



Waggin' Tales



From Barb Misch, PEC

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Doggone Fun!



There's lots to do with your pooch this summer! On May 29th take you pooch out for White Sox Dog Day at US Cellular field. Also, from June through September, Mercury Chicago Skyline Cruise Line will allow you to bring your four-legged friend along. And, don't forget that many of the stores and even restaurants in Geneva Commons welcome our furry friends! Geneva Commons is on Randall Road, just south of Rt. 38, next to Lowes.

Special points of Interest

- © CGC Test on Thursday May 13.
- © Car-Dun-Al's Clinic

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AKC Now Offers Online Dog Registrations!

Now, you can register an individual dog as well as a litter through the convenience of your computer. The service is currently limited to dogs with single breeders that are sold to single owners. Breeders do need to begin the registration process either online or through the mail, but the system allows new owners to update the application with their own info and pay via credit card right from the AKC's site. For more information go to www.akc.org.

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| High Qualifying Average in Utility: | Jan Schomer and Camper |
| High Qualifying Average in Open: | Jan Schomer and Camper |
| High Qualifying Average in Novice B: | Ingrid Hamburger and Pally |
| High Qualifying Average in Novice A: | No Applicants |
| Heather Memorial Award: | No Applicants |
| Kanosak Kennel Award: | Cindy Pakenas and Corky |
| Debby Orr Memorial Award: | Will Short |
| Dorothy Dimond Memorial Award: | Suzan Scott and Rico |
| Founders Award: | Brenda Rivera and Kilt |
| Ed Kneip Award: | Brenda Rivera and Kilt |
| Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award: | Jan Schomer |

2003 Award Winners



Membership Meeting Highlights

May 05, 2004

Meeting brought to order at 7:39 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The March Meeting minutes were approved without change. Peggy Sue stated that the following sentence should be deleted from her Director at Large report. "Peggy Sue told AKC that the future plans of the property must come from the forest preserve district." (Note from Secretary - Peggy's report was really from the April Board Meeting minutes, not the March Membership Meeting minutes.) Several items of correspondence were read.

Cheryl Hettinger (First Vice-President) presented her investigation for the jumps replacements. As discussed during the March Membership Meeting, Cheryl requested and received approval for the opportunity to thoroughly investigate the condition of the current jumps and available replacement jumps. Cheryl reported that following the March meeting; she only received feedback and comments from five club members. The majority of the comments were about the safety and the aesthetics of the jumps. Cheryl apologized to the club members for not being more attentive to the jumps condition prior to the November 2003 Obedience Trial. All of the existing jumps have since been repaired and repainted. She will make sure that she reviews the jump's conditions for future Obedience Trials.

Cheryl also stated that she reviewed the condition of all of the jumps for the safety of their use. Additionally, she stated that for the past several weeks, she has personally set-up the jumps in each ring to verify the conditions. She stated that she still had reports of the poor condition of the jumps. She reminded everyone that the wing nuts used for the jumps should never be tighten more than finger tightened. However, when the jumps were taken down for the night, many of the wing nuts were on verge of being stripped because they had been tightened so much.

The following items were considered in the quest for jump replacements:

Storage. Cheryl passed around the pictures of how

crammed the inside storage cabinet is for space. She stated that the new jumps must fit in the inside storage cabinet, or we must have a committee of club members volunteer to get the jumps out of the outside shed before training and put them back after training.

Set-up. If the new jumps are assembled using wing nuts, they will still have the same problem as the existing jumps.

Weekly vs. Monthly Use. Are we planning on using the jumps for weekly training or only for the Correction Clinics and the Obedience Trial? Peggy Seehafer stated that she believed that the membership wanted to be able to use the jumps every week.

Construction Material. Poplar wood or Plastic wood-look?

Reparability. The Poplar wood would be repairable by club members. Since plastic cannot be repaired, any broken parts would require replacement not repair.

Durability. According to the J and J and Max200, both sets will tolerate being stored in an unheated building. The long-term durability of the plastic wood-look is not known, as it has only been available for four or five years.

