



Waggin' Tales

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A well-trained dog is a happy dog!

Get ready to watch dogs fly

The air will hum with the pent-up energy of dogs and handlers, gathered from across Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana. From Papillons to Great Danes the dogs will be ready to run, jump and weave. No wonder agility is the fastest growing dog sport in the United States!

Fox Valley Dog Training Club hosts an American Kennel Club Agility Trial beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, 2006. (Remember – set-up for all you fabulous volunteers is March 31st). Admission is free and a food vendor will be on hand.

The indoor trial will be held at the Sportsplex, 1400 Foundry Street in St. Charles (at the intersection of Dean and Randall, go east on Dean). With a capacity of 600 runs per day there will be more than 300 dogs competing each day.

In an agility trial, dogs and handlers run a course of varying types of obstacles including jumps and tunnels. The runs are timed but precision is also important and the pressure is on for both dogs and handlers. Dogs need to pay close attention to the handler to negotiate the course.

The event begins at 8 a.m. and, according to Helen Castellano, Agility Trial Chair, the top dogs usually run early. Still, anyone arriving between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. can expect a good show.

Because this is an AKC endorsed event, entrants will compete for placements, agility titles and points toward advanced agility titles. An AKC representative is expected to attend.

Fox Valley Dog Training Club members will be competing as well as running the show.

So encourage your friends and neighbors to come out for a great time. If they are new to



Photo by Tammy Fanter of Helen Castellano's 10-year-old English Springer Spaniel, Jesse

agility, do tell them:

1. To not pet any dog without asking permission first from the handler.
2. That the handlers are a wealth of information about the breed.
3. And, for safety's sake, to avoid the ring entrance/exit because the dogs are running at full speed.

Instructors address collars at first meeting

Sandi Stephenson, Director of Training

We had our first Instructor's meeting of the year on Tuesday, Feb. 28th. I want to thank all the instructors for taking yet more time from their personal lives and busy schedules for our club.

There were just a few topics to cover, and we seem to be mostly on the same page.

Sandy Davis shared a hand-out she uses with her students that covers all the different collar and leash types. It seems very helpful to students trying to make good equipment choices for their dog.

We will continue to distribute the collars that the club has on hand until the supply dwindles. As we run out, we will probably stop offering them because fittings can be very time consuming. We also agreed that these collars are only appropriate for a few of the dogs, while our instructors are well versed in the proper use of all collar types. The instructors will ensure that their students know how to use them as well.

We discussed trying to end classes a bit earlier to allow time for the next class to get in the ring. We felt it would be safer, and hopefully avoid some of the "traffic jams" in the aisles, as one class starts at the same time another ends. Other subjects were addressed and time went by all too quickly. We'll try to schedule another meeting later in the year.

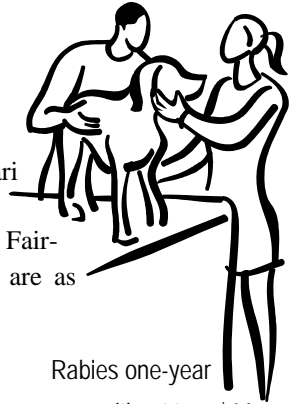
Again, my thanks to all for coming and sharing your thoughts and ideas. **There would be no FVDTC** for the rest of us to train at without your generous help every week. You are a truly great group of volunteers, and we are all so fortunate to have you.

Obedience trials are a sport, and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and out of the ring.

American Kennel Club

Wellness Clinic Set for April 4th

Fox Valley Dog Training Club and Dr. Kari Kobus, of the Elburn Animal Hospital, are sponsoring a Wellness Clinic at the Kane County Fairgrounds (Training Building). Fees for services are as follows:



Avid Chip \$30	Heartworm Test	Rabies one-year
Bordetella \$16	(antigen test) \$15	without tag \$16
Canine Vaccine	Lepto \$15	Rabies three-year
Titer \$68	Lymes Vaccination \$22	With tag* \$44
Corona \$15	Rabies one-year	Rabies three-year
DHLPP \$20	with tag* \$24	Without tag \$26
DHLPPC \$22		Three-year booster
Fecal Check \$15	* tags for Kane County	\$26

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

To schedule an appointment, contact the Elburn Animal Hospital at 630-365-9599.

Growing hazard in America's medicine chest

In recent years, medical science has gained a better understanding of depression and other behavioral health issues in humans as well as animals. Because of this more people—and pets—are getting help from prescription antidepressant medications. Conversely, there has also been a rise in the number of accidental animal exposures to these drugs, including:

- Tricyclic Antidepressants, used to treat depression, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive and other disorders.
- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, used to treat anxiety, depression and other disorders in humans, as well as aggression and anxiety in dogs.
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs), used to treat depression, anxiety and phobias in humans, and cognitive dysfunction and adrenal gland disorders in dogs.

