



WAGGIN' TALES

Equipment Sale

The equipment that has been deemed usable, but no longer necessary for the club is listed below. If you are interested in purchasing any of the following training equipment at the stated prices, please submit your request in writing either by snail mail or e-mail to Ed Herdes.

(No matter how much you may "beg" - verbal requests will **not** be accepted.)

Here is Ed's contact information.
401 S. 1st Street
Geneva IL 60134
vp1@fvdtc.org

The following is the equipment sale process.

- Requests for equipment can be made no earlier than the Opening date (9/17).
- The final request will be accepted on the Closing date (10/30).
- The equipment must be picked up at training on 11/1 between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Only cash and checks will be accepted at the time of the pick-up.
- All equipment is sold "AS IS"
- All equipment is sold "First Come – First Served"

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Item	Price Each	Quantity Available	Comments
High Jump	\$20.00	5	Complete set
High Jump 4" Board	\$3.00	3	
High Jump 6" Board	\$3.00	1	
High Jump 8" Board	\$3.00	9	
Broad Jump	\$20.00	SOLD	
Bar Jump	\$15.00	5	Complete set
Mats	\$25.00	24	
Wheeled Utility Cart	\$25.00	1	2 shelves 32"h x 16"w x 30"d Price New - \$100.00 and barely used
Utility Gloves - White	\$1.00	2 sets	3 gloves per set - Used but clean
Utility Gloves - Brown	\$1.00	2	For CKC utility - Used but clean
Flexi-Leash	\$5.00	1	Size #3 – Used
VCR and Camera		1	MAKE AN OFFER

Board Meeting Highlights June 15, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The April Meeting minutes were approved as read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the process of the equipment sale was defined as the following.

Requests for equipment can be made no earlier than the Opening date, September 17.

The final request will be accepted on the Closing date, September 26.

The equipment must be picked up at training on October 4, between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Only cash and checks will be accepted at the time of the pick-up.

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It was also agreed that at this time, there would not be any limits set, however, depending on the requests received, it may become necessary to set limits. The prices will be published with the items for sale. Additionally, in response to Carolyn's question, it was decided that some of the items from the Lost-and-Found will also be available for purchase.

In response to Terri Byerly's (Second Vice-President) request for a clarification, the current policy regarding the reduction in membership dues for Primary Instructors and Assistant Instructors was explained. When an Assistant Instructor is qualified to act as a Primary Instructor, they are generally offered the same benefits as a Primary Instructor in the reduction of membership dues. The DOT determines the current qualifications of an Assistant Instructor after discussions with the Primary Instructor(s) who worked with the Assistant Instructors.

Terri reported that she scheduled a Pet First Aid Class to be conducted by the Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross for August 4th. However, she was awaiting final confirmation from Red Cross.

Dale Swanson (Treasurer) reported that he will provide the current Income and Expense Report within the next

couple of weeks.

Dale also stated that because former Treasurer, Amy Ford, completed our tax forms last year, he did not feel comfortable attempting the form completion and club member, Ingrid Weihe CPA, prepared our tax forms for this year. During the process, Ingrid offered invaluable assistance in updating the accounts. Dale stated that he and Ingrid determined that a couple of accounts needed to be updated, as they still indicated Cathy Fleury as the signatory. Dale stated that he has sent written requests to all our account institutions requesting account history, signatory of record, etc. However as of this time, only Old Second, has responded to his request. He also reported that he and Ingrid will be meeting shortly to complete the taxes and finalize account updates. Dale stated that Ingrid has been a great help with this process.

Although Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) was unable attend the Board Meeting, she sent the following report via e-mail.

Training is going very well at this time.

Sandi also reported that due to her husband's poor health, Priscilla Pisarski is unable to continue instructing the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class after session two. Sandi asked that others join her in sending Priscilla our hopes and prayers for Wally's full recovery. As of session three, Terri Byerly returns to instructing the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class with Kristin Anderson's assistance, Dale Swanson and Bill Clarke are instructing the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class, Ed Herdes and Carol Pace will continue to instruct the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class. Thanks to the help and generosity of Dale, Bill and Terri, the transition has been "pretty painless". Sandi also stated that she talked to current students from all Beginner's are all thrilled with their classes. Great job, Instructors!

Additionally, she extended a big Thank You to Cheryl Lewis for co-teaching session two's 7:00 p.m. Puppy class with Joan Mazat. She also reported that Barb Misch and Cheryl Hettinger substituted during the class on June 7th. She stated that "Everybody is Happy! Guess that happens when nice people get together..." A big, big thanks to all of our wonderful instructors, as always.

Sandi also reported that the advanced classes continue to excel. She pointed out 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner's class, taught by Sandy Davis' class, is rapidly increasing in size, Wow!