Cheryl stated that the condition and age of the jumps in the outside shed were the same as the jumps that are stored in the inside cabinet, when asked by Marietta Huber. Marietta also stated that agility enthusiasts are always moving agility equipment around, so the obedience equipment should be much easier. However, the outside shed does not have lights, which makes it more difficult to put equipment in there on a weekly basis.

Cheryl also stated that we should make it a policy to review the condition of the jumps every year, perhaps right before the trial.

Cheryl showed the set of 5' wooden jumps from J and J, at the meeting. As the jumps are similar to the current jumps, it was decided that the jumps would fit in the inside cabinet. The high jump is made completely from wood and uses a wooden peg system to hold the jump together, not wing nuts and screws. The bar jump stanchions and the bases are plastic with a wooden bar. The broad jump is wood.

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Car-Dun-Al's Correction Clinic

The next Car-Dun-Al's Correction clinic will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004. There is no limit for Novice entries & we still have openings in Open & Utility. Check in & sign up starts at 6:30 PM & we try to start judging at 7. If you have any questions, please call 630-497-0185 or e-mail me at dale@dblassociates.com. You can also check Car-Dun-Al's web site, www.cardunaldogtraining.com for up to date info. Mail in pre entries should be sent to Barbara Lepke, P. O. Box 507, Wayne, IL 60184 Make checks payable to CODTC.

Help Wanted!!

Stewards are needed for Utility A during the Correction Clinic on May 13. All other classes are covered so far. If you can steward, please contact Ingrid at 630-365-3248 or email her at hhc@elnet.com.

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Find the 18 phrases that you would most likely hear during the beginners or advance beginners class.

New Member!

Margi Stuessy
2742 Andrews Ave.
Batavia, IL 60510
(630)761-1965
Australian Shepherd
mstuessy@msn.com
Guest trained 5 times



Sad News

Sandy Woolbright, a former club member, lost her battle with cancer early on May 7th. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to be established at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Ronan-Moore-Finch Funeral Home, 310 Oak St., DeKalb. For information, call (815) 758-3841. Our deepest sympathy to Carlos and her family. Please keep Carlos in your prayers and thoughts.



Driving Rover - Driving with Your Dog

by Alex Lieber; "The PetPlace.com"

Mention the word "car" to your average canine, and he may go into paroxysms of joy. Many dogs quickly associate "car" with that wonderful sensation of being carried at great speeds, with the wind blowing through their hair. But before hitting the open road, take note of the following tips to keep your pet safe in the car:

Open the window, but not all the way. If you're going to take Rover for a ride, think twice about letting him stick his head out the window. The roadway contains many dangers, not the least of which is a sideswiping car. You can fulfill your dog's desire to sample air at 55 mph by opening the window just a few inches, not large enough for him to stick his neck out, but enough for him to enjoy the ride.

Roads often contain debris, such as pieces of asphalt, stones, rubber and glass. A spinning tire can spit a piece of debris with the velocity to crack your windshield or damage your car's body. Objects can also hit your pet if he has his head out the window.

Keep your dog in the cab. Allowing dogs to ride in the back of pickup trucks is always a bad idea. He may

jump or fall out onto the roadway, right in front of an oncoming car. **Don't assume your dog is too smart to jump out!** Injury from leaping out of a truck is actually common for veterinarians to see. A dog that spots a squirrel may leap out even if he is supposed to know better. In addition, a sudden stop or jerk could fling him out as well. If he's tethered, then you risk dragging him if he falls out.

Secure him. Letting your dog run loose in the car can cause accidents when he gets under your pedal or bumps the steering wheel. Dogs can also jump out (even dogs that have never done that before after years of riding quietly) when they see another dog or person that they want to greet. Dogs have also been known to fall out when your car is struck by another car or your car is quickly jolted to avoid an accident. Many pets are severely injured in these situations. The safest place for him is in the car, either in a carrier or a restraining harness, which is available at most pet supply stores.