As with most medications, an antidepressant overdose in animals is usually accidental. Depending on the dose involved, common effects include lethargy, vomiting and diarrhea. Agitation, abnormalities in blood pressure and heart rate, and coma are also possible. These signs can develop quickly—often within 30 minutes of ingestion—so veterinary care should be sought immediately.

Source: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

March Membership Meeting

Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

The meeting was brought to order at 7:34 p.m. with a presentation by **Sgt. Thomas Shaw**, St. Charles Police Dept., and his canine partner, Lars. They are the only K-9 unit in the St. Charles Police Dept. Sgt. Shaw stated that the dogs are obtained from various kennels and the handlers have a choice of where to obtain their dogs.

The dogs receive training prior to being partnered. Once the partnership is created, training continues for another six weeks. A modular method of training is used. This allows the dogs to learn their jobs step-by-step. Sgt. Shaw said he applied to become part of a K-9 team to continue his quest to 'make a difference' in the community.

Lars is able to search for drugs, people, bombs, etc., and has his own bulletproof vest. The demonstration included locating narcotics that had been hidden in a drawer before Lars came into the building. Sgt. Shaw explained that drugs must 'cook' to allow the odor to spread. When Lars was given the command to search, he immediately went to the drawer and opened it. He immediately received a jute stick for his reward. Due to liability issues, dogs are not allowed to sniff people for drugs.

The team does searches in the school looking for drugs, while the students are on a lock-down. Sgt. Shaw said these searches are used to detect and deter drugs. He explained that the searches tend to deter students who are undecided about using drugs because they know that Lars will be able to detect any drugs in their lockers.

Sgt. Shaw said that he and Lars were involved in the Halloween shooting and in the search for a woman who was missing after abandoning her car in a farm field.

Sgt. Shaw and Lars concluded with a bite demonstration with the help of a fellow St. Charles Police officer.

Carolyn Pearson, Secretary. The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items were read.

Sandi Stephenson, Director of Training, made a motion to approve **Loretta Lazzara** as

Welcome New Members:

Pam Harmon &
Joshua Samuels 307
Jewel Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174



Labradoodle
Completed Beginners
Class

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Kuvasz
Completed
Beginners Class



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German Shorthair
Pointer
Guest Trained
5x

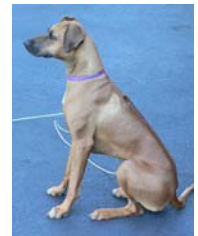
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Irish Setter &
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Completed
Beginners Class

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Rhodesian
Ridgeback
Guest Trained
5x



Assistant Director of Training. Bill Clarke seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Terri Byerly, Second Vice-President, reminded members, to check the bulletin board each week at training. The information posted on it changes weekly. Terri stated that the following guest speakers are scheduled for membership meetings.

May 3rd – Canine Companions for Independence

September 6th – A pet massage therapist

Terri also reminded everyone to remember not to park on the road that parallels the building; please park in the parking lot in the gravel.

Club to offer Red Cross pet first-aid class

The Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross will provide a Pet First-Aid Class to FVDTC members on May 20th. This is a terrific opportunity to learn or brush up on your knowledge of skills that could one day help save your dog's life or limb. The class will cover:

- Recognizing an emergency
- Approaching a sick or injured animal
- Treating emergencies requiring immediate attention
- Performing CPR and first-aid
- Stocking a first-aid kit
- Participants will also receive the 128 page American Red Cross First-Aid Book

Register Early.

Class size will be limited to 10 people, although we do have the option to add a second class if the number of registrants warrants.

Class held at Fox River American Red Cross Chapter offices
121 N. Second Street
St. Charles
Saturday May 20th
8:00 am - Noon
\$40.00 due with registration

To Register, call Terri Byerly
(630-553-2363) or email her at:
terribyerly@aol.com



FV supports IKC Cluster of Dog Shows

Once again, Fox Valley Dog Training Club members volunteered to help ensure the smooth running of the Blackhawk Kennel Club and International Kennel Club (IKC) Cluster of Dog Shows, February 24-27, at McCormick Place, Chicago. **Bill Clarke** recruited and organized our members who served as ring stewards. Bill also worked all four days of the event. Other volunteers included, **Mary Bradley** (2 days), **Cheryl Hettinger** (1 day) and **Anne Stuessy** (1 day).

The event is one of two benched AKC Dog Shows that the IKC of Chicago hosts per year. Several members of FVDTC were among the 75 competitors and 85 entries in Obedience; 2499 competitors and 2869 entries in All Breed. FVDTC members competed, earning experience, points and titles. Several of the contestants also attended Fox Valley Dog Training Club's Match Nights to condition their dogs for these and other upcoming Spring Trials.