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Sandi also extended a big thank you to Carolyn, for keeping track of the ring set ups and telling us all "where to go". Additionally, Sandi apologized for not scheduling an Instructors' meeting as originally planned, due to babysitting her sweet but extremely active 13-month old granddaughter and caring for her 7-week old puppies. Sand stated that IF she and Tom remain "strong" and NOT keep one of the puppies, she will get caught up in the near future, assuming that Teah does not hit the terrible twos....

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that she is still receiving membership renewal applications.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that she is currently updating the TD/TDX Test Premium list with the AKC logo as required. Ingrid also reported that John Goreth from the Kane County Forest Preserve District has assured her that the gate at the forest preserve entrance will be opened no later than 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, but will probably not be locked after Friday night. Ingrid also stated Sue MacPherson is the Hospitality Chair for the 2007 Tracking Test.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the AKC applications for the indoor Spring 2008 Agility trial to be held on March 29 and 30 at the SportsPlex were submitted and approved. The Judges are Tavonda Herring, from New York, and Monica Tand, from Connecticut. Helen also reported that the AKC applications for the outdoor Fall 2008 Agility trial to be held on September 13 and 14 in the Plato Township Park. The Judges are Kera Holm, from California, and Sally Dickner, from New Jersey.

Because AKC goes by the Julian weeks to determine when events are held, Ingrid stated that she will verify that the dates for the 2008 Fall Agility Trials and Tracking Test do not overlap.

Old Business

- **No Sniff Bandanas**

Carolyn stated that she contacted Vicki Wild regarding making more No Sniff bandanas.

- **New Awards Structure**

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A member will now be limited to receiving one award (picture, wood item, etc.) per level of titles received. The exception to this will be anyone who receives a title at the highest level in the same year (for example, OTCH and a MACH).

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Level 4 – UD, TDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP, RAE

Level 5 – UDX, VST, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MFP

Level 6 – OTCH, MACH, FTC, FTCP

Sue MacPherson made a motion that the Board recommend to the membership that the club approve this new awards structure effective for titles earned in 2007. Helen seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion was accepted by all Board members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

- **Title Patches Purchases**

Taffy made a motion to allow the Statistician to order the necessary patches up to \$600. Board agreed with the Award Restructuring Committee recommendation that patches for the new Rally titles offered should be ordered from our existing embroiderer. Jan Schomer recommended that the Agility titles patches continue to be ordered from J & J due to the smaller minimum quantity required for ordering. The motion was accepted by all Board members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

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New Business

- **Sanctioned Match Report**

The Board recommended that if the club hosts a Sanctioned Match, that we host it in 2008 on any normal match night. Hosting a sanctioned match is extra work compared to a correction clinic. In response to the question of whether a minimum number of exhibitors, it was suggested that Sandi Stephenson contact Rick Cox. Penny Breich kindly agreed to be the Secretary. Any other club member interested in becoming the Chair, should contact Sandi Stephenson.

Sandi's report included that there are sufficient Judges for the June 21 correction clinic and there is no correction clinic in July.

- **Qualifying Scores Graduation Ribbons**

Terri reported that the existing supply of Qualifying Scores ribbons for Graduation is diminished. Helen Castellano made a motion that the first through fourth place ribbons be used at the instructors' discretion at the graduation and not be replaced. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Pearson. Without further discussion, the motion was accepted by all Board members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

- **Obedience Trial Trophy Fund Budget**

Peggy Sue submitted the following \$615.00 budget for approval.

- High-In-Trial - \$75.00
- Second High-In-Trial - \$50.00
- High Combined - \$50.00

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Novice A	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Novice B	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Open A	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Open B	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Utility A	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Utility B	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00

- **Instructors Shirts Purchase**

Sandi Stephenson made a motion on the Board forum to purchase additional FV instructor shirts for instructors who do not have them for a maximum of \$100. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Bizer. The motion was accepted by all Board members voting.

FVDTTC "HOUSE RULES" Reminder

PLEASE clean up after you and your dog (inside and outside the building). Remember - it may be your shoe you are saving from that "gift". "Gift wrapping" supplies are available.

PLEASE maintain control of your dog. Your dog's exuberance and excitement may be misinterpreted by another dog or person. Control is especially important in the common areas - please use your leash!

PLEASE be aware of your dog's behavior. We love the fact that you are bringing your dog to socialize or train, but awareness of how your own dog will behave in our chaotic atmosphere is the best way to prevent any possible "problems". Only you know your dog that well!

PLEASE be aware of dog's wearing orange NO SNIFF bandanas. Dogs wearing these bandanas do not like to be approached by other dogs for a variety of reasons. Please do not allow your dog to invade the other dog's space.

PLEASE explain to your child/children what proper behavior is around all the dogs. They should not be running around, this can cause a "doggy riot/playtime". They should be told to ALWAYS ask to pet someone else's dog, because not all dogs are lucky enough to have grown up with their "own child".

PLEASE help us keep all of our dogs healthy by keeping current with your dog's vaccinations.

PLEASE know that we are here to help you with your training needs. We understand that for every dog and trainer, there is a different training style. We simply ask that strong negative training techniques be used cautiously.

