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# Waggin' Tales



## Attention FVDTC Members.....

Hi to all club members! My name is Cheryl and I am the First Vice President and my position is Equipment Chairperson. What that means that I am in charge of keeping the equipment safe and maintained. The equipment to which I am referring to is as follows: broad jumps, bar jumps, high jumps, grooming table, ring gates, mats, and all items in the cabinet and shed related to training.

Recently, there has been



discussions regarding purchasing new jumps. What everyone has overlooked is that no one had mentioned anything to me about the condition of the jumps. I am at the club almost every night, either assisting with a class or helping at the front table. Still no one has come to me with any comments regarding the quality of our jumps.

Even if you can not find me at the club on that particular night, there is a book in the gray box on the front table to write your comments or concerns about any equipment.

It has come to my attention that most club members are in favor of purchasing new jumps. As the equipment

chairperson, I believe that the decision to purchase or repair any equipment should be submitted to the board by the First Vice President. Currently, I am in the process of examining our jumps. As I examine at these jumps, I get them either repaired or repainted depending on their needs.

I would be more than happy to hear your comments and/or concerns regarding this matter. So please feel free to call, 630-557-9310, email, herbpatch911 @juno.com, or write me a note about this.

Thank you for allowing me the time to give you the correct information on this matter.

Cheryl Hettinger  
02-20-2004

**Important Dates to Remember.....**

- ☺ Annual Banquet is March 20th
- ☺ Next Wellness Clinic is April 8th

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## Correction Clinic Reminder...

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 18. As of today, Utility is full and has a waiting list. There are about half a dozen spots left in Open and there is still plenty of room in Novice. If you're already entered in utility and know that you cannot make it to the match, please let me know as soon as possible.

Suzan Scott

**Sympathy**

FVDTC offers its deepest sympathy to the families of Tracey Mohr and Sunny Innis. Tracey's mother passed away on February 22<sup>nd</sup> of complications from Parkinson's disease. Sunny Innis passed away on March 2<sup>nd</sup> following a massive stroke.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families.

## Membership Meeting Highlights - March 3, 2004

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January 7th Meeting minutes were approved as with the following correction. In the Land/Building Committee Report, the minutes stated, "Cindy Pakenas asked whether we could consider getting the plastic jumps. However, they will not fit in the equipment cabinet." However, the minutes should have read "Cindy asked whether we could consider getting the metal jumps with the wheels. However, they will not fit in the equipment cabinet."

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) stated that Ed Herdes is still in the process of the repairing the existing jumps; she would also like to review the condition of the jumps in the shed this spring. Cheryl will give a report at the May Membership meeting regarding the jumps. Cheryl also reported that the jumps used at future obedience trials would be painted and beautiful. She also asked that anyone with concerns about the conditions about the jumps at training should contact her.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) reported that March 9<sup>th</sup> is the last class for this session. As of today, the 7:00 p.m. Puppy and Beginner and the 8:00 p.m. Beginner classes are full. We still need instructors for all classes and someone to greet guests at the front table. Cindy also asked for volunteers to help fit collars for Beginner's classes on the second night of the session. For the next session, that night is March 30<sup>th</sup>. She would like to have at least two people per class.

Cindy also reported that the 4-H classes start on March 4<sup>th</sup>, with Nadine Conner and Bill Clarke as the primary instructors. Jerry and Jackie Parisek have once again the superintendents for the program. Between the two level of classes, the 4-H instructors will be using at least two rings, possibly three, as determined by the number of students in the classes. Cindy also reminded everyone to be as helpful as possible, especially in assisting the students to get in and out of the building. The 4-H classes will be in rings 1, 2, and 3 (those are the rings immediately in front of you as you walk into the training building). Sue MacPherson suggested that the students be allowed to use the west door, but after a brief discussion, it was decided that it would not be a wise idea.

Cindy also asked that club members not set up crates in front of the Puppy and Beginner classes. A layout of the building and where the classes will be held is printed in this Waggin' Tales, and is available on the club web site.

