



# Waggin' Tales

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## Notes from the PEL!

### CGC Test

Congratulations to all of our successful participants in the May test! Becky Jankowski was our awesome evaluator for the evening. With 6 of 8 dogs passing, I think people had a really good time. Vicki Wilder is especially proud because Shane is the first dog out of the Collie Rescue organization that she's part of to earn his CGC! Watch for announcements from Colleen Kent regarding our next test!

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### “Rover” may be “over”...

but, boy, did we have fun! The Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show allowed owners to show off everything from obedience skills, to tricks, & even their best costumes! We shared information with lots of really great people, & hope to see them at our training & events in the future. I want to thank Cheryl Hettinger, Jan Schomer, & Suzan Scott for joining me at the event. They and their dogs Camper and Rico, represented our club well!

### RDO Week is just around the corner...

Okay, so Responsible Dog Ownership Week is really in September, but I need to plan NOW! In the past we've offered a CGC Test, done presentations on Dog Safety and First Aid, given an obedience demo, and had an open house. Do you have a new idea to share? What would you like to see us do? Do you think one of our past events should be repeated? Please let me know your thoughts ASAP, as I'll need to start planning by the end of the month! Reach me at [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org) or at 630-761-0823.

*Barb Misch*



Marietta Huber & Pilot, Angela Thompson-Glidewell & Ton, Vicki Wilder & Shane, Debbie Wells & her daughter with Betsy, Nicole Szczurek & Cody, Jan Lauwers & Foxy

A Well-Trained  
Dog is a  
Happy Dog



## Help Wanted

### Annual Dinner Committee Chair

The club is in need of a volunteer to begin planning the 2006 Annual Dinner, to be held next March.

The Annual Dinner Chairperson is responsible for the Annual Dinner and should select at least two other people to serve on the Committee. The date, a Saturday in March, and place should be selected as soon as possible after the chairperson is appointed. This should be done at least six months prior to the dinner. The Chairperson will actually be picking a site for the following year. The Chairperson is responsible for the Committee's activities, but may assign duties to his/her committee. The Chairperson selects the program (if there is one), which should pertain to dogs. This is the club's main event of the year and should be a gala occasion.

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### November Obedience Trial Stewards and Table Stewards

The poster is at training for all of you to sign up to help steward. I greatly appreciated those who have already signed up.

Remember this is FVDTC Trial. Although no experience is needed to be a ring steward, table stewards do need to be experienced. Please donate your time to OUR TRIAL.

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## Car-Dun-AI Correction Clinics

Car-Dun-AI ODTC no longer has use of the building in Carpentersville where they were training and holding their correction matches. Until they find a new training site, correction clinics are canceled. They are hoping to find a place quickly and will keep up to date information on their web site at <<http://cardunaldogtraining.com>>.

## Pet Friendly Shopping in Geneva

Your well-behaved pet is welcome at these participating stores in the Geneva Commons

Abercrombie & Fitch  
Adrienne Vittadini  
American Eagle Outfitters  
Anthropologie  
Bath & Body Works  
Bombay Company  
Bombay Kids  
California Closets  
Casual Corner  
Celebrity Kids  
Chicago Home Fitness  
The Children's Place  
Claire's  
Coach  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
Express  
Eye Boutique  
Finish Line  
Francesca's Collections

Galyan's  
Geneva Suntan  
GNC  
Gymboree  
Hallmark  
Hollister Co.  
Jos. A. Bank  
Kay Jewelers  
Kirkland's Home  
L'Occitane  
Mioballi Shoes  
Mimi Maternity  
Pearlman Fine Jewelry  
Petite Sophisticate  
Pottery Barn  
Smith & Hawken  
Sprint  
Strasburg Children  
T-Mobile

Town & Country Gardens  
Washington Mutual  
Wet Nose  
White House Black Market

### Outside Seating

California Pizza Kitchen  
Cold Stone Creamery  
Corner Bakery Cafe  
Jambe Juice  
Nick & Tony's Chophouse  
Potbelly  
Red Star Tavern  
Roly Poly  
Starbucks  
Taco Fresco



## A Note from the DOT

All members owe a debt of gratitude to the instructional staff who keep returning week after week, especially with the hot weather turning the training building into a sauna. Your efforts are very appreciated by all of us.

Efforts are underway to restructure the classes after the beginners' level. The goal is to provide classes which will meet the needs of as many members as possible with our limitations of space and manpower. A survey will be distributed at training the first week of August. It will be available at the front table and will be due by September 8. The purpose will be to assess the needs and goals of members participating in the instructional program. One change which has already been instituted is an instructor change for the 7 pm Novice Ring Ready class. Nancy Pederson, an experienced trainer who has titled numerous dogs over the years and has taught the class in the past, will be teaching the 7 pm Novice Ring Ready class. Welcome back, Nancy!! The goal of the class is to prepare handlers and their dogs for participation in obedience trials at the novice level. Please give it a try!! Advanced Beginner classes will continue at 7 pm & 8 pm. Although the instructional methods differ, members should take and use what they feel best for their dog and not feel uncomfortable so doing. Your patience and cooperation during the restructuring process would be appreciated.