PLEASE respect our "No Solicitation by non-club members" rule.

2007 TD/TDX Tracking Test Report

by
Ingrid Hamburger, Test Secretary/Chairperson

September 8th and 9th were our tracking working days. The weather was very nice both days and the mosquitoes and wasps were abundant.

We met at Burnidge F.P. on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for a very long day and did not leave until 4:00 pm. Our judges were Pam German and Donna Kircher, and once again we had a visit from an AKC Representative, Herb Morrison, to observe a provisional TDX judge, Marge Schultz from Minnesota.

Sunday morning, bright and early, at 6:00 a.m. we were back at the F.P.. The first TDX track was laid at 6:30 am and the first TD track at 6:45 a.m. It was again another long day for most of us and by 2:00 p.m. we had everything cleaned up and the cars loaded .

I cannot thank everyone enough who was there to help, either on Saturday and/or on Sunday. Without all these volunteers we could not have a tracking test.

The tracklayers for the TD tracks were: Kent Hildebrand, Tom Stephenson, Sylvia Schultz and Chris Koth. The tracklayers for the TDX tracks were: Eibhilin Glennon, Ed Herdes, Donna Wielert and Penny Dubernat.

The Judges & Tracklayers Chairperson was Priscilla Pisarski and the hostess for Sunday was Vivienne Hildebrand.

The 2 main Cross-tracklayers were Cheryl Hettinger and Bob Read. Both of them helped each other on Sunday, as well as Joanna Olech. Other helpers were: Heidy Terlizzi, Betsy Lane and Francene Andresen, helping with driving to and from the tracks etc. I am sure there was one or the other person yet that jumped in and helped. I could not see everyone from my vantage point at the pavilion. A big Thank You to everyone. Once again, we had wonderful cooks and bakers, who supplied us with nourishment on both days: Sylvia Schultz, Francene Andresen, Dorothy Warren, Vivienne Hildebrand, Barb Misch, Sue MacPherson, and one special young lady, who supplied us with lots of yummy bakery for both days, Kristin Cox.

Now to the results of our test – I am proud to say that we had 5 new titleholders out of the 8 entries. 3 TD's and 2 TDX's.

Congratulations to: Beth Schofied, and her Weimaraner, TD; Eibhilin Glennon and the first ever, Irish Red & White Setter, TD; Jan Plagenz and her Miniature Pinscher, TD; Kent Hildebrand with Izzy the Labrador Retriever, TDX; and Sylvia Schultz with Toby, her Rough Collie, TDX.

A big thank you to everyone who entered our TD/TDX test, whether you made the draw, passed the test or not. Without you we would not have a test. To the alternates, my best wishes for a better draw the next time you enter a test and good luck to all the next time you are in a test.

I need to acknowledge the additional help the tracking trial received from members inside and outside of the club by way of money donations. Some money was collected during the membership meetings and others during training classes. Again, a big **THANK YOU** to all who helped to make this test a success. Without you we couldn't do it.

Membership Meeting Highlights September 5, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m. Dave stated that unfortunately our guest speaker from HELP has become ill. Terri will attempt to reschedule her for our October 3rd membership meeting.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the annual mat cleaning 'party' is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 a.m. In addition to needing volunteers, we also need power scrubbers and dryers. NOTE: After the announcement at the meeting, the starting time was changed to 8:30 a.m.

Carolyn reported the process of the equipment sale as defined during the June Board meeting as the following. The dates were adjusted from the original schedule.

Requests for equipment can be made no earlier than the Opening date (9/17). The final request will be accepted on the Closing date (9/26).

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Requests must be submitted in writing either by USPS mail or e-mail to Ed Herdes. No matter how much you may "beg" - verbal requests will not be accepted.

The following is Ed's contact information.
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It was also agreed that at this time, there would not be any limits set, however, depending on the requests received, it may become necessary to set limits. The prices will be published with the items for sale.

Additionally, in response to Carolyn's question, it was decided that some of the items from the Lost-and-Found will also be available for purchase.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) Terri arrived late but provided the following report read by Dave. She stated that she had made numerous attempts to reach Margi Steussey via phone and e-mail to obtain an electronic copy of the brochure. Once obtained, Carolyn will make the Board approved modifications. Terri asked that anyone who might see Margi, to ask Margi to contact her.

Terri also asked any individuals who judged or a stewarded at this summer's 4-H trial, to send her any ideas and suggestions to improve the program and the trial itself. She stated that the extension office is very open to any and all thoughts we might have.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) was not in attendance. Dave read the following from the August Board meeting: Sandi Stephenson made a motion to change the work credits earned by individuals working at the front table. A club member working the front table for an 8-week class session for one hour each week (such as from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.) would be given the same benefits as a primary instructor which would be 3-work credits plus 1/4 off of their membership dues, to a maximum of four annually. Ronnie seconded the motion.