Cindy announced that she has a confirmed date of May 11<sup>th</sup> to have Becky Jankowski, President of the Pawsitive Performance Dog Training and many other accomplishments, speak at the Extension Center from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 on working with aggressive dogs. The discussion is open to all members, not just instructors. The cost is free to instructors and \$3.00 for non-instructors. Please let Cindy know by May 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending so the correct number of handouts can be prepared.

On the first night of the Beginner's classes, Cindy would like to take about five minutes to show the students the "opportunities for dog home management" display board that she created.

She also ordered a new type of collar called the sensation collar. Once she has it, she is planning on bringing it to the Beginners' classes. The sensation collar is a new type of collar that is designed to prevent dogs from pulling. It needs to be ordered to size. Francene asked about head collars causing neck injuries. Cindy replied that the head collar's instructions specifically state NOT to pull the dog's head while using the head collar.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that as of February 12<sup>th</sup>, we have received AKC approval for the November 14<sup>th</sup> Obedience Trial, although we are still shown as "pending approval" when viewing the AKC website. The following judging panel has been AKC approved: Diane Propst, Jim Ham, Elmer Willem, Fred Buroff and Daniel Hudson. All signed judges contracts have been returned to Taffy. The trial's entry fees are \$22.00 for the first entry and \$14.00 for the additional entries of the same dog.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. The deadline is Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave Lewis also reported that the club's website was down for a while due to our ISP, moving to a new server.

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Look! It's Jerry D'Aprile, Honorary Girl Scout! Jerry kindly played host to a visiting Girl Scout Troop at February's correction clinic. He explained what was going on in each ring, and the girls even helped out as posts!

## Help Wanted.....

The following help is needed:

- ☺ a temporary conformation instructor
- ☺ helper for the 7 pm puppy class
- ☺ member for utility run-throughs
- ☺ member for the front table from 6:45 to 8:45 pm

There may also be some other instructional opportunities available. Please contact Cindy Pakenas if you are interested in being a part of your club's instructional program.

Thanks,  
Cindy & the Pakenas Critters

## Car-Dun-Al's Correction Clinic

Car-Dun-Al's next Correction Clinic for 2004 is Tuesday, March 16. We have openings in Utility & Open & Novice is unlimited. Check in & sign up starts at 6:30 PM & judging will start at 7. Any questions, call me at 630-497-0185 or e-mail me at dale@dblassociates.com. You can also check Car-Dun-Al's web site, cardunaldogtraining.com, for up to date info. Mail in pre entries should be sent to Barbara Lepke, P. O. Box 507, Wayne, IL 60184

### ILLINOIS RESIDENTS, HELP STOP PET OVERPOPULATION IN YOUR STATE!

The ASPCA needs your help, Illinois humanitarians. If passed, SB 2612 would establish a dog and cat overpopulation fund through a modest \$2 surcharge on dog and cat registration fees. Monies collected would be used for spaying and neutering animals who have been adopted from local shelters and pets whose owners are on restricted incomes. Please visit the ASPCA Advocacy Center today, where you can send a letter to Governor Blagojevich, urging him to ask the Department of Agriculture to support SB 2612.

## Sunshine Committee

Please be sure to keep me informed of significant occurrences in member's lives. I'll handle sending cards, flowers, etc. appropriately. Thanks for your help.

Penny Breich

## The Next CGC Test is Coming Up Soon!

Trudi Kimm and Rick Cox have graciously volunteered to be evaluators for the May 13<sup>th</sup> CGC Test.

Sign up begins in March, so be sure to watch for the yellow CGC signs and pick up your entry form any training night. Then, just mail the completed form and your check to me before the spaces fill.

If you'd like me to send a form to you, just let me know!

This test is open to members, those who have guest-trained 5 or more times, or those who have completed our beginning obedience class.

