Waggin' Tales

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2005 Tracking Trial Report Francene Andresen, Tracking Chairperson

The weather this year was about as good as we could ask for in many ways. Given the summer we have had, the clouds and rain brought the type of relief ideal for tracking.

On Saturday, it was overcast and cool. The forecast was for rain to come in the afternoon and it was correct. Plotting the TDX tracks had been completed and the tracklayers had, for the most part, been able to re-walk their tracks before breaking for lunch. About 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., just as lunch was ending, the sprinkles started and everyone scurried to get back out to the fields to plot the TD tracks. It was a semi-race against the rain. The rain won. The judges and tracklayers plotted and laid the tracks in the rain and everyone got soaked. The arrival of thunder and lightening brought concern to me, with the thought of needing to get folks off the field and out of the woods. Trackers, however, are a hearty group and not faint of heart so they kept on "tracking" until the end.

Trial Day, Sunday, continued to be overcast and again the forecast had a potential for rain. There was an increase in humidity and it was cool. Although the clouds were welcomed to help keep the dogs cool, I was hoping the rain would hold off long enough to get the trial finished. We almost made it, but the last team did endure rainy conditions, even though it was a brief downpour.

The judges for our trial, Donna Kircher and Pam German, did a superb job plotting the tracks on Saturday and keeping things "on track" Sunday. We had a total of 8 tracks. There were 4 TD (tracking dog) tracks and 4 TDX (tracking dog excellent) tracks. All the teams were prepared and worked well.

I am proud to announce that 7 out of the 8 dogs passed their tests. Three TD dogs and 4 TDX dogs passed. It was exciting to hear a voice come over

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Things to Remember: Obedience Trial – November 13 Jan Schomer

For those of you that have offered to steward and table steward at our November Obedience Trial, Please arrive between 7:00am & 7:15am. Novice A will follow Novice B, so please arrive on time.

Your food is FREE so arrive ahead of time to get your energy.

Chair/Committee people:

Please don't forget to send or email me your workers. There's been a lot of things going on at the club and it's not possible to keep track of everything. So don't forget to send me your workers list.



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Tracking Trial Report

the walkie-talkie or telephone, informing those of us not on the field that one after another had passed. I was told the one dog that did not pass had worked well. Apparently he indicated the turn, but the handler thought the dog was wrong and did not encourage him and he ended up taking a deer path instead, causing the team to fail.

Congratulations to the New (TD) Tracking Dog title-holders:

Rosepoint Rave Reviews, TD, HIC (Rough Tricolor Collie) with Sylvia Schultz; Riverrun Absolute Optimist, TD (Otterhound) with Laura Kiedaisch; Sunshine Serenade, TD (West Highland Terrier) with Penny DuBernat.

Congratulations to the New (TDX) Tracking Dog Excellent title-holders:

Excalibur vom Landschaft, TD, TDX, HCT (German Shepherd Dog) with Amber Perri; Ch. Gooseberry's Tough Enough, TD, TDX, RN (Field Spaniel) with Terry Middleton; Ch. Phantom Wood Gorgeous Fred, TD, TDX, CD (Rottweiler) with Arnold Schmeichel; Nando Von Sontausen, TD, TDX (German Shepherd Dog, BiColor) with Dee Gajda.

This year, we had Betty Winthers, an AKC representative, from the state of Washington, in attendance for the weekend. She told us that this was The success of our trial is directly related to the the first test she had been at that all the TDX dogs had passed. Betty was here to evaluate and test 2 judging candidates. Jerry Lewis, a tracking dog (TD) judge from lowa, was tested to become a tracking dog excellent (TDX) judge. Donna Wielert, whose name you may recognize, was tested to become a tracking dog (TD) judge. All indications are that Jerry has achieved his goal and is looking toward higher goals in the near future, and that Donna will be approved as a TD judge. We are certainly looking forward to having Donna as a judge for our trials in

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the future; however, we will miss being able to have her as a tracklayer when she judges for us! CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CANDIDATES!!! We enjoyed sharing their good fortune this weekend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THIS TRIAL A SUCCESS. Below is the list of workers to whom I owe a debt of gratitude. I have indicated members and non-member of FVDTC for your information.