And never leave your dog or any animal unattended in the car, even in cool weather. The sun can turn your car into a suffocating furnace in minutes (temperatures can shoot



Don't assume your dog is too smart to jump out of the back of a truck!

to 120 degrees Fahrenheit within minutes). You also risk theft by leaving your dog in a car.

A note on letting your dog right in the front seat: He could be killed by your air bag in an accident. Air bags are designed for the average-sized adult, sitting about 20 inches from the dashboard. A dog's head is too low and may be much closer. The bags deploy at 200 miles an hour in an accident, and the force could injure or kill him if it hits him before fully inflating. (Incidentally, the same rule applies to children. The proper place for both is the back seat.)

If you're taking him on a long trip, remember to bring water and food. You should stop every so often to let him stretch his legs and to eliminate (don't forget to bring baggies and a scoop).

| Foods to Avoid Feeding to Your Pet from ASPCA | | | |
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| ☹ | Alcoholic beverages | ☹ | Moldy or spoiled foods |
| ☹ | Avocado | ☹ | Onions, onion powder |
| ☹ | Chocolate (all forms of chocolate) | ☹ | Raisins and grapes |
| ☹ | Coffee (all forms of coffee) | ☹ | Salt |
| ☹ | Fatty foods | ☹ | Yeast dough |
| ☹ | Macadamia nuts | | |

This "funny" was sent to Waggin Tales by a member who received it via email and wanted to share with others.

Dog Hair - Potentially Dangerous!!!

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amo-bacter canis" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

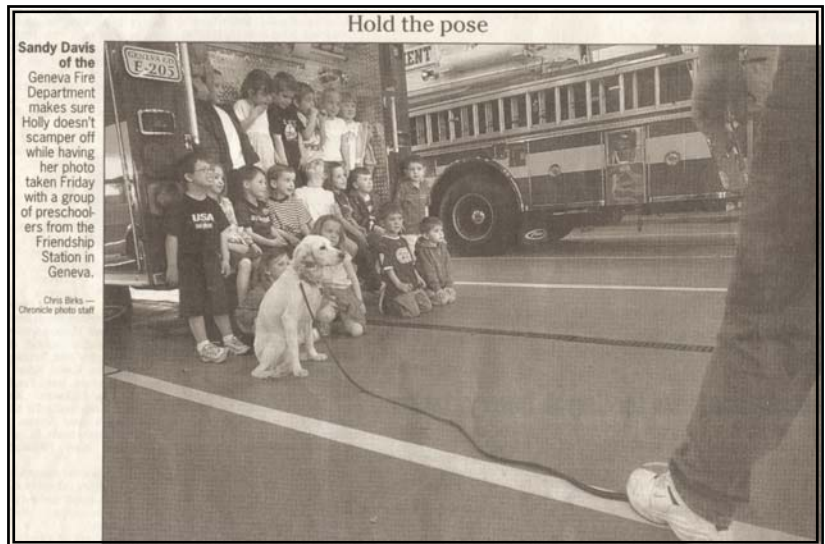
- Reluctance to cook
- Reluctance to perform housework
- Reluctance to wear anything but jeans or sweats
- Reluctance to work except in support of a dog
- Physical craving for contact with dogs (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours on end.

This has been a Public Service Announcement



| ASPCA's Warm Weather Hazards | |
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| ☞ | Animal toxins - toads, insects, spiders, snakes and scorpions |
| ☞ | Blue-green algae in ponds |
| ☞ | Citronella candles |
| ☞ | Cocoa mulch |
| ☞ | Compost piles |
| ☞ | Fertilizers |
| ☞ | Flea products |
| ☞ | Outdoor plants and plant bulbs |
| ☞ | Swimming pool treatment supplies |



Members: If you have any newspaper articles featuring your pet, have recipes you'd like to share or just have a funny dog joke or story, sent it to the Waggin' Tales Editor.