Barb Misch-PEC  
education@fvdte.org



# **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**

## **WELLNESS CLINIC**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004**

**Kane County Fairgrounds – Training Building**

Bordetella	\$10.00
Corona	\$10.00
DHLPP (no Corona)	\$15.00
Fecal check	\$10.00
Heartworm test (antigen test)	\$15.00
Lymes vaccination	\$17.00
Rabies - one year with tag*	\$19.00
Rabies - one year without tag	\$15.00
Rabies - three year with tag*	\$35.00
Rabies - three year without tag	\$25.00
Vaccine Titer for Distemper, Parvovirus, Adenovirus	\$55.00
Exam charge for other than vaccinations	\$15.00

*Dr. Patricia L. Meiser, DVM*

\*tags available for Cook and/or DuPage Counties

**Available Medication at reduced prices: Interceptor, Sentinel & Frontline.  
Prescription for other heartworm medications available at no charge.**

*We reserve the right to vaccinate or not, depending on the health of the dog.*

Contact Sue at (630) 968-1251 to schedule an appointment.

### **New Members....**

Teresa and Glenn Orman  
1171 Collins Dr., Elburn, IL 60119  
(630)365-0108  
e-mail: tmorman1@juno.com  
Guest trained 5 times  
Springer Spaniels

John and Melanie Gavin  
Italian Spinone

### **Just a Reminder....**

Please RSVP with Cindy Pakenas for the aggression seminar by May 4.

Thanks,  
Cindy & the Pakenas Critters



## Toss Ball Dog Toy

Some dogs love chasing after items tossed for them. Here's one that's easy on your throwing arm and a blast for your dog. They take just a few minutes to make and are very inexpensive.



**Materials Needed for 3 Toys:** 9 feet of rope  
Can of 3 tennis balls

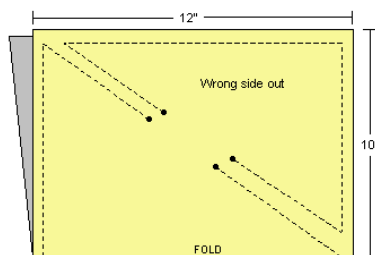
1. Place one tennis ball in a clamp or vise.
2. Use a drill with a large drill bit to drill a hole through the tennis ball (one hole on each side).
3. Thread the rope through the holes.
4. Tie a simple knot very near the ball.
5. Knot or burn the ends of the rope to prevent fraying.

## Gutless Fleece Toys

It seems like every dog loves those faux fleece toys. You know, the ones shaped like little people. The first problem with those is that they can cost \$8-\$12 each. Yikes! A yard of faux fleece at a fabric store is around \$8. With that yard, you can make 10-20 toys, depending upon the shape you choose. The second problem is that the manufacturers put stuffing in them. Dogs love ripping the stuffing out of their toys. What a mess! Some dogs have just as much fun with the "gutless" version.

**Materials Needed for 10-20 Toys:** 1 yard of faux fleece (I like the color oatmeal, but any color will work)

**Instructions:** For the maximum number of toys per yard and the quickest production time, cut the fleece into 12" x 20" rectangles. Fold each piece with right sides together and sew as indicated below. Cut between the stitch lines that run diagonally across the piece. Turn right side out and stitch the hole shut.



Dogs are happy with the triangles. However, sometimes you want something special, perhaps as a gift. You can do hearts, initials, bones and gingerbread men. Place two pieces of fleece with right sides together. With a marker or pencil, draw the shape on the wrong side of the fleece (if you're doing initials, be sure the mirror the letter so it will be correct when you turn it inside out. Stitch along the pencil line, leaving a small hole to turn the toy right side out. Turn right side out and stitch the hole closed.

## Dog Treats

Dogs will love chomping on these tasty & healthy treats!

Biscuit dough:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup oatmeal
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup water

Glaze:

- 1 large egg
- 2 Tablespoons milk

Preheat the oven to 275°.