Brag Corner

Congratulations to the following Club members and their dogs on the following terrific achievements!

- New Canadian Companion Dog Title: **Francene Andresen** and "Krista," Sonnenschein Dazzlin Krista, Amer/Can CD, CGC, TDI, went to Canada, February 18-19 to compete in four shows. Krista qualified in all four and came home with two (2) second place finishes, one (1) fourth place finish and high qualifying Schnauzer.
- **Bill Clarke** reports that "Abbey," the Brittany he raised, got first in the Open Bitch Class and also took Winners Bitch on Sunday at the International Kennel Club Show. It's her first point toward her championship title.
- "Britt" Bill's eight-year-old Brittany was awarded the title "Therapy Dogs International Active Volunteer" on March 3rd, for accumulating 50 or more therapy visits. Her titles are CDX, JH (Junior Hunter) and now TDIA. The next title is given when a total of 150 or more therapy visits are completed.
- **Jim Comunale** reports that "Revy" (Golden Retriever) Shoreland's Rev'er Up, UDX earned OTCH.
- **Taffe Wille** said that, "after showing in the four-day weekend show in Chicago, "Payton" Dreams Remembering Sweetness, CGC added 9 points and 2 majors (including Winner's Dog at the English Springer Spaniel specialty). Only 5 more points to go. His handler, Robin Novack, did a wonderful job with his trim and although he was a handful for her assistant in the ring, they were able to pull off something I could never have done. I was shaking badly enough outside of the ring. I look forward to continuing to learn how to handle in the ring and gain confidence. I appreciate all the wonderful support and encouragement from all the club members."

It's not personal; it's a warning

Will Short, Instructor

I see it happening all of the time at obedience trials, agility trials, conformation shows, training and other place dogs and handlers are together. A dog growls or lunges and snaps at a passing dog, and the handler yells, then pops/jerks his dog. He might then shake him to enforce the idea that the dog erred big time, or jerk him again and finally yell, "No!" to really drive home the message.

By now, the dog probably feels that not only is he unsafe because of the approaching dog (or whatever he has issues with), but also because his person has become someone to fear because of the aversive reactions. Not only did he not protect his dog from what concerns him, he hurt his dog.

Pamela Dennison, in her book, Bringing Light to Shadow, (Dogwise Publishing, October 30, 2004), addresses this problem quite well. She writes, "A growl is a warning—nothing more. It is very important not to punish the growl out

of a dog because if you do, you end up with a flash biter—a dog that bites with no warning. A growling dog doesn't want to bite—that's why he is growling. Punishing the growl of a dog is like telling a police officer that he doesn't have to say, 'Stop or I'll shoot.' A growl is a wake-up call to YOU, to show you that you need to work on desensitizing your dog to whatever it is that he growled at. The important part is to not take it personally, a "How dare you growl at me!" kind of attitude."

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In my opinion, if you react by yelling and jerking what you are really trying to do is assure the other dog's handler that your dog was wrong and you are handling it. You are asserting your dominance, power and control, while hoping and believing that what you have done is right and will correct the situation. Unfortunately, it is neither right nor will it correct the situation because you have not dealt with the issues that caused your dog to react that way. Of course, if this happened to you and your dog, wouldn't you want to take immediate disciplinary action against your dog so that you are able to show others that you

are the one in charge? Ka-ching, ka-ching, I can hear your dog's tolerance register ringing.

Instead of punishing your dog, you need to find a way to convey to him that you will protect him and do so in a way that does not reinforce the negative growling/lunging behavior. One method would be to immediately remove him from the situation and ask him to do something for which you can reward him. You may even need to step in front of your dog to break his eye contact with the other dog. Then, it's time to begin desensitizing your dog to whatever it is that is causing him stress.

From the Editor's End of the Couch

Anne Stuessy, Editor

This month I'd like to share a tip with other members who, like me, are relatively new to obedience. Sign up to be a ring steward.

I know, I know. You're thinking you don't know enough yet to possibly work in an obedience ring. But hear me out—that's exactly why now is the perfect time to get in the ring.

Why? Two reasons.

The first, is because when you're that close to the competition you'll soon realize that you don't have to wait for your dog to be perfect to begin their competitive "career." It turns out they call it Novice for a reason. Working as a steward is a great way to become familiar with what will be asked of you and your dog and so is a great way to mentally prepare yourself for competition. If I had worked at a competition when Scout was still a puppy or in Beginners we would have been competing—and having fun at it—ages ago.

The second reason is because the time that you will get to spend with a judge and with other (experienced) ring stewards, as well as with the many competitors, will provide you a really excellent roadmap for the obedience path ahead.