During the discussion, Taffy questioned whether Assistant Instructors, who do not receive the reduction in membership fees unless they are capable of instructing class, might be offended by this policy. However, Terri stated she does not think it would. Additionally, Sue MacPherson asked whether this proposal would actually cost the club more money than we earn for guest training fees.

Additionally, it was stated that club members working the front table during the 8-week session who are unable to work during their time **must** find their own substitutes. The motion passed by

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majority vote. This new policy is effective October 25, 2007 (final 2007 session).

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary)

Taffy was unable to attend due her son's high school curriculum night, but sent the following Obedience Trial report. The following are the number of entries as of September 4.

Obedience		Rally	
Class	Entries	Class	Entries
Novice A	3	Novice A	7
Novice B	4	Novice B	9
Open A	10	Advanced A	1
Open B	37	Advanced B	13
Utility A	15	Excellent A	2
Utility B	28	Excellent B	9

In response to Joyce's question regarding the Saturday November 10th trial, Car-Dun-AI Obedience DTC's trial, Will Short suggested that she search the Car-Dun-AI website at www.cardunai.com. Additional information can be located on the AKC Events webpage.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 13 applicants published in recent Waggin' Tales issues. Sue made a motion to accept the list as read. Marietta Huber seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that the big weekend is coming up soon. As of the closing date, there were ten entries for the TD test. There are four slots for the TD and the TDX tests. Ingrid stated that help is still needed on September 8th, (set-up day) and September 9th (test day). The test location is Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Selena Larmon stated that she would volunteer if her schedule allows.

Francene Andresen announced that Ingrid has the

only Giant Schnauzer with an AKC Champion Tracking (CT) title. Ingrid and Heike received an invitation to the 2007 AKC Tracking Invitational to be held at the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville NC on September 23rd.

Sandy Davis (Public Education Coordinator) was not at the meeting, but sent the following report.

Kane County Safe Kids Event

The event was held at Mooseheart on August 25th. The event organizers did a great job of putting FVDTC in a very noticeable location. In addition to providing a table, tablecloth and a printed FVDTC sign, they made me feel extremely welcome. In response to AKC's request for feedback about clubs' events for Responsible Pet Ownership week, Sandy will submit a report with photos to AKC regarding the Kane County Safe Kids event.

FVDTC "Open House"

Sandy reported that she was planning to have an open house the end of September to coincide with our Canine Good Citizen and TDI test. She will publicize the event in the local papers once the plans have been finalized.

Awards Chairperson – Jan Schomer volunteered to do the awards one more time. THANK YOU JAN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that volunteers are always needed for correction clinics.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that she needs more information from club members for the Waggin' Tales. She reported that the USPS mail versions were delivered this week, but the electronic version has been on the website for at least a week. The next deadline is Sunday, September 9.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Sheila Michalek as

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drawn by club member, Selena Larmon.

Old Business

None

New Business

Awards Restructuring Committee Report

The following report was published in the August Waggin' Tales and read by Dave. The Award Restructuring Committee has met and has successfully restructured awards for Fox Valley Dog Training Club in a fair and cost efficient way. The committee has added the Rally titles and the new Agility FAST titles to the awards offered.

Awards will continue to be offered similar to the past except that Rally and Agility FAST (FTC, FTCP) titles will be added to appropriate levels, and Canadian titles will be removed. Canadian titles will now be recognized with a title plate. All titles earned by a working, training member will be acknowledged with engraved titles plates for a plaque; this includes titles earned in other registries. All AKC titles will receive a patch. Both the title plates and patches are optional and should be requested specifically. A blank plaque for the title plates per dog will be provided as needed for those members that fill one up.

A member will now be limited to receiving one award (picture, wood item, etc.) per level of titles received. The exception to this will be anyone who receives a title at the highest level in the same year (for example, an OTCH and a MACH).

An example of the levels and their corresponding titles is below:

Level 1 – AKC Champion, RN

Level 2 – CD, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP, RA

Level 3 – CDX, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFF, RE, TD

Level 4 – UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP, RAE, TDX

Level 5 – UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF,

MFP, VST

Level 6 – OTCH, MACH, FTC, FTCP

Dave also stated that the Board recommends that this revised structure be adopted PLUS include the addition of the statement “maximum of one title earned for the OTCH/UDX/MACH level” can be earned per dog. This addition was included due to the two new AKC obedience titles being added as of January, 2009. These new titles will be based on the score not the placement. These titles will probably be in the OTCH/UDX level and can be earned in multiples such as the UDX can be.

Brenda Rivera stated that we should wait to add awards for the new titles until next year because the new awards have not been clearly defined. Jan Schomer stated that we should wait until at least January, 2010 before offering awards for the new titles. Selena Larmon suggested that we define the awards before the title is offered to allow awards to be offered in the same timeframe that the titles are available. Will Short stated that we should wait until a later time before deciding for the new titles.

Following this discussion, it was agreed that the motion would stand as published without the addition of the Board's recommended statement.