1. In a large bowl: combine the flour, oatmeal, wheat germ, peanut butter, vegetable oil, honey, baking powder and water.
2. Mix the ingredients until thoroughly combined.
3. Roll the dough out to a 1/2-inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes and place on baking sheets.
4. In a small bowl, mix together the egg and milk. Brush the glaze on the biscuits.
5. Bake for 30 minutes. Rotate the pans, and bake for an additional 20 - 30 minutes, until biscuits are golden and firm.



As reported by Pam Zekman on CBS  
Chicago News March 1, 2004

The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug in 2001 as safe and effective for the prevention of heartworm disease. Now FDA officials say they're concerned about the unexpected number of adverse reactions that have been reported by veterinarians and pet owners whose dogs were given the drug, and an investigation is underway. Now some of those dog owners are telling their story for your pet's sake.

Cletius, Vito and Murphy. Three families' beloved pets that suddenly got very sick. "I was horrified. I had no idea what was going on at the time," dog owner Georgene Paulauski said.

She is talking about what she thinks is Cletius's reaction to ProHeart 6. It is the first and only injectible form of medicine that prevents heartworm disease for six months. "I feel so guilty about this because I did it for convenience sake of not having to give a monthly pill," Paulauski said.

She's one of more than 4 thousand who've made reports to the FDA about adverse reactions they believe their dogs suffered from ProHeart 6. More than 400 of those dogs died or were put to sleep by their owners. Dr. Bob Rogers, an outspoken critic from Texas, is one of several veterinarians we talked to who say they won't give the shot.

"I think that's a very alarming number," Veterinarian Dr. Bob Rogers said. He prefers monthly oral medications that have been on the market for more than a decade.

The reactions to ProHeart 6 reported to the FDA include: severe allergic reactions, vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, weight loss and an auto immune anemia. Paulauski of Crown Point Indiana filed an adverse reaction report after 5-year-old Cletius got sick a few weeks after his injection. Cletius was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease in which the body destroys its own red blood cells.

"He's been poked and prodded and to surgery and back and multiple units of blood multiple transfusions," Paulauski said. The steroids to help Cletius recover caused additional complications. "They found a massive bleed, a huge huge huge bleed in his belly," Paulauski said.



Another report was filed by this Kankakee couple after their 9-year-old Yorkie

became incontinent. "She wouldn't drink, she wouldn't eat, she started losing her physical strength," said Jim Rentas, the dog's owner.

"And you know what the consequences are of that and your desperation at trying to get this in her is overwhelming," Laurie Rentas said.

Overwhelming for an Oak Forest couple who own 10-month-old Vito. They say that an hour after his shot, Vito couldn't get up. That night he had a seizure. "He was foaming at the mouth, he had lost control of his bladder and he was seizing so bad I thought he broke his back," Vito's owner, Kim Russ said.

"Within two days you know he was a, he was like a vegetable," Tim Russ said. After two anguishing months of treatments the Russ' put Vito to sleep.

The FDA has been checking a number of possibilities from whether there are any impurities in the manufacturing process, to whether the proper dosages are being given. So far nothing abnormal has turned up, but the reviews are continuing.

Fort Dodge Animal Health, the manufacturer of Pro Heart 6, says its review of the cases show that "no definitive links could be made to the drug." The company says millions of dogs have been protected without any problems. In a written response to our questions, the company said the adverse reactions reported amount to less than one percent of the 15 million doses sold. The company said most cases that require medical treatment respond quickly to medical intervention.

But since ProHeart 6 is a time-released drug that stays in a dog's system for six months, vets say it can take that long for a dog to recover.

"He's not out of the woods yet. They still aren't promising us anything. If he'll live," Paulauski said.

In the last two years the FDA has required changes to the label for ProHeart6 warning about the possibility of severe allergic reactions and in rare cases death. FDA officials say there is no pattern to the reported problems when it comes to the size, breed or age of the dogs. Experts say none of this should deter pet owners from giving their dogs heartworm medication. You should consult with your veterinarian on all the available choices.