When Scout and I graduated from Puppy Class, I could see how the lessons we learned served as building blocks for the Beginner Obedience lessons. When I worked as a steward in Open and Utility levels, other puzzle pieces fell into place and I could see how some of the lessons we've recently learned will need to be adapted to classes that are still ahead of us. I also realized, that if I had been smart enough to learn what is taught at the Open and Utility levels sooner, I would have done a few things differently in how I trained and rewarded Scout.

There are things I could have taught him more quickly because of his particular personality/interests; and there are other things I should have been eliminating before now.

So if you are new to obedience, or just have not tried working in the ring as a steward yet, give it a try. I bet you'll learn a thing or two and enjoy it as well. You can sign up to steward at the Welcome table on training nights.

As seen on the Internet...

As seen in a dog's diary...

7 a.m. - Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!
8 a.m. - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
9 a.m. - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
Noon - Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!
2 p.m. - Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
3 p.m. - Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
4 p.m. - Oh boy! Playing ball! My favorite!
6 p.m. - Oh boy! Mom's home! My favorite!
7 p.m. - Oh boy! Dad's home! My favorite!
8 p.m. - Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
9 p.m. - Oh boy! Tummy rubs! My favorite!
11 p.m. - Oh boy! Going to sleep in my people's bed! My favorite!

As seen in a cat's diary:

Day 183 of my captivity... My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from clawing the furniture. Tomorrow I may eat another house plant. Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded - must try this at the top of the stairs. Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body in an attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to strike fear in their hearts. They only cooed what a good little cat I was. They had some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the food. More important, I overheard that my confinement was due to my powers of inducing "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage. I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and may be snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait, it is only a matter of time...

Delnor opens its doors to therapy dogs

Delnor Hospital in Geneva has formed an advisory team to explore the different ways they might introduce therapy dogs to the hospital thanks, in part, to the persistent efforts of a couple Fox Valley members.

The effort began last November, when FV dogs Abby (with handler Terri Byerly) and Holly (with handler Sandy Davis) became eligible for Therapy Dog Certification through Therapy Dog International, Inc., and Terri and Sandy began scouting the area to find places for their dogs to visit. (Therapy Dog International requests documentation showing that both the handler and dog are out in the community within the first few months after becoming certified.)



Priscilla Pisarski's dog Abbey is one of six FVDTC dogs certified by Therapy Dogs International.

When they learned in late January that Delnor Hospital did not utilize therapy dogs but were

considering the possibility, Sandy contacted them. She provided them information on Therapy Dog International, and had a number of conversations about the idea and about area dogs and handlers who might be interested in participating. The result—Delnor became very interested in starting a program and has now formed an advisory team.

Currently, there are six TDI certified dogs from FVDTC whose handlers are interested in participating in a TDI program with Delnor Hospital. In addition to Abby and Holly, they include Tom Stephenson with his dog, Tease, Bill Clarke with his dog, Britt, and Priscilla Pisarski with her two dogs, Abbey and Hanna. If you have a TDI certified dog and are interested in the Delnor program, please email either Sandy at my2blondeogs@aol.com or Terri Byerly at terribyerly@aol.com.

If you are interested in getting your dog involved with TDI, please let them know that as well.

Therapy Dogs International: Requirements

A dog must be at least one-year old, have a sound temperament and a TDI health record signed by a licensed veterinarian. The dog must pass the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC), and a temperament evaluation. The test will also demonstrate the evaluation of the dog's behavior around people with the use of some type of service/medical equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.).

What would happen to your dogs in an emergency?

Tornado season is upon us, bird flu has the world on edge, terrorists stalk us and each day's news heralds some new potential disaster to worry about. Scary? Sure. But humans in general, and Americans in particular, have never functioned particularly well from under a rock. So we push our worries aside and every day we get up and head out the door.

One of the smartest ways to put our worries firmly in their place is to be prepared to face

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an emergency head on. There are many resources available to help us prepare to take care of the two-legged members of our families in an emergency, but as loving and responsible dog (and other animal) owners we also need to plan and prepare for our four-legged family members. While most of us will thankfully never face a real disaster, Katrina showed us what can happen if we don't prepare.

Because some emergencies can occur without warning, and it can be easy for a frightened animal to slip out of the house in a fire or other crisis, ensure first that your animals are always tagged with current identification. Add the phone number of a friend or relative who lives in another state to your dog's tag in case of disruptions to the communications infrastructure in your area.

Keep good current photos of your pets and keep copies in a safe place, such as a bank deposit box, along with other important household records.

In a disaster, obedience training can save a frightened dog's life. Following your commands, particularly if you can use a reassuring tone, may help calm your dog and head off his natural inclination to bolt. If you are separated, a dog that has been in a training environment and has been well socialized may be more likely to trust humans attempting to aid her.