The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Francene made a motion that the awards restructuring become effective for titles earned as of January 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Selena Larmon. The motion was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Pup & People Pool Party

Carolyn explained that due to the lack of timely contact from the West Chicago Park District, the Pup & People Pool Party was not held as originally scheduled. Additionally, it is possible that the Illinois Department of Health will be modifying the rules about dogs in public swimming pools. Depending on that ruling, it was agreed that FVDTC

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should pursue the activity for 2008 if the events are not prohibited.

earned in 2007. Additionally, club members will be able to purchase them.

Rally Patches

Jan Schomer reported that she has ordered rally patches and they will be available for Rally titles

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

From the Editor:

Below is a reprint outlining the **New Awards Structure** that was printed in the June/July/August, 2007 issue of WagginTales. The New Structure will take affect on January 1, 2008 and will not affect titles earned this year. **All titles earned starting January 1, 2008 will be under the new awards structuring system.**

NEW AWARDS STRUCTURE

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AKC Champion, RN

Level 4 -

UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP, RAE, TDX

Level 2 -

CD, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP, RA

Level 5 -

UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MFP, VST

Level 3 -

CDX, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFF, RE, TD

Level 6 -

OTCH, MACH, FTC, FTCP

Submitted by Committee Chair: **Taffy Willie**

Membership Meeting Highlights October 3, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:49 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The September Meeting minutes were approved as read. Several items of correspondence were read.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the "Mat Cleaning Party" was successful.

Ed stated that in the very near future, the parking lot and driveway as we know it today, will be 'closed' for an unspecified amount of time. He was told that it could last up to two years. It will probably be a MESS! Please be patient and flexible.

Ronnie Bizer (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: We will have an AKC Representative at the trial as Donna Darland needs her evaluation done while judging a Novice obedience class.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that as of today, the following entries have been received:

Obedience, 168 of a maximum of 272 entries
Rally, 75 of a maximum of 150 entries

The following are the individual class entries.

Obedience		Rally	
Class	Entries	Class	Entries
Novice A	13	Novice A	11
Novice B	11	Novice B	13
Open A	21 (32)	Advanced A	4
Open B	54 (64)	Advanced B	22
Utility A	26 (28)	Excellent A	4
Utility B	43 (56)	Excellent B	21

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that the applications had not yet been pub-

lished in the Waggin' Tales. Taffy Wille made a motion to waive the requirement to publish the names prior to voting. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Sue MacPherson read a list of four applicants. Francene made a motion to accept the list as read. Taffy Wille seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Tracking test has been completed and was successful! Ingrid stated that her post-test report will be in the next Waggin' Tales. Ingrid also reported that an AKC Representative attended with an individual from Minnesota seeking to be a Tracking judge. Although the AKC Representative was not there to observe the club's test, per se, Francene stated that having an AKC Representative tends to significantly slow down the track plotting process. Ingrid stated that this is at least the third consecutive year that we have been asked by AKC to use our tracking test to observe tracking-judges-to-be. Francene stated that the Tracking Committee is considering sending a letter to AKC seeking clarification about how a location is selected to observe new judges-to-be.

Jan Schomer (Match Chairperson) reported that due to a calendar scheduling problem with the fairgrounds, the October correction clinic has been moved to Thursday, October 25.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that as always, stewards are needed for the remaining 2007 correction clinics, to be held on October 25 and November 29. Ingrid stated that she will be contacting all stewards for the October correction clinic to let them know about the date change. Francene volunteered in response to Ingrid's request for a volunteer to physically be present at the November 29 correction clinic. Ingrid will be recovering from her hip replacement surgery.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated

October 3, 2007 Membership Meeting Highlights cont'd.

that the next deadline is Sunday, October 7. The next Waggin' Tales will be the September/October issue.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Heidy Terlizzi as drawn by club member, Taffy Wille. The remaining \$3.00 were given to tracking test fundraising efforts.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Effective Date of Award's Restructure

Taffy made a motion that the date for the new awards structure become effective January 1, 2007 for titles earned in 2007. Francene Andresen seconded the motion. During the discussion Brenda stated that she is very much against the effective date of 01/01/2007, due to the fact that it is already October 2007.

Taffy read the following prepared statement:

"Eleven months ago, a motion was made at a membership meeting which drastically increased costs to the club in regards to awards. The motion was seconded and approved by members present with the promise that a restructuring committee would be formed to design a new structure for awards that would continue to honor those who put titles on their dogs, yet would be more fiscally responsible. The motion that was voted on went into effect immediately and for the current year's awards. The restructuring committee met in the spring of this year to complete the task started at the November, 2006 membership meeting. The committee was successful and presented a proposal to the Board for a restructure of the awards to be effective for 2007. The Board approved the proposal and at the next membership meeting, which happened to be September, the proposal from the committee was presented to the membership to be voted on. The membership approved the new structure; however, the effective date was incorrect. The effective date of the new award structure

should have been 1/1/07."

