



# WAGGIN' TALES

## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE GOOD FORTUNE

Confucius says the wise member marks their calendar for the 2008 Annual Dinner. Circle Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and get your reservation in to Cheryl Hettinger. They will be collected training nights through mid-March, or you may mail yours to her at 46 W615 Locust Street, Elburn, IL 60119. See enclosed form for more information and RSVP. Hurry, time is fleeting!

## BONER AWARD NOMINEES NEEDED

We've all seen it....somebody lodges a dumbbell in the rafters, trips over their own dog's feet causing an 8 dog/human pile-up, or perhaps even leaves training without fido in the car. Now's your chance to offer "Good Fortune" to the people you think pulled the biggest boners this year, by nominating them (or even yourself ) for the FVDTC Boner Award! Nominee forms are available at the front table on training nights, and you can send in your nomination via email to [dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org) or snail mail to me – Cheryl Hettinger, 46W615 Locust Street, Elburn, IL 60119. The winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner. Maybe with a little Good Fortune from you, their new year will be "boner-free!"

## YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS NEEDED

Friends,

I received an email from the CGC division of AKC this week. The message explained that AKC is asking non-registered dog owners to complete a survey that they are sponsoring. Apparently AKC will use the data compiled in this survey to help them determine whether they will expand their offerings to non-registered dogs. The survey can be reached at [www.akc.org/ad\\_clubsurvey](http://www.akc.org/ad_clubsurvey) . You will be directed to a website called Zoomerang to complete the survey. AKC is using Zoomerang to compile the data. **You must act quickly as the survey must be completed by February 18.**

Rick Cox

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**Good fortune can be yours at the**



**FVDTC Good Fortune Annual Dinner**

**Saturday, April 12**

**Gen-Hoe Restaurant  
537 E. State Street, Geneva**

**Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m.(cash bar)  
Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**RSVP no later than March 13  
75-Limited seating (first come first booked)**

**Cheryl Hettinger  
46W615 Locust Street  
Elburn, IL 60119**

**630-557-9310  
dinner@fvdtc.org**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **YES, I (we) will attend**  
(\$30.00 per person) for reservations for the following people:

_____	_____	_____	_____
(first name)	(last name)	(first name)	(last name)
_____	_____	_____	_____
(first name)	(last name)	(first name)	(last name)

***FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB***  
**WELLNESS CLINIC**

***TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008***

Kane County Fairgrounds – Training Building

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Payment, by **CASH** or **CHECK ONLY**, is due at time of service.

Walk-Ins are only allowed by permission of Veterinarian present.

**Dr. Kari Kobus, DVM**

Avid Chip	\$30.00
Bordetella	\$15.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$75.00
Corona/Lepto	\$15.00
DHPPC	\$21.50
Fecal Check	\$17.50
Heartworm Test	\$17.50
Lyme Vaccination	\$27.00
Rabies - one year with tag*	\$25.00
Rabies - one year without tag	\$15.00
Rabies - three year with tag*	\$50.00
Rabies - three year without tag	\$25.00

**\*tags available for Kane County only**

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

**Contact Denise at (847)-871-7953 to schedule an appointment.**

***FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB***  
**WELLNESS CLINIC**

***THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008***

Kane County Fairgrounds – Training Building

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Payment, by **CASH / CHECK / CREDIT CARD**, is due at time of service.

Walk-Ins are only allowed by permission of Veterinarian present.

**Amber Leaf Animal Hospital**

Avid Chip	\$30.00
Bordetella	\$15.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$75.00
Corona	\$12.50
DHLPP with Corona	\$25.00
DHLPPC without Lepto	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$17.50
Lepto	\$15.00
Lymes Vaccination	\$25.00
Rabies - one year without tag	\$15.00
Rabies - three year without tag	\$25.00

**\*tags available for Kane County only**

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

**Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 584-1002 to schedule an appointment.**

**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**December 7, 2007**

Meeting brought to order at 7:54 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the completion date of the parking lot is unknown at this time. He also stated that we will continue to use the Robinson Building for our training, we will not move to the newer buildings.

He reported that we have hired a new person for set-up and a new person for break-down. Both individuals will be trained for both set-up and break-down, in the event that either one is unable to do their 'normal' job. Taffy Wille made a motion that both individuals receive their full pay during their training. Ed Herdes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) reported that she needs help organizing the 2007 Christmas party, to be held on Thursday Dec 27th. Additionally, she stated that the following donations would be greatly appreciated:

- Garland and tape or some decorating of the doorways.
- Boom box with an Christmas CD for musical chairs. Ed stated that he can bring that.
- Wooden spoons for a Ball/Spoon race.
- Goodies for a "yummies" table.
- Ideas for games and activities.