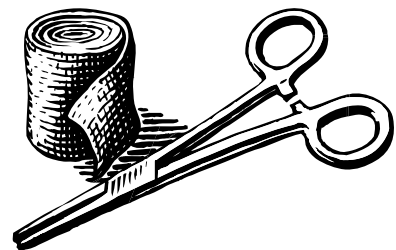
Make a list of the location and phone num-

bers of veterinarians, animal shelters and kennels. Keep a current record of your pet's proof of vaccinations in case you need to kennel them while you look for new housing.

What would happen if you were prevented from getting home to your pets by a chemical spill or other event? Consider setting up a reciprocal pet care arrangement with a trusted neighbor or friend. Leave a key and instructions where they will know where to find them.

Prepare a disaster kit for your animals. The American Veterinary Medical Association website (<http://www.avma.org/disaster/>) has some helpful information on preparing such a kit and recommends including the following:

- 2-week supply of food (dry & canned & manual can opener & spoon)
- 2-week supply of water in plastic jugs
- Cage/carrier (for each animal, labeled with your contact information)
- Cat/wildlife gloves
- Copies of veterinary records and proof of ownership
- Emergency contact list
- Familiar items to make pets feel comfortable (favorite toys, treats, blankets)
- First aid kit
- Diet: Record the diet for each individual animal, including what not to feed in case of allergies.
- Medications: List each animal separately, including dose and frequency for each medication. Provide veterinary and pharmacy contact information for refills.
- Leash, collar, harness (for each animal)
- Litter, litter pan, litter scoop
- Muzzles
- Newspaper (bedding, litter)
- Nonspill food and water dishes
- Paper towels
- Stakes and tie-outs
- Trash bags



You may have other needs specific to your pets, and there are of course many additional items that should be covered in your disaster planning for your family.

Additional helpful websites:

Kane County Office of Emergency Management
www.kcoem.org/

American Red Cross
www.prepare.org/

Univ of Illinois Extension:
web.extension.uiuc.edu/disaster/

Center for Disease Control
www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/petprotect.asp

Homeland Security
www.ready.gov/

www.ashp.org/emergency/consumerbulletin.cfm

Humane Society
www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/

Small Business Assoc
www.sba.gov/disaster/getready.html

How to prepare a first-aid kit for your dog

The items listed below (source: American Veterinary Medical Association) are an example of what to include in a first aid kit for your dog. The First-Aid Class being offered by American Red Cross and Fox Valley Dog Training Club will also provide valuable information. You may also want to consult your veterinarian. Keep your kit where it is easy accessible, such as in a backpack hanging where you can grab it on your way to the basement in the event of a tornado or on your way out the door in the event of an evacuation.

- Activated charcoal (liquid)
- Antidiarrheal liquid or tablets
- Antibiotic ointment (wounds)
- Antibiotic eye ointment
- Bandage scissors
- Bandage tape
- Betadine or Nolvasan (scrub and solution)
- Cotton bandage rolls
- Cotton-tipped swabs
- Elastic bandage rolls
- Eye rinse (sterile)
- Flea and tick prevention and treatment
- Gauze pads and rolls
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Ice cream sticks (may be used as splints)
- Isopropyl alcohol/ alcohol prep pads
- Latex gloves or non-allergenic gloves
- Liquid dish detergent (mild wound and body cleanser)
- Measuring spoons
- Medications and preventatives such as heartworm prevention (clearly-labeled instructions)
- Nonadherent bandage pads
- Saline solution (for rinsing wounds)
- Sterile lubricant (waterbased)
- Styptic powder (clotting agent)
- Syringe or eyedropper
- Thermometer (digital)
- Tourniquet
- Towel and washcloth
- Tweezers

Recipe Corner

Noodle Jumble

- 2 cups of macaroni
- 2 cup of mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, etc.)
- 3/4 to 1 lb. meat (ground beef or chicken)
- 3 cups water
- 1 1/2 TBS corn starch
- 2 TBS olive oil
- 3 large cloves of garlic (pressed)

Add meat and water to pot and bring to boil. Let simmer for 15 minutes. Strain, saving 1 3/4 cups of boiled stock.

Add cold water to macaroni and boil until it begins to feel soft.

Add frozen vegetables and let sit in water for a couple of minutes.

Strain noodles/vegetables and turn heat to medium. Add meat, noodles, vegetable, olive oil, garlic and reserved stock to pot. Stir until mixture begins to bubble.

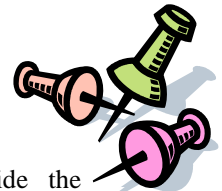
Dissolve cornstarch in 1/4 cup of cold water. Turn heat to medium low and stir in water/cornstarch mixture. Stir for a few minutes until it thickens (add more cornstarch mixture if contents are still thin).

Remove from element and let it cool to room temperature. Take 1 cup (dry) measuring cup and scoop portions onto pieces of plastic wrap. Wrap up and freeze. Thaw when ready to use and mix with Kibble. Makes approximately 6 servings.