Taffy said that the addition of the agility awards was done late in the year. Taffy stated that we should get titles for the titles, NOT to get an award. Brenda stated that she likens this change to changing canoes while still in the middle of the river.

Jan expressed concern that we are trying to set limits for the few club members who take advantage of the club's generous awards. Jan stated that those club members who took advantage will probably be unable to collect awards for titles earned in 2007 due to lack of sufficient work credits.

Dave stated that during the discussion at the September 5 membership meeting the majority of the discussion was about the effective date, not the actual awards restructuring efforts. Heidy stated that she is also disappointed with the awards offered for earning CKC titles.

The following are the results of the voting of the club members present.

Yes – Effective date is 1/1/2007	-	16
No – Effective date is 1/1/2008	-	6
Abstained	-	0

The motion failed. The effective date of the new awards structure remains at January 1, 2008.

In response to the concern that Rally titles were not able to be submitted for an award, Carolyn stated that all AKC titles not specifically listed on the Awards form could submit a request for a title plaque and the title plates.

Peggy also suggested that the board re-evaluate the total amount of money spent on awards at some time in the future.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING REPORT

Good news and bad news everybody.

We are enjoying perfect dog training weather. We have NO excuses not to do just that!

Our club continues to do an excellent job, though I have been disappointed at the lack of response for help. Not one to give up hope, surely someone hearing this knows they can find an hour each week, or even every month to help us continue.

We are still desperately seeking people to sit at the table and greet trainers, answer their questions, and take non-member training fees.

Vera bravely and aptly continues to instruct the 8 P.M. puppy class - without an assistant. Puppies are such fun to teach. They are like little sponges, readily absorbing all that can be learned. Won't someone find an occasional Thursday (well, make that a training night!) to offer some help? You will be glad you did, promise!

Must say a huge Thank you to Christine Lancaster for volunteering to assist Joan Mazat in the 7 P.M. puppy class, THANK YOU CHRISTINE!! Joan says you are doing a fabulous job, and the puppies are so happy to have you.

Also want to thank everyone for their patience in handling all the training date changes. It's not convenient for any of us, but we just have to be thankful for the best training building around, and take it when we can get it.

Thanks to all who have helped to make notification signs and phone calls. Nancy Pederson, our most awesome registrar, must inform all of the new classes of the starting date change. Nancy already has not only the most important job at our club, but also the most difficult and time consuming. So, if she asks for help making a few calls I do hope some of you will offer it.

Penny, Jan, Ingrid, and I are going to be letting exhibitors know the new correction clinic date of Oct 25. Penny will be also be busy with lots of phone calls to all the pre-entrants. Thanks, Gals.

While on the subject of correction clinics, I would like to remind judges that our dog limits are 24 - Novice; 21- Open; 20-Utility. We haven't set entry limitations on Rally entries as yet, but we may just need to do that in the near future. This is great news since it means our rally entries have steadily increased. Just want to thank everyone who has so kindly volunteered to judge. I know many of you have gone far above and beyond doing the mere minimum of dogs, and it is appreciated by many. We all need and want all the help we can get when we begin to show our dogs, and through the generosity of most match judges, our exhibitors receive this help.

Our Trial is right around the corner. Go train your dogs!

Sandi Stephenson
Director of Training

A reminder from Terri Byerly

Friends,

I little reminder. If your dog leaves a "present" in the grassy areas (or anywhere) on the fairgrounds, please pick it up and dispose of it in the dumpster.

Remember, it might you YOUR shoe that gets graced with a sticky stinky mess.

November Obedience Trial Coming Soon-The Count Down Is On

Kitchen Information

CALLING ALL BETTY CROCKER AND EMERIL WANNABEES

Are your cookbooks rusting out on your shelves? Do you long to immerse your hands, wrist deep, in a bowl of flour, yeast, water, and butter, dreaming of a stupendous flaky pie crust? Do you wander endlessly through the bakery mixes at your local grocer just looking for an excuse to grab five or six off the shelf and hurl them into your shopping cart? When nestled all snug in your bed, do visions of baking chocolate chip, sugar, and peanut butter cookies dance endlessly in your head? Does the thought of making brownies send you into a frenzie? Must you constantly stop yourself from ripping open a sack of flour? Does the sight of a can of baking powder send you 'over the edge'? Does your heart start racing when you catch a glimpse of your mix master in the pantry? Do you stare at your oven day in and day out, crying aloud, Please, please...I MUST have something to bake! Will you not JUST DIE if you don't bake soon?

Or maybe.....

You seek a deep-rooted need to spend more time in the kitchen. Cooking many different meals for your spouse and kids at different intervals day and night is not enough. Every pot and pan excites you. You take refuge in your stove. You find yourself stalking people that pass your house with illusions of inviting them in for a meal. Spoon, forks, knives, are your allies. Every recipe a battle plan. Your kitchen is your fox-hole. Cooking is your forte. You live to prepare meal after meal. Is there any end to this madness?