MEMBERS: Ingrid Hamburger-Chief Tracklayer and Food: Ed Herdes-Tracklaver and Assistant: Priscilla Pisarski-Food; and Cheryl Hettinger-Assistant; Linda Frary-Food and Assistant.

NON-MEMBERS: Greg Hettinger-Assisted Saturday; Paul Seppelfrick-Assistant; Donna Eichman-Desert and Assisted Sunday; Penny Kurtz-Tracklayer; Penny DuBernat-Tracklayer; Larry Bizdon-Tracklayer; Dianne Ing-Tracklayer; Chris Koth-Tracklayer; and Jeff Beatty-Tracklayer.

Thank you, Sylvia, for bringing the baked beans and desert. As always, they were a big hit. Thanks to Ingrid for working untiringly above and beyond the call of duty. I couldn't do this without you.

generosity of all the people listed above. None of the volunteers are paid. These people give an entire weekend of their time to help our club make this trial happen. Many drive long distances (up to 50 miles one way) to help us. Saturday, they arrived at 8 a.m. and we did not get done until 4 p.m. Sunday, our day started at 6:30 a.m. and finished early in the afternoon.

Thank you, everyone.

Lost – And Still Working on 'Found' Loretta Lazarra

Does anyone know the whereabouts of my CD 8X10 Portrait? Per Julie, the photographer, I was not at club the night she brought it, so she left it down there either with someone or with our paperwork. Black and White head shot – Shetland Sheepdog. Any information would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Loretta Lazzara (7 pm Open Run Thru Class instructor) (630) 762 1772 driftwoodsheltys@aol.com

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB 6:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE 7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU 8:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE 9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE **KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** 1 6:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE
1 7:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU
8:00 – UTILITY RUN THRU
9:00 – UTILITY PRACTICE RING #5 RING #4 6:00 – OPEN PRACTICE 7:00 – OPEN RUN THRU 8:00 – OPEN CLASS 9:00 – OPEN PRACTICE 7:00 - RING READY CLASS 8:00 - CONFORMATION 9:00 - NOVICE PRACTICE RING #3 6:00 - NOVICE PRACTICE RING #6 6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 8:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE **RING #2** NOTE! ALL GUEST TRAINERS MUST REGISTER 6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – PUPPY CLASS 8:00 – PUPPY CLASS 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE RING #7 **AT THE INFORMATION DESK** 6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS 8:00 – ADV. BEGINNERS 9:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE RING #1 6:00 – NOVICE PRACTICE 7:00 – BEGINNER CLASS 8:00 – BEGINNER CLASS 9:00 – BEGINNER CLASS RING #8

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2005 RING LAYOUT

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Louisiana Rescue Nadine Conner

A happy note to all. We brought back a total of 16 dogs from Louisiana 20 days ago. Just 2 weeks ago the public had the opportunity to meet them. We had 5 foster failures. Foster failing is a wonderful thing: the foster home has fallen in love with the dog and won't give it up, they adopt it. A foster failure. Then 9 more dogs were adopted out. All of the homes are very happy with their new additions. There are only 2 dogs left.

Tulip- a 1 year old girl who looks just like a mini german shepard, if there was such a thing. She needs a firm hand and an experience owner. She is feisty, friendly, very energetic and plays catch. No one ever took the time to teach her manners. She is very responsive to correction and love and learns quickly. There is a world of difference in her in just a week. She is housebroken and crate trained. Of course, healthy and fixed.

Harry-now named Lucky. I figure he deserves that name because he is darn lucky that we pulled him out of that shelter or he would have been put down. He was heartworm positive (not unusual for dogs from that area, 5 out of the 16 were), he also has some things going on with his back legs. After x-rays, Doc feels that either he had both legs broken as a pup and they are healed just a little whompis or he may have bone cancer in both legs. Doc feels that it is pretty unlikely that its cancer in both legs. So we have our fingers crossed. Lucky is about 2 and wasn't housebroken when I got him. He is now crate trained and loves his crate and nearly house broken. No accidents for days now. He will not be neutered until his heartworm is treated completely. He smiles and is one of the most loving dogs I've ever met.

Both of these dogs are being fostered with me. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact me. Feel free to forward this on to them. A side note: both dogs get a little upset and need hugs when there are storms. I think the winds brings back some bad memories for them.