Terri stated that she could prepare treat bags for prizes and hand outs IF each Board member would donate a bag or box of smaller sized treats. Dave, Ingrid, Ed and Carolyn volunteered to bring donations to Terri no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Terri also reported that she has a meeting scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> with the Extension Office regarding FVDTC's involvement in the 2008 4-H Dog Program. She is seeking comments, ideas, complaints or suggestions regarding the program and/or the trial itself from club members. Those comments must be sent to her by e-mail to her as soon as possible, but not later than December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dale Swanson (Treasurer) stated that one of the club's CD's rolled over. He also stated that he has begun using electronic bill pay.

Dale distributed a copy of the Monthly Income and Expenses report and the Account Balances report as of December 6, 2007. There was no discussion regarding the reports.

Ronnie Bizer (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However, Taffy reported that of the five contracts for 2008 judges which were sent, four have been returned with signatures.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that she has verbal confirmation from Pam German and Donna Kircher for the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> tracking test.

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Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, due to her daughter's first ever gymnastics competition on Friday night at NIU, but sent the following report:

The Spring 2008 AKC Agility Trials will be held at the SportsPlex in St. Charles on March 29 and 30. The judges are Monica Land from Connecticut and Lavonda Herring from New York. There will be a limit of 620 runs. FAST classes will NOT be offered. Entries will open on February 1, 2008 and the random draw will be on February 27, 2008. The entry fees will be \$24.00 first entry and \$14.00 for second entry of same dog. As of January 1, 2008, the AKC fee of \$3.00 will be per entry which means we must pay \$3.00 to AKC for each entry of a dog, regardless if it is the first entry or the second entry of the same dog.

Currently, the Agility Trial Committee consists of Cathy Fleury, Vera Nyberg, Shirley Short and Molly Stadler. Sharon Ehr is the trial secretary again this year. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Set-up on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, starting approximately at 5:00 p.m.
- Break down on Sunday, March 30, starting approximately at 4:00 p.m.
- Ring Stewards on Saturday and Sunday
- Security, Parking, Judges' Hospitality and Workers' Hospitality, etc., on Saturday and Sunday

Helen also reported that as of January 1, 2008, all FSS breeds are eligible to compete in AKC Agility. She hopes to see some at our shows. Unfortunately, Rennen, her one year old Kooikerhondje, is not yet ready for competition but he is looking really nice.

Please contact Helen to volunteer or with any questions at [agility@fvdtc.org](mailto:agility@fvdtc.org) or (630) 660-3213, cell.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Terri presented a questionnaire to the Board, that was originally submitted by an unknown Board member in April, 2006, to review and discuss.

Terri stated that it should be presented to the membership in the Waggin' Tales (perhaps the December 2007 and January 2008 issue) and available at training. She would review the responses, tally the answers, publish a summary of the responses and take it from there. It was decided that the surveys should be signed, to prevent "ballot box stuffing". HOWEVER, the only information that would be publicly available would be the summary of all survey responses.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

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





## SPRING INDOOR AGILITY TRIALS

March 29 and 30, 2008

The premium for FVDTC's Spring Agility Trials is now available online at our website. The trials will be held at the SportsPlex in St. Charles. I would encourage all club members to join us for the trials. For those club members who will be showing and want to guarantee their entries, you must complete the **Workers' Form** which is included in the premium. For those club members who will not be showing, I would appreciate your support and assistance in any of the following areas:

- Assisting with judges' and workers' refreshments
- Setting up on Friday starting at about 5 p.m.
- Working at the trial on Saturday
- Working at the trial on Sunday
- Tearing down on Sunday evening about 5 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact me directly at 630-660-3213 or [hcastellano@alcatel-lucent.com](mailto:hcastellano@alcatel-lucent.com). I look forward to another spectacular trial!

Helen Castellano  
Agility Trial Chairperson



## HELP WANTED

Friends,

We still have the following important positions to fill.

### Public Education Coordinator (Board position)

*An AKC required position / coordinating (with AKC's assistance), a couple of educational related events.*

### Obedience Trial Secretary

*Without a trial secretary, we will have no trial. You won't be alone. There will be help to show you how it is done. So, don't be afraid to try it*

### Demonstrations

*This is about coordinating a group of folks to do demos.*

### Librarian

*Just keeping tabs on the club's copies of various publications.*

Please contact Terri at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) if you are interested in getting more information about these positions.



## Assistants Needed for 4H Classes



Classes are conducted on regular training nights at 6 p.m. Come and help teach youngsters about dog care and training. Please e-mail Terri at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) if you can help.