There is but a single cure for both these conditions. The kitchen for Fox Valley's Trial!! What a simple answer. Why not bake a batch of cookies, a pie, a cake? How about some brownies? Or the ultimate goal. the Fox Valley Coffee Cake! es, you can do it!! Yes, you WILL do it!!

Or...maybe...Oh my gosh...Yes....why not volunteer to work in the kitchen the day of the trial. To wait on exhibitors as they crave donuts in the morning, nourishing food at lunch, and...go for it...snacks in between! From coffee and donuts to fried chicken and cheesy veggie soup. Yes, such glories that lie in volunteering..

What must you do to achieve such inner happiness? Just sign up to either bake a goodie or work the day of the trial. See the sign up boards at the front table and sign away. If you are interested in attempting the famous coffee cake see me for the recipe. If you happen to be one of those poor souls that lack culinary aptitude or a desire for a sometimes fast paced environment, the solution is a donation of coffee, or bread, or even tableware, or just a monetary donation.

I can be reached at: driftwoodsheltys@aol.com or (630) 762-1772, or every week at training in the Open run-thru class at 7 pm.

Loretta Lazzara

WARNING-Do NOT give any food donations to my Shelty, Satin. They will never make it to "The Trial".

November Obedience Trial Coming Soon-The Count Down Is On

Need Ring Stewards

Dear Members:

One last chance to get your credits in for this year.

We are still in need of Ring Stewards for our November Trial.

There are 5 Obedience Rings and the Rally Ring needing stewards.

Please contact **Cathy Fleury** at (847) 464-5909 to get additional information and sign up to help.

You can still help even if you are showing. Check with Cathy for the details.

Awards

Dear Members,

Our trial is a short time from now and we still need sponsors for our trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy. We have spots for as little as \$10 on upward to our highest trophy - the High in Trial. Of course your name will be listed and tons of grateful wishes will come your way.

I do want to thank all the people who have already sponsored awards. You are very special to this club and I am very grateful for your response. Great kudos to you!

Peggy Sue

artisticpeggysue@yahoo.com for those who want to e-mail their trophy commitments.

Raffle

Our Obedience Trial is just around the corner. We are asking that the next time you're stocking up on goodies for your own dog, you pick up one extra item for the raffle....balls, tug toys, and treats are all great.

Don't forget that we will also be featuring things for humans as well. So think about note cards, gift cards, or other new items you yourself would like to win.

And, for all of you creative or artist folks out there, what better way for you to show off your skills than donating a sample of your craft!

Please be sure to put your name on the items you give us so we can give you credit for your generosity.

Francene Andresen at (rescents@comcast.net) and **Barb Misch** at (ItsAllAboutTheDog@hotmail.com) are both ready to accept your donations!

We truly appreciate your help. Without your kindness the raffle doesn't exist. To those of you that have already handed in your donations, THANK YOU.



The Obedience Ring

PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE

REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00

REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00

LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00**

LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)
Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ *

****In accordance with our By-laws,
a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged
for dues not received by 7-10-05***

Please mail this application with your dues to the address below.

Make checks payable to:

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

(630) 584-1002	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Sue MacPherson 4N791 Chaffield Dr St. Charles, IL 60175	membership@fvdtc.org
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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2007

DUES FOR THE 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2007.

Your name will be omitted from the 2007-2008 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-9-074

Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "Via e-mail" method to receive the newsletter.

Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

Mailed to my house \_\_\_\_\_ Via e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Do not want to get at all \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

FVDTC continues to believe that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

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| <b>I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.</b> |                    |
| _____<br>Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | _____<br>Signature |



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

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(630)365-3110  
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Completed Beginners class  
e-mail: stagemom@comcast.net

John & Irina Grosse  
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North Aurora, IL 60542  
Standard Poodle  
Completed Beginners class  
e-mail: joirgro@earthlink.net

Susan Hanley & Peter Booth  
P.O. Box 42  
Wayne, IL 6  
(630) 584-3853  
Husky/ Hound  
Completed Beginners class  
e-mail: shanle616@msn.com

Carrie Fisher  
37W935 Spring Green Way  
Batavia, IL 60510  
(630) 879-2936  
Boxer/ Lab, Dalmation/ Cattle Dog  
Completed beginners class  
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Jennifer Samaan  
3309 Blackhawk Tr  
St Charles, IL 60174  
(630) 443-9326  
Maltese/Pomeranian/Shih tzu mix  
Completed Beginner class  
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Paul & Margaret Pompa  
248 Stonehurst  
Elgin, IL 60120  
(847) 697-4105  
Labrador Retriever  
Completed Beginners class

## BRAGS AND WAGS

At the Peoria Show on 9-15-07, Geneva's Lady Holly received her Rally Advanced (RA) title.

At the same show, Tuckman's Forest Gump earned his Companion Dog (CD) and Rally Novice (RN) titles with a 2nd place finish in Rally.