Thank all of you for your prayers, good thoughts, donations and time with the Katrina dogs. They thank you, they are in happy healthy loving homes. We will be returning to the New Orleans area on Oct. 17 to bring more dogs back for adoption. If interested in donating, fostering or adopting then, please call me

Nadine Conner (630) 772-1396

Positively Speaking (Part 3) William Short

There are two very good articles by Kellie Snider, Editor of Behavior Logic Ezine at http://www.behaviorlogic.com/id107.html. The title of the first is "You Might Not Be a Positive Trainer If...." and the other is "Aversives in Nature." They are well-written and very much worth your time reading them. Some of the ideas from her articles are mentioned in the following.

If you are working toward becoming a positive trainer, there are several things that you can ask yourself and several things that you can do to make the transition. Sometimes the transition can be a little unnerving,

Brag Francene Andresen

New Title Plus

Sonnenschein Dazzlin Krista, CD, CGC, TDI

Handler: Francene Andresen

Giant Schnauzer National Specialty First Place Novice B High in Trial

Giant Schnauzer Western Specialty Fourth Place All Breed Novice B

High Scoring Giant Schnauzer

Evergreen Colorado Dog Club Supported Entry Second Place All Breed Novice B High Scoring Giant Schnauzer

Krista made us extremely proud and exceeded all our expectations

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Speaking Positively (Part 3)

because if you have made the commitment to become not toss noisy objects at them, I do not use electricity, more positive and you run into a problem, you may be torn between figuring out a positive solution or reverting to the easier punishment method. Kellie Snider states in her article mentioned above "Trainers who are not good at shaping behavior use punishment." Please consider the following ideas as ways to help bridge the gap between using punishment as a training method and the use of positive reinforcement.

If you have and use either a pinch collar or a slip collar, consider scrapping both and using a plain buckle collar. Now if a buckle collar alone is a little intimidating for you, consider the use of some other aids: Gentle Leader (fits on the dog's snout and acts like power steering), Gentle Leader/Gentle Walker (is like a harness that has a lead attachment at the dog's chest that stops him from pulling with absolutely no additional correction from you-it works like a charm), the two 6' lead method (1 goes around your front, the other around your back, and are held with the right hand), the one 6'lead method (like the previous, but the 1 lead is slipped through the collar and attached to itself and is around your body, again held by your right hand). My personal preference is for the buckle collar only, but if I felt the need, I would use a Gentle Walker for a while. And of course there would be an endless supply of cookies. Patty Ruzzo stated several times in her seminar that I attended in March that "If you have a problem, put a cookie on it." My dogs are so grateful that they get far more cookies than they ever did when I trained in my pop/jerk/maybe give him a cookie mode. They are much happier.

If the word "No" is in your vocabulary constantly while training, consider trying to simply do without it and eventually eliminate it from your vocabulary when you are with your dog. At the very least save its use for something really serious like stealing food from your counter, but don't use it if he makes a training error. It's a hard sounding word, and I believe that it has a negative effect upon your dog. Rather than using "no" try "oops," "try it again," or say nothing at all. You'd be surprised how easy it is to stop verbally nagging after a while. At any dog show you can hear handlers constantly saying "no," "no sniff," "get off," etc. to their dogs when a simple request for attention can become an opportunity for some positive reinforcement.

When I am working with my dogs, I no longer think about how I would use an aversive if one of my dogs makes an error. I do not use collar corrections, I do

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and I do not squirt stuff at them. I think of ways that I can communicate with my dogs to get them to do what I am asking them to do because they are interested, want to do the work, and get the cookie. I am able to go back and work to shape a new behavior one small step at a time until my dogs are comfortable with each new part. Kellie Snider also has stated, "If you don't have the skills to train without a prong collar (substitute "aversive"), that is understandable and means that you have some learning to do.........how exciting! If you know other ways and just choose to use a prong collar, that's just mean. Look at your friend at the end of that leash and see if that's someone you want to treat that way."