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Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the name of 5 new applicants, all published in previous Waggin' Tales. Taffy Wille made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Rick Cox seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by all. Welcome to all new members! ☺

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) announced that the Woof-line is updated. The next CGC test will be May 18<sup>th</sup> with Rick Cox and Trudi Kimm as the evaluators. AKC is already planning for the Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 17th, 2004. Barb has many ideas on how we can participate in the event, such as the Dog Safety presentations, another CGC test and programs to be presented at different venues to "meet the breed" or "how to pick the puppy for your family".

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) reported that she currently working on submitting the tracking test application using the new AKC on-line system. According to AKC, the test is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, which conflicts with our Agility Trials. Francene will check into changing the date to September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. We have both judges for the Agility Trial scheduled for September 11th and 12th. They are Deanna Corby-Lulik from Mt. Prospect and Earl Kyle from St. Cloud, MN.

The Board has approved the purchase of the software package "Trial Genie" to be used at our next agility trial. This is the software used for the AKC Agility Nationals.

Cheryl Hettinger/Barb Misch (Annual Dinner Chairpeople). Cheryl reported that as of tonight she has reservations for 61 people. We need a minimum of 65 reservations for the room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for fun evening! Cheryl will have the table set-up at training tomorrow to accept more reservations. Cheryl also asked whether anyone had two easels that she could borrow for the dinner. Kathy Hubbard stated that she has two and will bring them to training on Thursday.

Nancianne Jensen (Match Judges Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. The judges for March 18th Correction Clinic are:

Novice A	-	Still open (contact Nancianne if available to judge)
Novice B	-	Sandi Stephenson
Open A	-	Rick Cox
Open B	-	Marian Lazarra
Utility A	-	Marietta Huber
Utility B	-	Loretta Lazarra

Suzan Scott (Match Entry Chairperson) reported that as of today, Utility is full and has a waiting list. Open has about half a dozen spots left. Novice still has plenty of room. She also asked that if you have entered in Utility but are unable to attend the correction clinic to please let her know as soon as possible.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report. Please sign up to steward for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Correction Clinic, as always, we need help.

Dave Lewis announced that Penny Brcich (Sunshine) has graciously volunteered to be the new Sunshine Chairperson, following the death of long-time chairperson, Linda Gustafson. Any Sunshine news should now be communicated to Penny at sunshine@fvdtc.org or at (630) 980-0881.

Long-time club member Sunny Inniss died suddenly from a massive stroke on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A memorial service is planned for Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, in Woodstock.

#### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Taffy Wille, as drawn by club member, Rick Cox.

#### Old Business

#### Land Purchase Committee Report

Francene reported that as of February 26<sup>th</sup> the first offer for the land purchase contract was signed by Dave Lewis and Carolyn Pearson. We received an instant rejection because the sellers stated that they are holding firm to the \$105,000 asking price. The counter-offer from the sellers included the following:

Firm price of \$105,000

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Closing date within 60 to 90 days

A kick-out date of 5 days. A kick-out date allows the sellers to continue to market the property prior to a certain date. If the sellers get another offer before that date, the sellers must give the buyers five days to decide whether the proposed sale should continue, i.e. we would have to bypass our contingencies, or whether the “new” buyers can continue their process.

We expect that getting all of our approvals from the county (i.e. items listed as our contingencies) will take longer than the 90 days. Francene stated that all this information was presented to her just prior to the meeting, so she still needs to discuss these developments with the other committee members, Trudi Kimm and Helen Castellano. Francene believes that the next offer from the club will be a price of \$100,000, with a September closing date and an agreement to the kick-out date.

When asked by Jerry D’Aprile, Francene stated that the club will expend some money to get the zoning approval because an engineering firm will coordinate the process. The zoning process cannot begin until we have a contract pending status with the sellers.

Francene stated that she has spoken to the owner of the property just east of the property; he is currently farming the property that we are trying to buy. Francene thought that we should contact him about continuing to rent and farm the property, until we are ready to start building. Our initial thoughts are to build to accommodate future expansions. Kathy Hubbard stated that she recently spoke to club members of the Oshkosh Kennel Club about their building costs.