Cheesy Cookies

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix 2 C unsifted all-purpose Flour, 1 1/4 C Shredded Cheddar Cheese, 1 Clove Garlic (finely chopped), 1/2 C Oil, 4 Tbsp Water. Knead well, adding water as needed to form stiff dough. Roll out on floured surface to 1/2" thick, cut into shapes and bake for 10 to 15 minutes until bottom of cookies are lightly browned.



Pet Party Mix

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Pour 1/2 C melted butter or margarine into 13 X 9" baking pan. Stir in 1/2 C Kraft grated American Cheese Powder, 1/3 C Bacon Bits, 2 Tbsp dry Gravy Mix. Add 2 C Cheerios, 2 C spoon-size Shredded Wheat, 2 C Crispix and stir well until all pieces are coated. Heat for 45 minutes. Add 1 C cut up doggie treats (jerky, pupperone, sausage) and store in airtight container. Freezes well.

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Cheryl stated that she was still awaiting the delivery of the plastic wood-look from Max 200. The jumps are expected to arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Jan Schomer reported that she, Sylvia Schultz and Brenda Rivera set up the jumps and described the condition as "old and bad". Cheryl replied that she did not want to argue, she just wanted to make the best decisions about the jumps. Cheryl distributed the price list for J and J and Max200. To put jumps in two utility and two open rings, the prices are \$1,256.00 and \$1,1238.00, respectively. Those prices did not include shipping or taxes.

The following alternatives were also discussed.

Marietta stated that she knows a vendor in Byron Illinois that sells equipment who will deliver the jumps, to eliminate the shipping expenses.

Cindy Pakenas provided a price list from her husband. He would be able to build jumps in wood or plastic (the plastic is cheap to make). He would then be able to provide any future repairs.

Carol Swenson asked whether the high jumps could have wheels, however, those jumps cannot be stored in the inside cabinet. Steve Kleinheksel, the individual who does our breakdown, stated that he would be willing to put the new jumps in the outside shed for an increase in his compensation. The trial jumps were stored at Edith Blase's house until her death. Peggy Seehafer stated that in the nine years that she has been a member, the club has not purchased any new jumps.

Peggy Seehafer made a motion to purchase new wooden jumps for two utility and two open rings from J and J and use the jumps every week, from time of delivery until after the trial and then re-evaluate the condition at that time to determine if we should continue to use the jumps each week plus the correction clinics and the trial OR just for the correction clinics and the trial. Jan Schomer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Vera Nyberg (Second Vice-President) reported that she is waiting for confirmation for the proposed Midwest K-

9 Emergency Response Team program for the September 1st Membership Meeting.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) stated that she has 35 individuals attending the May 11th Instructor's Workshop titled Focus on Aggression. Cindy also reported that we still need a volunteer to greet guests at the front table from approximately 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Cindy is currently seeking a Primary Instructor for the 8:00 Beginner's Class for Session 3, which starts on June 3rd.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, May 9th.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the list of nine applicants who were all published in recent Waggin' Tales. Susan Frankel and Barb Rask were present at the meeting. Peggy Seehafer made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Marietta Huber seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions. Welcome to all new members!
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Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) was not attendance, but sent the following report:

WOOF Line is updated, and now includes information about when the next class session begins.

CGC Test is Thursday, May 13th.

Currently, we have the following:

6:00-Evaluator is Trudi Kimm (6 spaces remain open)

Terri Byerly and Odie
Barb Rask and Calyn
Linda and Bruce Bernstein and Ruger
Joe and Kathy Busch and Libby

8:00-Evaluator is Rick Cox (2 spaces remain open)

Michaela Simone and Chester
Sandy Davis and Holly
Karen Moran and Hagrid
Elizabeth May and Roscoe
Colleen Kent and Onyx
Dale Swanson and Speedy
Robert Reed and Jilly
Nancianne Jensen and Dalah

Entries will be accepted up until Wednesday the 12th by phone or email (630-761-0823 or education@fvdtc.org). Entrants should have their AKC

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or ILP number available to sign-up. Volunteers are also needed for the crowd and to help with distractions and will receive work credit for helping. Beginners Instructors should encourage their students to prepare for September's test, and be sure to sign up! Interested people can get in touch with me and Barb will call them as soon as we start accepting entries.