I have been to many obedience, agility, and conformation events over the years and I continue to be amazed at the numbers of dogs who are stressed by their handlers or are simply just hurt by the very people who claim to love them. I think that the most common error made by dog owners is the immediate punishment of their dog if he makes the slightest growl, lip curl, or movement toward another dog. All the dog is telling them is that he is not safe, and if you don't help out, he will take care of the situation. Well, what do many people do? They scream "NO," pop/jerk their dog, maybe toss him to the ground and pin him there, or some other equally inappropriate response. By doing these things, an owner is telling his dog to not provide any danger signal at all, just act, and that his own person is not safe. As an owner, you are possibly inviting your dog to bite you or someone else by doing these things. If you simply redirect your dog's attention to you and provide him with a treat, he's going to be far happier and more eager to focus on you than on others in his environment. "Punishment creates a behavior void." (Kellie Snider) This void can be the toll that one might pay for driving down that road.

People use aversives in training because they can. I am a believer that positive reinforcement and negative punishment can do the same job in a much more humane and responsible way. If trainers can train killer whales, dolphins, chickens, rats, cats, etc. without punishment, then we can probably train our dogs the very same way with the same positive results. It may not be easier or faster, but the relationship building that happens between you and your dog will certainly be something that will make you very proud.

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Membership Report Sue MacPherson

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Membership Meeting Highlights **Carolyn Pearson, Secretary**

Membership Meeting Highlights October 5, 2005

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

Program

Helen Castellano introduced Dr. Kary Kobus, who spoke about canine athletes.

Opening Statement

statements.

- The September Waggin' Tales was late at his request. He asked Sandy to hold it until the board could get something cleared up and an announcement put into place.
- As he looked through the Waggin' Tales he saw • the following.
- A letter to the president praising one of our instructors for going above and beyond the usual in being helpful – congratulations Carolyn.
- Six new CGC recipients
- Congratulations to Helen and her team.
- Pictures from a fun Pool party thanks to Carolyn any opposition or abstentions. and Peggy Sue for spearheading the event.
- and all who helped.
- A member who just returned from helping vou to Nadine Conner.
 - Tales, the Tracking Test went off without a who helped.

This is an indication of all the good things that club members can accomplish when they set their minds to it. Good job, congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September Meeting minutes were approved with the correction of the Tracking tests dates as September 24th and 25th, not 25th and 26th.

Dave opened the meeting with the following Amy Ford (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent the following report:

- \$50.00 was donated to the Katrina Relief via AKC per last month's membership meeting approval.
- She is still receiving final bills/checks for the two September trials. Her goal is to have preliminary numbers available at the November's membership meeting.

Will Short made a motion to send an additional \$150.00 to the AKC/CAR Hurricane Katrina Relief A report on a "smooth and efficient" agility trial. fund from the club. The motion was seconded by Taffy Wille. The motion was approved by all, without It was also announced that the Good As Gold golden retriever Pictures from Fido Fest – thanks to Barb Misch rescue donated \$1,500.00 to the rescue effort. Kathy Busch stated that she would put a donation collection "bucket" at the raffle table at the obedience trial. stranded pets in the New Orleans area - thank Carolyn Pearson also stated that anyone who wished to donate money can do so at training but leaving Although it did not make it into the Waggin' cash or check with the person at the front table and getting a receipt stating "for Hurricane Katrina Relief hitch - thank you Francene Andresen and all fund". That would allow the money to be kept separate from the guest training receipts

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Dave stated that according to the by-laws, the president can appoint a replacement for elected positions after September 30. Dave stated that he appointed Sandi Stephenson as Director of Training (DOT). As such, she will have "complete charge of all training activities" from now until the end of the year. She can be reached at (630) 231-8828 or at dot@fvdtc.org.

Dave stated that as the Assistant Director of Training three new lifetime members as of this month. (ADOT) is not an elected position, so he could not appoint a replacement ADOT. However several Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairpers members have already volunteered to help in an unofficial capacity.

Dave also stated that as of October 1, he is appointing himself as the Waggin' Tales Editor. As the new editor, Dave stated that the next deadline is Sunday, October 9^{th} .

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that Jan Schomer still needs stewards. He asked that everyone including class instructors to spread the word. In response to Terri Byerly's question, Will stated that a written description of the stewarding jobs was not available.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that as of today, she has received the following entries and, for comparison, provided the 2003 values.