All of the contract contingencies have been reviewed and approved by our attorneys. Barb Misch received an affirmative response when she asked if the seller does hold to a firm price of \$105,000, would we hold firmly to our contingencies. In the past, the seller has had two serious offers at \$115,000, but the buyers were unable to get approval from the county because their proposed usage did not fit to the county’s land use plan. Based on Barb and Francene’s research of the county land use goals, we believe that the county will approve our request.

Francene also stated that our realtor, Dennis Halfpenny, continues to look for other properties during the negotiation process. Although commercial building are available

and meet our size requirements, they tend to be VERY expensive because they expect profit-making business in them. Other buildings do not meet our parking requirements, or do not meet the special zoning we need.

### ***New Business***

**Wellness Clinics Scheduled** – This year we scheduled two Wellness Clinics, the first one is Thursday, March 4th and second one is Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Information for the April 8<sup>th</sup> clinic will be in the March WT.

**CERF Clinic Scheduled** – Trudi Kimm reported that she currently has 58 dogs scheduled for the March 9<sup>th</sup> clinic. She still has several slots available for single dogs. She reminded anyone bringing their dog, to please arrive 15 minutes prior to the appointment to put in the eye-drops.

**Work / Meeting Credit Requirements** - Dave explained that a new policy of Work Credit requirements was set-up at the February Board meeting. To try to eliminate the number of exceptions that the Board must review each year, the Board decided to eliminate the Meeting Credit as a separate requirement. Instead, club members who attend any of the general membership meetings will receive a 1/2 Work Credit per general membership meeting. To account for that change, the total Work Credits requirement will be increased to a total of 10 credits.

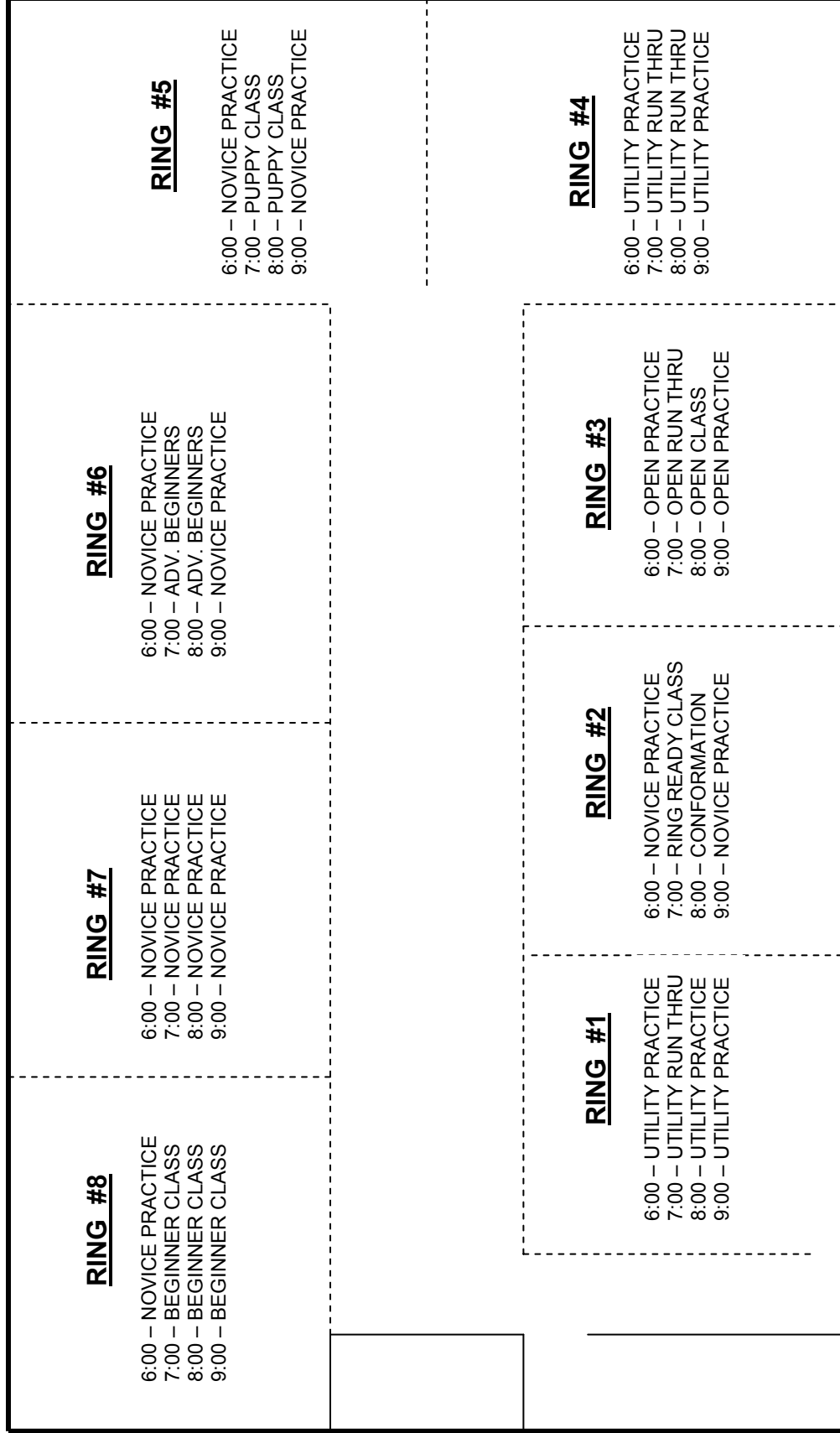
**March 4<sup>th</sup> Equipment Set-up** - Cheryl announced that due to a family emergency in Texas, Ed Herdes did not set up the building. Jerry D’Aprile, Steve Kleinhessel and Cheryl set-up the equipment and mats. Cheryl stated that if anything was incorrectly set-up to please contact her, so the same mistake was not repeated for the March 9<sup>th</sup> set-up. Ed’s son-in-law had a heart attack and Ed was not sure when he and Nina would be back from Texas.