Dog Safety Presentations: No takers yet. We will gladly do this program at any time of year, but May is Dog Bite Prevention month and the perfect time! If you know a group who may be interested, just call or email to set up a date and get more information. It is best suited to grade school children, and we have traveled from Wasco to Yorkville, largely presenting to scouting troops.

Helen Castellano (Agility Chairperson) was not attendance, but sent the following report:
Once the AKC has received the required Officer's signature on the Agility Trial application, the Agility trial will be approved. The form is in the mail to AKC. The Agility Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Jacque Kramer - Trial Secretary
- Cathy Fleury - Workers
- Cindy Pakenas - Hospitality
- Will Short - Friday night set-up
- Trudi Kimm - Ribbons
- Shirley Short - Prizes

Trudi asked about purchasing ribbons for those agility trial participants who attain a New Agility Title. She stated that these ribbons would have the club's name on it, but no date, so they can be used multiple years. It was stated that this idea was denied several years ago when presented. Carolyn Pearson stated that she would check the meeting minutes to see if she can find the previous discussion and decision on the issue. (Note from Secretary: No information was found in a search of meeting minutes from 1999 through 2004.) Trudi made a motion to buy a supply of the title ribbons for not more than \$75.00. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not in attendance - but sent the following report: needs

help for the May 13th Correction Clinic.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Bill Clarke as drawn by new club member, Barb Rask.

Old Business

Work/Meeting Credit Update - Dave Lewis reported that during the April Board Meeting the credits earned for attending a meeting was returned to one full credit. A maximum number of THREE meetings can be applied to the total number of ten work credits. The Christmas Party is not included in the meetings.

Land Purchase Update (sent from Francene). The updated contract must be signed and then sent to the sellers for consideration.

New Business

Cordless PA Units - Barb Misch sent a report read by Dave Lewis, suggesting that the club purchase portable, cordless PA units for instructors to use. Peggy Seehafer made a motion to purchase one unit to try. Trudi Kimm seconded the motion. Cindy stated that she and Barb originally discussed getting two units to try out together. Priscilla thought that we should get two. Barb Rask stated that we should get two IF they are returnable. Peggy Seehafer amended her motion to get the two units IF they are returnable. Jan Schomer seconded the amendment. The amended motion was approved by all.

Website Issues - Dave announced that we are currently experiencing huge problems with our website. He is in the process of getting the domain name registered to him and not the ISP. Trudi Kimm asked whether it was possible to get an e-mail address set-up for the entire Board. Once the website is back up and running, Dave will investigate her request.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Thanks!

Thank you very much for the book donations by Cheryl Hettinger and Penny Brcich.

Georgia Schwender (Librarian)

Since Christmas, I've been dealing with separation anxiety with my dog Holly. Anyone who attends Carolyn's 8:00 advance beginner class may have seen Holly in action when I've tried having others work with her or just take her away from me. She cries, whines, jumps, tells me off, will not listen—basically you'd never think she had any kind of training. At home she starts barking when the garage door opens, chews on my woodwork, scratches at walls and windows, loves garbage cans and tears up any paper product she finds (including toilet paper rolls). She would follow me constantly around the house and had the need "to see me" all the time. I have another dog in the house so she's "not lonely" and I have always left the television on for "white noise". Trying not only to understand her BUT getting her prepared for the CGC test (her only problem is the 3 minutes away from me), I've had to resorted to medication and sending her to a doggie day care for interaction with other people and dogs (and time away from me). In addition, I've had to retrain with her the basics that we've all learned in beginner's class. I've started reading up on separation anxiety - what to do and what not to do - so I thought I'd share an article that I found in case you too may have a dog that suffers from separation anxiety.

ASPCA Companion Lines: Don't Leave Me This Way

By Jacque Lynn Schultz. From Animal Watch magazine Fall 1998.



Supposedly, absence makes the heart grow fonder. However, the absence of an owner sends some dogs into keening and barking, frequent house soiling and self-destructive behaviors. These are all signs that a dog is suffering from separation anxiety.