Class	Limits	Entries	2003
Novice A	72	7	4
Novice B	12	24	34
Open A	64	26	37
Open B	64	64	56
Utility A	56	22	35
Utility B	56	50	48
Totals	312	193	214

Taffy stated that the Novice classes are low. There does appear to be a trend of combining the Novice A and B classes. Taffy also stated that perhaps we might think about combining the Open A and Utility A classes with the same judge. Will confirmed that this can be done according to AKC regulations. It was reported that the Car-Dun-AI entries are even lower than ours. It was also reported that agility trial entries

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have also been decreasing. Helen suggested that the Obedience trials that are hosting Rally trials appeared to be drawing entries.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of three new applicants as published in the Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present. Taffy made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Francene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions. Sue also announced that there were three new lifetime members as of this month.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the tracking test was extremely successful, with seven of the eight teams passing. All four of the TDX teams passed and three of the four TD teams passed. Unfortunately the one TD that did not pass was due to an error caused by an inexperienced handler. Francene also reported that Arnold Schimichael, who regularly enters the FVDTC Tracking Tests, passed the test with his Rottweiler and two weeks later passed a VST test with a Chihuahua.

Francene announced that the dates for the 2006 Test would be the weekend of September 9^{th} and 10^{th} , although no judges have been contracted.

Public Education Coordinator – Barb Misch

Barb was not in attendance due to her workload, but sent the following report: the Woof-line is up-to-date.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the September Agility trial went well, the weather was nice and there were plenty of workers, although it did not fill. According to her estimates, the trial made approximately \$4,200.00. Helen reported that the rent for Mike Bond's place is \$1,200.00, which includes the location, equipment and the necessary facilities. Helen stated that one of the reasons the committee is investigating other sites is that at some time in the near future, the road in front of Creekwood Meadows will be under construction. However, the finalized plans will not be known prior to December. The following locations are being investigated for suitability for the September 16 and 17, 2006 Agility Trial.

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- The land around the DuPage Expo Center, near cowboy theme. Pheasant Run. This was ruled out due to the poor conditions of the grounds.
- . carpeting, is 25,000 sq. ft and would cost \$6,500.00 for the weekend.
- The fenced area at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Unfortunately, due to the construction plans for the fairgrounds, that area may or may not be under construction in September.
- The Vaughan Center in Aurora is 45,000 sg. ft. . and would cost \$5,280 for the weekend. Helen said that based on the size, it could potentially allow us to provide a third ring with another judge. The Vaughan Center is one guarter mile east of Orchard on Indian Trail.
- The Sportsplex does not have an available date in September; the next available 2006 date is December.
- Danada Forest Preserve is also being considered, however it was noted that the parking is difficult in dry conditions. But if it is raining, the parking is horrendous.

The September 2006 Agility Judges are June Ebert from Tampa, Florida and Laura English from Evansville, Indiana. Currently, there are no judges for the September 2007 trials.

Helen reported that the AKC paperwork for the April 2006 Indoor Agility Trial was submitted on time. The April 2006 judges are Jana Brady from Memphis, Tennessee and Suzi Bluford from Carmel, California. Currently she has one signed contract. The committee is in need of many volunteers especially as committee chairs for the following committees: Friday night set-up, Saturday and Sunday Workers, Hospitality, Prizes and Ribbons. Helen stated that she is also considering a random draw and allow 35 entries for the Standard classes, 30 for the Jumper classes. Individuals who participate in the random draw agree to work at the trial to guarantee an entry into the trial. Peggy Sue Seehafer volunteered to help Helen Castellano.

Carolyn Pearson (Annual Dinner Chairperson). Dave announced that Carolyn volunteered to be the Annual Dinner Chairperson. Sue MacPherson, Francene Andresen and Ingrid Hamburger volunteered to assist Carolyn. Sue MacPherson suggested that we do a

Kathy & Joe Busch (Fundraising). Kathy reported that The interior of the DuPage Expo Center, on as of tonight, there were seven individuals signed up for the October 15th Candlelight Bowl. She also is discussing the fundraising gift wrapping with the Barnes & Noble store in Geneva. Kathy will be needing volunteers for the following dates for the gift wrapping event: December 17th, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., December 22nd and 23rd, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and December 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Peggy Sue suggested that Barnes & Noble should consider coordinating with an author who writes children books about dogs to do a signing event while we are doing our gift wrapping.