Submitted by Sandy Davis



May meeting to feature guest speaker



Remember to set aside the evening of May 3rd for the FVDTC Membership Meeting.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Canine Companions For Independence

Membership meetings are held at 7:30 pm at the Kane County Extension Office. The building is directly to the south of the fairgrounds and the entrance is off of Randall Road.

Thank you to the contributors to this month's Waggin' Tales: Terri Byerly, Helen Castellano, Sandy Davis, Carolyn Pearson, Sue MacPherson, Will Short, Molly Stadler and Sandi Stephenson

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Membership Meeting, continued from page 3

Sandi Stephenson thanked the instructors who attended the February 28th instructor's meeting. She also apologized to any instructor who did not receive the notification. Sandi stated that the primary instructors are confirmed for the session, but still needs assistants. The next session begins on March 23rd.

Taffy Wille, Obedience Trial Secretary, reported that the obedience trial has received all approvals from AKC.

Sue MacPherson, Membership Chairperson, announced that the March 2nd Wellness Clinic still had a couple of slots available.

Sue read a list of six new applicants for membership that was published in the Waggin' Tales. Two of the new members were present at the meeting. The list was accepted by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

Ingrid Hamburger, Tracking Test Chairperson, reported that AKC still had not approved the tracking tests. The signed Judge's contracts have been received. She said anyone who would like to help lower the expenses of the tracking test could make a donation at tonight's meeting or at training. The tracking test event typically does not make a profit.

Helen Castellano, Agility Trial Chairperson, reported that the April Agility Trials have filled although the closing date is not until March 15th. This allows exhibitors to move or pull their entries and others to move into those empty slots. Helen announced the September Agility Trial was approved by AKC, although not all of the judges' contracts have been received. Helen stated that she has not been contacted by the Kane County Fairgrounds regarding the use of the fairgrounds for the Fall Agility Trial.

Helen also reported that she has received 52 plus volunteers who have also entered the April Agility Trials. **Cathy Fleury** will be setting up the workers' schedules. Helen stated that workers should be there at 5:00 p.m. on Friday for set-up and at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Taffy Wille, Director at Large, had nothing to report as Director at Large. However, she did share the good news that Payton received 9 points towards his Championship at the International Kennel Club show over the past weekend. Those points included both of the Majors necessary for his Championship title.

Carolyn Pearson, Annual Dinner Chairperson, reported that the invitations were in the February Waggin' Tales, available at the membership meeting and would be available at training. The responses and payment should be sent or given to **Francene Andresen**.

Awards are being ordered for the dinner. Carolyn also stated that Suzan Scott should be given a ton of praise for her past work as the Awards Chair, because the job is a LOT of work.

Kathy and Joe Busch, Fundraising Chairs. Kathy reported that effective immediately, she and Joe are resigning as the Fundraising Chairs. They will be moving to Daytona Beach within the next month for Joe's new job. Peggy Sue initiated a round of applause for Kathy and Joe who went WAY beyond the call of duty while organizing the recent fundraising events. Especially by recruiting their friends, neighbors and co-workers to

help when not enough club members volunteered.

Penny Bricich/ Jan Schomer/ Sandi Stephenson, Match Chairs. Sandi reported that with help from two volunteers from the Glenbard Club, there are enough judges for the March Correction Clinic. Sandi stated that she still needs Utility judges for the April Correction Clinic.

Ingrid Hamburger, Match Steward Chairperson, reported that she still needs five more stewards for the March Correction Clinic. No experience is necessary, on-the-job training is provided.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is **Iris Gutberlet** as drawn by new club member, **Marilyn Clever**.

Old Business

Clothing Line. Helen Castellano reported that she has made arrangements with Lion Stitching Co. to provide embroidered clothes. Anyone interested in seeing some of these items can contact her. (See ordering form in this issue of Waggin' Tales and on the website.)

New Business

Carolyn read the following message regarding former club member, Bonnie Barry, which was written by Bonnie's daughter:

Sunday, February 26, 2006. It is with heavy heart that I post this BLOG tonight. Due to the extent of the injuries to Mom's spinal cord, she passed away at approximately 11:45 this morning. She was surrounded by her family. She went peacefully. We will be in touch via BLOG to let you know arrangements for her memorial in the Chicago area. Please do not call, but check the BLOG daily (or more) for the most up to date information we can get you. As of right now, we know it will be Saturday, March 11 in Crystal Lake, Illinois. My family wants to thank each and every one of you for your love and support throughout all of this. Your kind words and prayers meant more than you will ever know.

