common backyard).

As I began to hear noises that resembled moaning coming from next door, I was hoping that the dogs would finish doing their business as soon as possible.

My one dog, Macey, finished doing her business and came to the back door. I let her in. I then glanced at Holly. Standing on the other side of my patio, Holly stood perfectly straight (straight legs, straight body, tail out straight) - you'd think that she spotted something in the distance or was in com-

petition.

Then I noticed that her hair began to stand on end down the center of her back.

Almost instantly, a strange "howling" noise came from the bedroom of my neighbor. And almost instantly after the "howling" noise began, so did Holly! I have never heard her howl anyway and my first reaction was to get her in the house ASAP. There was no barking, no running - nothing! She didn't

stop her howling until I had her in the house, off of her leash, door closed and a treat in my hand. Plus it took her a few minutes to actually settle down and for her hair on her back to go back to normal. And I was never so embarrassed in my life.

Never knew if she actually went to the bathroom or not.

Not only is my dog a "blonde" dog in which she enjoys doing

odd things, listens only when it is in HER best interest and when SHE feels like it, but now this.

June Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, June 19. There are currently still openings in novice, open and utility. Don't forget that there is no Correction Clinic in July because of the Kane County Fair.

CGC Test Procedures

This article is excerpted from the AKC web site. The full article is at <<http://www.akc.org/love/cgc/testprocedures.cfm>>

The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen Program is to ensure that our favorite companion can be a respected member of the community. To receive the CGC certificate, dogs take the 10 item Canine Good Citizen Test. Items on the test include:

Test Item 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.

Test Item 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler.

Test Item 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so.

Test Item 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog.

Test Item 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places.

Test Item 6: Sit and down on command - staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler

Test Item 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler.

Test Item 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs.

Test Item 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations.

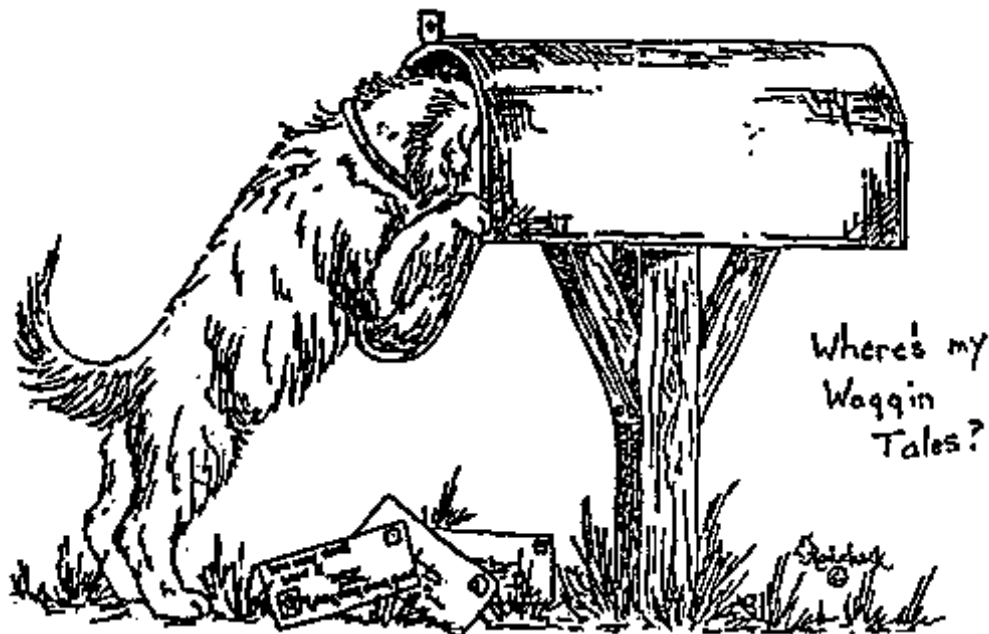
Test Item 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners.



**FOX VALLEY DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

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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

July

3	Thursday	Regular Training
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
8	Tuesday	Regular Training
17	Thursday	No Training
		Kane County Fair
31	Thursday	Regular Training