The canines most likely to fall victim are second-hand dogs. Whether from a shelter, rescue group or greyhound-track adoption program, dogs re-homed in adolescence or older are at greater risk of suffering separation anxiety than puppies. This is probably because it is more difficult for these dogs to accept changes in their routine and environment. They cling to their new pack leader and panic when that leader leaves home to go about his or her daily business. For similar reasons, unemployed companion animal owners or those who take lengthy at-home vacations or recuperations may find that their dog becomes disoriented when they return to work. These distressed pets need help.

Love hangover

Separation anxiety is often a problem of over-bonding. It is not healthy for a dog to follow his caretakers' every step, to be constantly in the same room, sharing the same

piece of furniture, being in close contact all the time. Promote independence by teaching the dog to down-stay on his own bed while you go out of sight. Start with a few seconds, then build up to a length of time the dog can tolerate. Put up a gate and eventually close a door between the two of you. And, get family members involved in dispensing the "good stuff" to the dog.

Walks, play sessions and feedings should not be provided by only one person, for that person's absence means the end of all that is good in the world to the dog. Panic can ensue. If you live alone, perhaps a neighbor or relative will share the duties, or hire a pet-care professional to assist you.

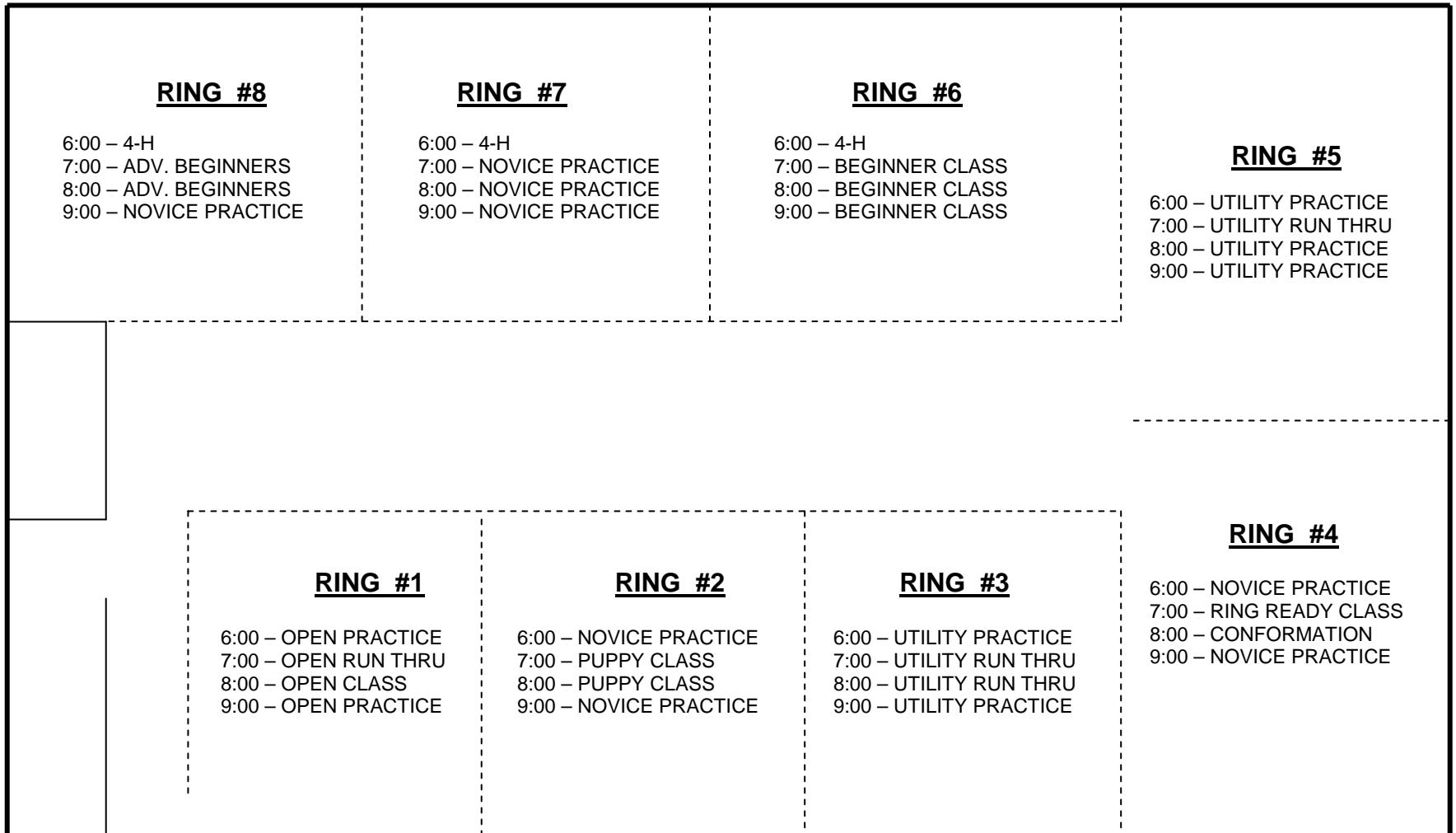
The worst of a dog's hysteria is often during the first hour after departure. Diffuse the emotion of your leave-taking by heartily exercising the dog right after you wake up. Then, after feeding him, scale back your attention to the point of ignoring him during the last 15 minutes before you leave. Turn off the lights and turn on the television, radio or white noise machine -- whatever you play most when you are home. And, with no more than a whispered "Be Good," leave the house.