Carolyn also stated that members can view

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the BLOG at www.bonniebarry.blogspot.com. Bonnie Barry had created the Founders' Award, in honor of the club's founders. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to donate \$75 to the fund created to help care for Bonnie's dogs which were all placed with Bonnie's friends. Ingrid Hamburger seconded the motion. The motion passed with 15—In Favor; 0—Opposed, and 4—Abstained.

Dave read the following message from Nadine Conner regarding the 4H Class:

I appreciate the member who talked to me with regards to one of the puppies in my class. I will follow through on that puppy. Unfortunately, two members were very curt, on the verge of rude, to some of the students and I found this very disappointing, as these students may be the future members of our club. At the same time, several members were very polite and helpful with the students as they came into the building. It was noticed and appreciated. Those of you who have been around for a few years can see the improvement each year in the 4-H participants and their dogs. Just imagine where they would be if they didn't have FVDTC to train in. I know how difficult it is to have all the kids and all those dogs in the building at 6:00 p.m. I also know that we make a huge difference in their training lives. Please be supportive and to those of you that are already.....thank you.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



Legislative News



In the General Assembly:

As you may recall, several breed-specific bills were introduced in Illinois this year, including **H4213** by Rep. Tryon. This bill would have automatically deemed "pit bulls" (American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers) and Rottweilers vicious.

Thanks to the efforts of the Illinois Dog Clubs and Breeders Association, Illinois fanciers and the AKC, Rep. Tryon has backed away from this measure and is instead sponsoring **HR866**. This resolution will create a task force to study the issue of dangerous and vicious dogs and subsequently recommend changes to help protect the public.

Rep. Boland is sponsoring a similar measure, **HJ101**, a joint resolution to establish the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Task Force. AKC and the Illinois Dog Clubs and Breeders Association strongly support these measures, provided that purebred dog owners have representation on the task force. Currently only HJ101 contains this provision.


H4238, by Rep. Boland, originally punished *only* owners of intact dogs who allowed their animals to run loose and seriously injure or kill someone. The bill has been amended to provide that any owner, regardless of their dog's reproductive status, will be guilty of a Class 4 felony for committing this crime.

Dog owners are encouraged to continue monitoring these and other canine legislation bills vigilantly. © 2006 The American Kennel Club, Inc.

Citing concern over emerging animal-borne diseases such as avian influenza and the "critical shortage" of veterinarians available to detect and respond to such diseases, [U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson](#) (R-Ill.) has sponsored a bill in the Congress and [Sen. Dick Durbin](#) (D-Ill.) has co-sponsored a bill in the Senate that would expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice.

Known as the [Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act](#), the bill would provide \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years to expand the size of veterinary schools and increase the number of veterinarians trained in public health and biomedical research.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is pushing for the passage of the bill.



Level: Puppy/Beginning



When you give your dog a command, only give it **once**. Telling him to "sit...Sit...SIT!" teaches your pup that your commands are arbitrary and that he can choose when to listen and comply. Instead, give the command—such as "Sit"—once (clearly and sufficiently loud). **Say nothing else** to him until he sits his little butt down, at which point you can reward him. If he does not do what you ask, then try using a treat to guide him into performing the action. (Depending on your training method and his level of learning you might even correct him). There are always options to consider—so talk to instructors and also to other members who have dogs that seem both well trained and happy.