Cindy Pakenas made a motion that the meeting minutes be sent to all board members for review and approval prior to publication in the Waggin’ Tales. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



**MARCH THROUGH MAY 2004 RING LAYOUT**



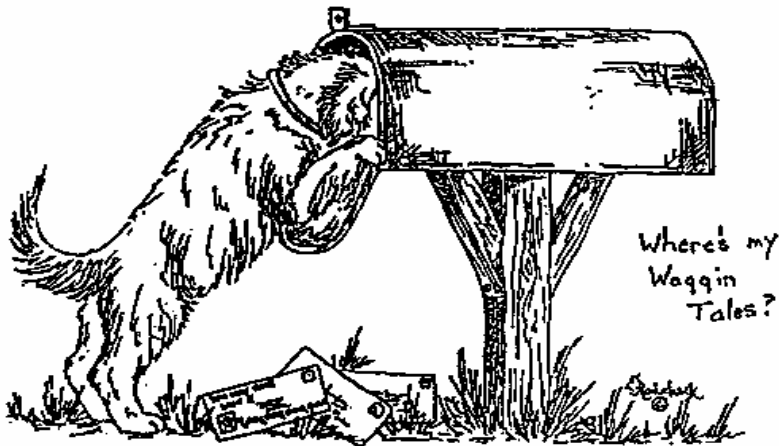
**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER  
 AT THE INFORMATION DESK**

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

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## Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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### March 2004

3	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Tuesday	Regular Training CERF Clinic
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
20	Saturday	Annual Banquet
25	Thursday	Regular Training—Start Session 2
30	Tuesday	Regular Training

### April 2004

7	Wednesday	Board Meeting
8	Thursday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic
22	Thursday	Regular Training
29	Thursday	Regular Training