Some dogs will read the signs of imminent departure and begin to work themselves into a frenzy. If putting on make-up, packing a lunch or shuffling papers in your briefcase distresses the dog, desensitize him to these or other actions by doing them frequently and at other times (such as before mealtime) so they lose their direct connection to the dreaded departure. Presenting a toy stuffed with goodies can draw the focus of less seriously afflicted canines toward cleaning out the item and away from your leaving. Buster cubes, Kong toys, Goodie balls/ships work well as canine diversions. The seriously afflicted dog, however, will not give the toy a second look until his pack is together again.

Separation anxiety can be severe and all-consuming to some dogs. You may need to seek a professional assessment by an Applied Animal Behaviorist or Veterinary Behaviorist, for they may need pharmacological aid while they undergo training.

Luckily, the majority of dogs - if the earlier suggestions are followed -- in no time will be howling "I Will Survive."

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 2004 RING LAYOUT

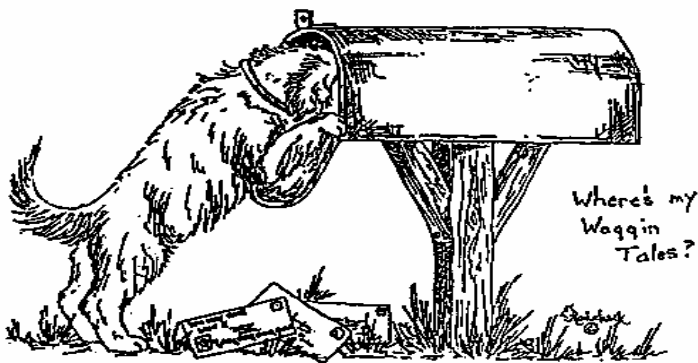


**NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER
AT THE INFORMATION DESK**

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May 2004

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| 5 | Wednesday | Membership Meeting |
| 6 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 9 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 11 | Tuesday | Aggression Clinic |
| 13 | Thursday | Correction Clinic CGC Test |
| 18 | Tuesday | Regular Training |
| 25 | Tuesday | Regular Training End of Session 2 |

June 2004

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| 2 | Wednesday | Board Meeting |
| 3 | Thursday | Regular Training Beginning Session 3 |
| 6 | Sunday | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 10 | Thursday | Regular Training |
| 17 | Thursday | Correction Clinic |
| 24 | Thursday | Regular Training |