Training Tip



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Fleece Jacket - Microfleece full zipper, front zipper pockets			
	Colors available: Black/Black, Red/Black		
	Sizes: Men's SM/MD/LG/XLG Women's XSM/SM/MD/LG/XLG	\$ 48.00	_____
	Sizes: Men's XXL/XXXL Women's Plus 1X/ 2X	\$ 54.00	_____
Fleece Vest - Polyester fleece full zipper, front zipper pockets			
	Colors available: Black, Red		
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	Sizes: Men's XXL/XXXL Women's Plus 1X/ 2X	\$ 28.00	_____
Denim Shirt - 6.5-ounce, 100% cotton denim, stonewashed			
	Sizes: Men's XS/ SM/MD/LG/XLG Women's XSM/SM/MD/LG/XLG	\$ 26.00	_____
	Sizes: Men's XXL/XXXL Women's Plus 1X/ 2X	\$ 29.00	_____
Polo Shirt - 7-ounce heavyweight pique, 100% ring spun combed cotton			
	Colors available: Black, Red		
	Sizes: Men's XS/ SM/MD/LG/XLG Women's XSM/SM/MD/LG/XLG	\$ 21.00	_____
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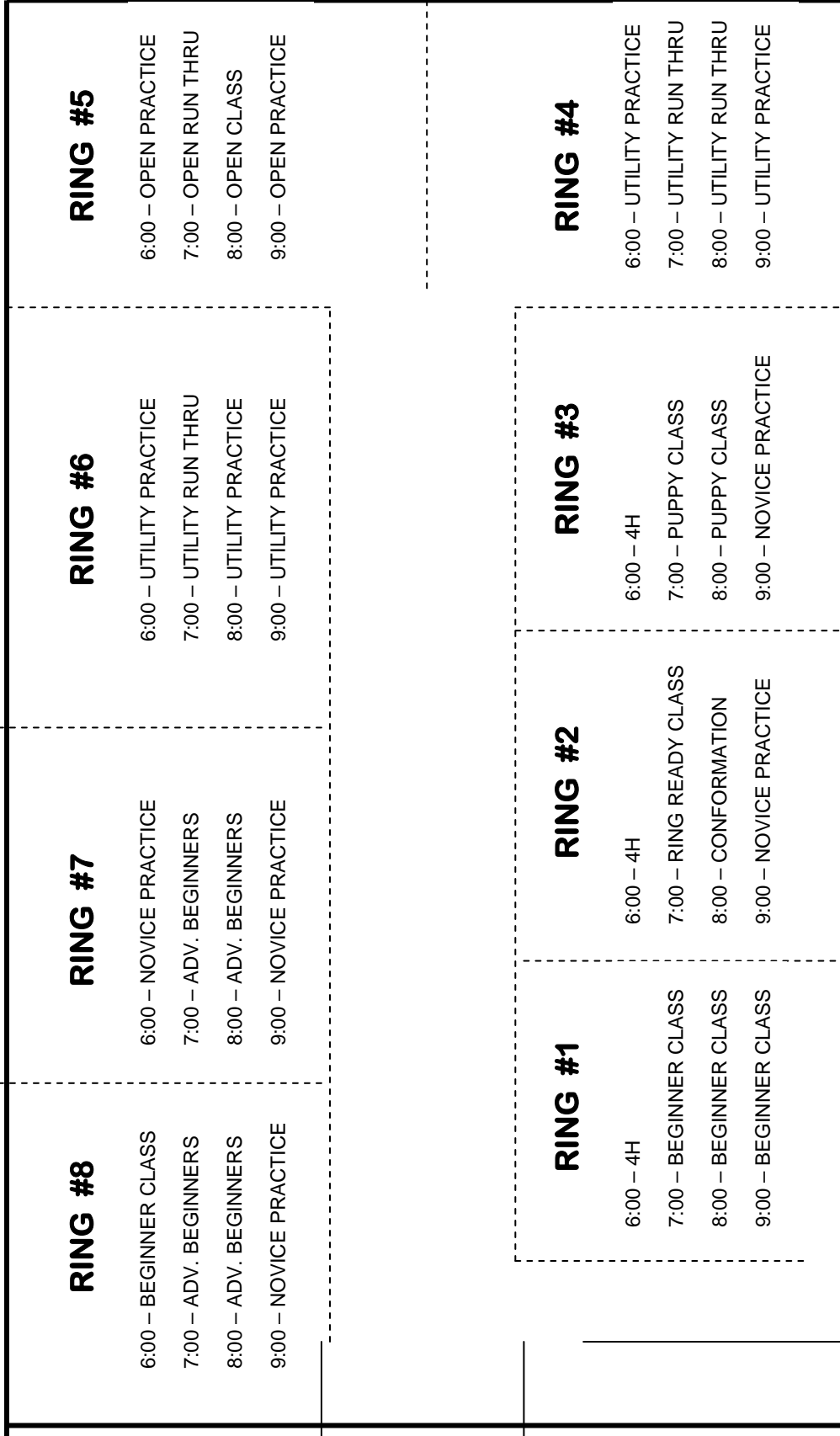
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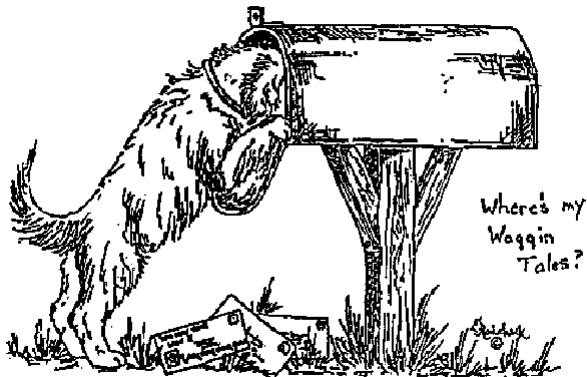
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2006 Calendar of Events

March

23	Thursday	Regular Training (start Session 2)
30	Thursday	Regular Training
31	Friday	Agility Trial Set Up

April

1-2	Sat/Sun	Spring Agility Trial
4	Tuesday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
7	Friday	Board Meeting
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline

April

13	Thursday	Regular Training
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	Tuesday	Regular Training

May

3	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
11	Thursday	Regular Training CERF Clinic
20	Saturday	Red Cross Pet First-Aid