Any members interested in instructing and/or offering a class or series of classes on a particular skill or topic, please contact the director of training, Cindy Pakenas.

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## A Note from the ADOT

Well summer is here and puppies and dogs are in school. All the classes are going great and the puppies and beginners classes are all running smoothly, thanks to the great instructors and assistants that we have. Keep up the good job you are all assets to the club.

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## Safe Travel for Your Dog

On July 1, U.S. commercial airlines will be required to report incidents of family-owned pets who are injured, lost or killed while flying in the cargo hold of domestic flights. While this Safe Air Transport for Animals Act will allow pet parents to check an airline's track record, the ASPCA feels it doesn't go far enough.

The ASPCA spearheaded the introduction and passage of the act, in response to the industry's estimate of 5,000 animals injured, lost or killed in transit in the late 1990s, but important requirements were eliminated from the bill. "We lobbied for legislation that required the airlines to upgrade from cargo holds that are only pressurized to newer holds that are pressurized, temperature-controlled and ventilated," says the ASPCA's Lisa Weisberg, Esq., Senior Vice President, Government Affairs & Public Policy. "It was left out due to opposition from the airline industry."

Because of this change in our original legislation, the ASPCA urges air travelers to think twice before transporting their pets in the cargo hold. "Despite the increasing public demand of Americans wanting to travel with their pets," comments Weisberg, "air travel is no safer today than it was before passage of the law."



## Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS)

*On May 26, 2005 Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) introduced S. 1139, or the PAWS, to strengthen enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). PAWS will bring under coverage of the AWA persons who import large numbers of dogs for resale and breeders who sell large numbers of dogs at retail but do not maintain retail pet stores. The following is part of the AKC's view on this pending legislation; details are available at the AKC web site at <[http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/paws\\_QA.cfm](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/paws_QA.cfm)>*

**WHAT IS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT?** The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) is federal legislation ... which is intended to assure the humane care and treatment of animals in research, exhibition, commerce, and transportation. The AWA includes provisions which regulate persons who buy and/or sell dogs on a commercial basis for research, teaching, exhibition (NOT including dog shows, field trials, etc), hunting, breeding, security and as pets.

**WHO ADMINISTERS THE AWA, AND HOW IS IT ADMINISTERED?** The AWA is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Persons who buy or sell dogs on a commercial basis are called "dealers" and are required to obtain a license from the USDA, comply with the USDA's standards ... submit to regular inspection of their facilities, and keep certain records.

**WHO IS CURRENTLY EXEMPT FROM THE AWA?** Under current law, all persons who buy or sell or negotiate the purchase or sale of any dogs for research, teaching, exhibition, hunting, breeding, security or as a pet are covered except retail pet stores.

**AREN'T HOBBY BREEDERS ... EXEMPT ALSO UNDER CURRENT LAW?** No. Only retail pet stores are exempt under the Act. However, in administering the Act, the USDA has, by regulation, considered all persons who sell dogs only at retail to be "retail pet stores", and therefore has not required them to be licensed.

**WHY WERE RETAIL PET STORES EXEMPT FROM THE AWA?** Congress didn't explicitly give a reason, but over the years the interpretation has been that customers can see for themselves the conditions under which the puppies they are purchasing at the retail pet store are being kept, and it is not necessary for the federal government to inspect them also. The same rationale supports the exemption of small hobby breeders who raise and sell puppies out of their own homes or kennels. On the other hand, the public has no knowledge of the care and condition of dogs in commercial breeding facilities who supply retail pet stores, nor who import or breed and market dogs over the internet or through mass media advertising.

**WHY WAS PAWS PROPOSED?** PAWS was proposed to effectuate the original purpose of the AWA in a changing marketplace for dogs and to strengthen the ability of the USDA to enforce the AWA.

### **WHAT ARE THE SIGNIFICANT PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATION?**

"Breeders" who sell puppies bred or raised on their own premises and whelp 6 or fewer litters a year and do not sell puppies for resale will be exempt. Additionally, persons who sell 25 or fewer dogs a year are exempt. ... The bill continues the existing exemption for retail pet stores, but narrows the definition of this term to exclude breeding establishments.

**AREN'T HOBBY BREEDERS ALREADY EXEMPT IN THE AWA?** There is no exemption in current law for hobby breeders. Hobby breeders are exempt only because the USDA has chosen to classify them as "retail pet stores."

**WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL EFFECT ON RESCUE GROUPS?** This bill will not regulate any entity that does not intend to make compensation or profit from the sale of dogs.



## Keep Your Pets Safe this Summer - Hints from the ASPCA

For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with your good friends and family—including the four-legged members of the household.

While it may seem like a great idea to reward Rover with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch fireworks, in reality some festive foods and products can be potentially hazardous to your pets. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips

- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.
- Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach. Certain types of matches, for example, contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing.
- Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give them severe indigestion and diarrhea. And keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes & raisins, salt and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.
- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, so please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities. Instead, keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.

For more tips on how to keep your animal companions safe and sound this upcoming Independence Day weekend, please visit ASPCA online.

### More Designer Breeds?

- Labrador Retriever x Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat retriever, the obvious choice of scientists.
- Terrier x Bulldog = Terribull, a dog that makes some awful choices (another failed experiment).
- Deerhound x Terrier = Derriere, this one is loyal to the end.

Summer's here, the time of the year when the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) handles many requests from pet owners seeking information about safe garden and yard care. Would you know what to do, for example, if you thought that your pet ate a poisonous plant or mushroom?

"If you think that your animal has ingested a poisonous plant, contact your veterinarian immediately," says the APCC's Dana Farbman, CVT. "If the exact species is not known, it's advised to bring part of the plant to a nursery for identification." Symptoms of poisonings can include almost any clinical sign—and may first appear anywhere from several hours to several days after ingestion! (Special note If you think that your pet has eaten a poisonous mushroom, the APCC recommends that you ALWAYS assume it is highly toxic until positively identified by a mycologist.)

And remember, it's not always what's *in* your yard that can cause a problem, but what's *on* it. "If you treat your yard with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides, make sure your pets do not go on your lawn or garden until the time listed on the label by the manufacturer," cautions Farbman. APCC offers additional tips to keep your pets safe from fertilizers and pesticides

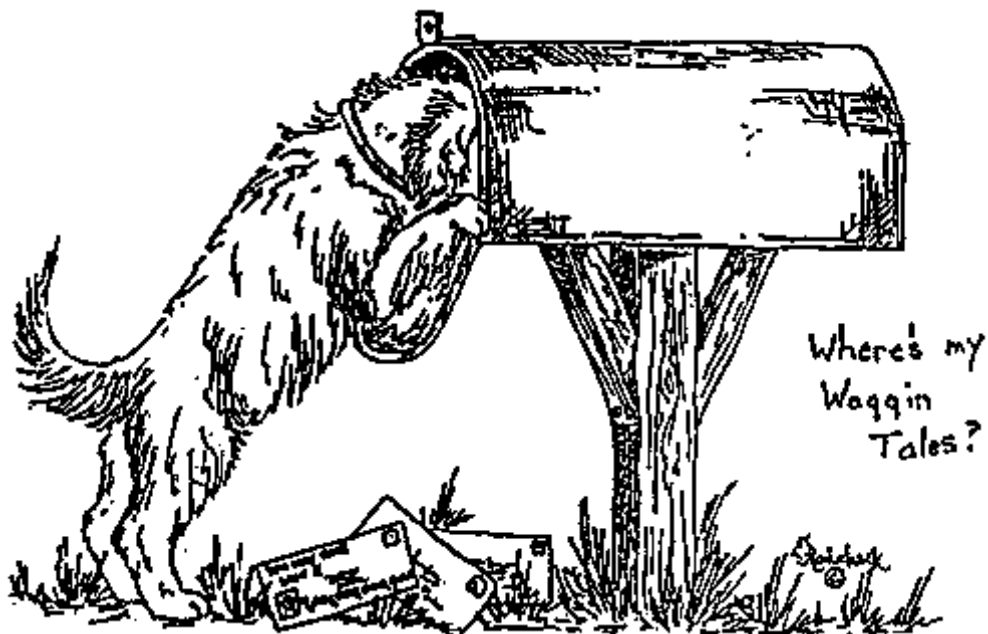
- Always store fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides in areas that are inaccessible to pets. Read the label carefully for proper usage and storage.
- If you are uncertain about the usage of a product, contact the manufacturer for clarification before using it.
- The most dangerous forms of pesticides include snail bait containing metaldehyde, fly bait containing methomyl, systemic insecticides containing disyston and disulfoton, and most forms of rat poisons.

For more tips on poison prevention, including a list of common garden plants that are toxic to pets, please visit [ASPCA.org](http://ASPCA.org).



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**July 2005**

3	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
7	Thursday	Regular Training
12	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training
21	Thursday	<b>No Classes</b> Kane County Fair
28	Thursday	Regular Training

**August 2005**

3	Wednesday	Board Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	<b>Tuesday</b>	Regular Training Start Session 4
18	Thursday	Regular Training
25	Thursday	Regular Training