Sandy Davis



Flat-Coated Retriever

### UPDATE ON "JELLO"

submitted by Taffy Wille

The third service dog puppy I raised for Paws With A Cause was "Jello". She went back to headquarters for training at the end of January. She approached this next step in her life the same way she approached everything - fast. She zoomed through her basic obedience training and was quickly assigned for training to be a hearing dog. She did that fast too and was once compared to a fast sports car. This comparison made her a possible difficult dog to place since it would take a special person to handle her. Placement was made though, and she went to be with her partner on July 10. I am so proud of her and hope all of you keep her career in your prayers.

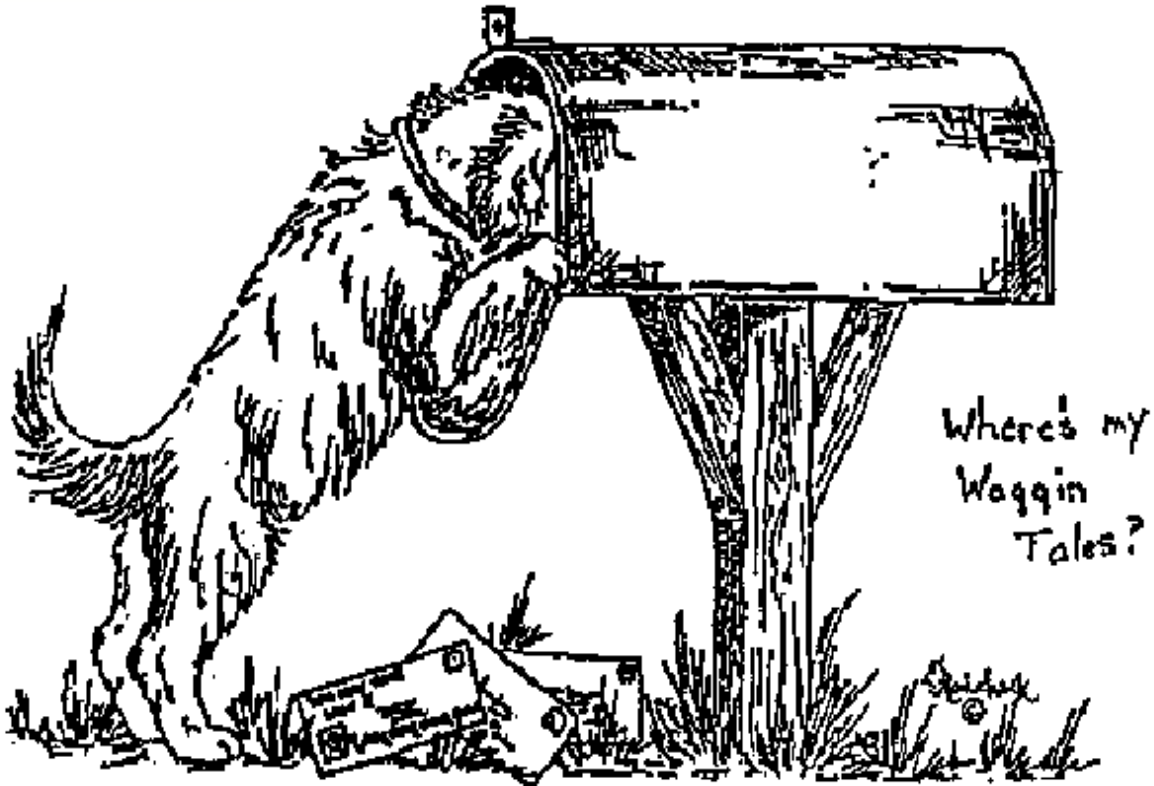
Congratulations to Terri Sidell on the arrival of her new litter.

Terrifick Standard Poodles

**A WELL  
TRAINED  
DOG IS A  
HAPPY DOG.**



Airedale Terrier



**OCTOBER**

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|----|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3  | Wednesday                    | Membership Meeting                                                  |
| 4  | Thursday                     | Regular Training                                                    |
| 7  | Sunday                       | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                              |
| 11 | Thursday                     | Regular Training<br>Graduation Session 4<br>Puppy (7:00) & Beginner |
| 16 | <b>ATTENTION<br/>Tuesday</b> | Regular Training<br>Start Session 5<br>Puppy (7:00) & Beginner      |
| 25 | Thursday                     | Correction Clinic                                                   |
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**NOVEMBER**

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|----|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | Thursday                     | Regular Training                       |
| 7  | Wednesday                    | Membership Meeting                     |
| 8  | Thursday                     | Regular Training                       |
| 11 | Sunday                       | <b>OBEDIENCE TRIAL</b>                 |
| 15 | Thursday                     | Regular Training<br>End Puppy (8:00)   |
| 18 | Sunday                       | Waggin' Tales Deadline                 |
| 20 | <b>ATTENTION<br/>Tuesday</b> | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy (8:00) |
| 29 | Thursday                     | Correction Clinic                      |