> Kathy also stated that items for the obedience raffle can be dropped off at training. Helen stated that for past raffles, some items were donated as late as the morning of the trial. Items should be either new or in near new condition.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she needs volunteers to steward at the October 20th correction clinic.

Jan Schomer (Statistician) was not in attendance, but sent the following request: That the Agility and Tracking Chairs send to her their list of workers or committee people that worked at these events.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Priscilla as drawn by the ever energetic, Samantha Castellano.

Old Business

Property Report

Helen reported that she and Francene are trying to develop a business case for the leased property in Foundry Business Park. She stated that this effort requires help from other Board members or club members who volunteer. The Board members have compiled a list of minimum must-haves for the property. A special use permit is required by the City of St. Charles, approval time is approximately 90 days.

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Membership Meeting Highlights

Membership Review

Dave stated that thanks to Peggy Sue for sending lots of e-mails and making lots of phone calls, we have results from the survey of people who have left the club within the last year. The board is in the middle of discussing the results of the survey. A report will be forthcoming after the board • reviews the results.

• Updates to the By-Laws

- By-laws state: These By-Laws may be amended or appealed or new ones adopted at a meeting of the Club membership by twothirds vote of those present and voting. Members must be notified of the date(s) of the meeting and proposed changes in the By-Laws at least (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- We announced proposed changes at the September meeting and then published the proposed changes in the September Waggin' Tales. Dave stated that the published changes where slightly different than the changes passed out at the September meeting because he forgot to modify the section about the January election.
- There was no additional discussion. The bylaw changes were approved by all members voting, without any opposition or abstentions.

New Business

• Director-at-Large

Dave stated that as he now holds two board positions, we can add another director at large, but he does not have anybody in mind at this point. The new director-at-large would be appointed by the President.

• Fight Against Breed Specific Legislation

Peggy Sue Seehafer asked for the membership's permission to use the Fox Valley Dog Training Club's name in the fight against breed specific laws that are becoming widespread. Francene made a motion that Peggy Sue Seehafer acts as a representative of Fox Valley in the fight against breed specific laws. Ed Herdes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members voting, without any opposition or abstentions.

Clothing with Club Logo

The idea of logo'd clothing was addressed. The Board had originally discussed the topic at the August Board meeting and Cindy and Priscilla were to investigate shirts with our logo embroidered on it. Kathy Busch suggested that we investigate shirts stating "I train my dogs at FVDTC". Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that she would look into whether we need a resale number for the products that we sell at training.

Pet First Aid/CPR Class

Helen Castellano stated that she spoke with Ron at the Red Cross office in St. Charles regarding a Pet First Aid/CPR class. The 4-hour class is \$40.00 per person and is limited to 10 students. When Peggy Sue presented our gift of the canine CPR masks to the Elburn Fire Department, they asked whether they could participate in any future CPR class, that the club is involved. The Red Cross would offer a discount to the Fire Department members and would incorporate the use of the mask into the course. Although the Red Cross is currently very busy with the recovery efforts for the Katrina hurricane, they would be able to offer these classes on Saturdays or Sundays, starting in January. They also stated that it might be possible to conduct multiple courses for us over one weekend, for example, two on Saturday and two on Sunday.

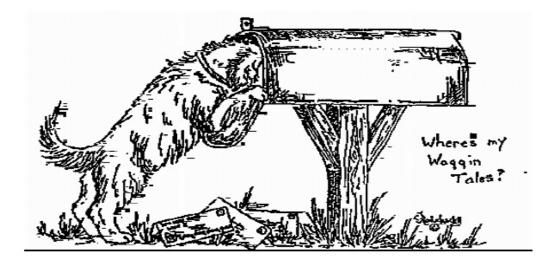
Margi Stuessy took the class recently, and will be asked if she would be willing to provide a demonstration at a club meeting to see if club members would be interested in signing up for the class.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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October 2005

Membership Meeting 5 Wednesday Thursday **Regular** Training 6 9 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline 11 Tuesday **Regular** Training End of Session 4 Saturday Candlelight Bowl 15 Correction Clinic Thursday 20 Thursday **Regular** Training 27 Begin Session 5

November 2005

- 2 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 3 Thursday Regular Training
- 8 Tuesday Regular Training
- 13 Sunday Obedience Trial
- 17 Thursday Regular Training
- 20 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 22 Tuesday Regular Training