### Committee Chairs

**Co-Assistant Director of Training**

**Co-Assistant Director of Training**

**Annual Dinner Chair**

**Awards**

**CGC & TDI Coordinator**

**Demonstrations**

**Graduation Chair**

**Historian**

**Librarian**

**Match Chair (Coordinator)**

**Match Chair (Entries)**

**Match Chair (Judges)**

**Match Chair (Stewards)**

**Obedience Trial Secretary**

**Publicity**

**Statistician**

**Sunshine**

**Waggin' Tales Editor**

**Loretta Lazzarra**

**Joan Mazat**

**Cheryl Hettinger**

**Jan Schomer**

**Colleen Kent**

**Barb Misch**

**Nancy Pederson**

**Jan Schomer**

**Penny Brcich**

**Sandi Stephenson**

**Ingrid Hamburger**

**Buffy Cramer-Hamman**

**Jan Schomer**

**Penny Brcich**

**Francene Andresen**



**Membership Meeting Highlights  
January 02, 2008**

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

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

Terri Byerly (Second Vice-President) stated that it has been another interesting year for FVDTC. She thanked the current board and committee members for their dedication and hard work. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with all of them.

Terri also stated that coyotes are in their mating season for the next two and a half months and are much bolder. Terri reminded the club members to keep an eye on your pooches and small children and be aware of the coyote population in your area.

Terri also reminded club members that FVDTC works annually with the University of Illinois Extension offices to promote and assist with the Kane County 4-H dog projects. In the past, our participation in this program has been viewed by a handful of members as an annoyance. In exchange for the loss of two rings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to 4-H classes, the club receives use of the Extension Center for our meetings. Additionally the 4-H program, in conjunction with the puppy/beginner classes, and the Public Education Coordinators efforts, helps us to maintain our not-for-profit status. Although it sounds cliché perhaps the most important reason to extend courtesy to and patience with the 4-H participants is that the young people of today are the dog owners of the future.

Terri also asked for several volunteers to assist in the 4-H classes, which begins on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and continues on regular training nights, until the FVDTC hosted trial on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to assist with these classes can contact her at training, via e-mail at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) or via phone at (630) 553-2363.

Terri happily reported that the annual Christmas Party was a great success. She stated that it was very well attended, the games were a blast and both the human and the doggie goodie tables were overflowing with sweet and savory treats, especially the yummy meatballs! Lots of laughter, camaraderie, festive decorations, music, food, drooling dogs and a visit from Santa made for a perfect evening. Special thanks to Nina and Ed Herdes, Selena Larmon, Ericka Koehn, Ben Sunday, Mike and Lynn Stadel and Anthony Rizzi for all their creativity and work. Thanks to these fine people, set up and clean up was quick and painless. Additionally, thanks to all pictures taken with Santa and pups, Terri presented \$32.00 to the Tracking Committee for the 2008 test.

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) thanked Sue MacPherson and Barb Misch for volunteering at the Information Table. Cheryl Hettinger volunteered to sit at the Information Table.

Sandi reported that Ericka Koehn is Terri Byerly's new assistant. Sandi thanked Selena Larmon for her past efforts as Terri's assistant. Sandi also reported that she will be working with Nancy Pederson in the Novice Ring Ready class by offering novice run-throughs.

Sandi stated that Nancy Pederson provided the following information for the Beginner classes starting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Start Time	Students
7:00 p.m.	Full
8:00 p.m.	12
9:00 p.m.	4

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Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) announced the following are the 2008 Obedience Trial Judges and she has received signed contracts from each of them.

Class	Judge
Novice A and B	Donna Larson
Open A	Nancy DeFiesta
Open B	Karen Anderson
Utility A	Nancy DeFiesta
Utility B	Kay Lunz
Rally	Julie Simmons

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) stated that she has secured the Burnidge Forest Preserve site for the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 tracking test. The judges are Donna Kirchner and Pam German. Cheryl Hettinger volunteered to work at the test.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) stated that the premium lists have been sent out. Helen also encouraged club members to complete the 'workers' portion of their entries to guarantee them the opportunity of exhibiting at the trial. Helen also stated that the premium list will be available soon on the club's website.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson). Dave announced that Cheryl Hettinger graciously accepted the invitation to chair the Annual Dinner committee for the 2008 dinner. Cheryl stated that she still needs to contact Jan Schomer regarding the awards and the date for the dinner.

During the discussion of tentative dates, Cheryl stated that in the past, the dinner was held in Mid-March, which would be Saturday, March 15. Sandi Stephenson reminded club members that date is the weekend of the Louisville Cluster shows and we 'lose' dinner attendees due to that show. It was decided that the dinner would not be held on March 22nd, due to Easter, March 29<sup>th</sup>, due to the Agility Trials. It was tentatively set for April 5<sup>th</sup>. (*Secretary's Note: Following further investigation after the meeting, it was determined that April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Yorkville Kennel Club's show in DeKalb. Therefore, the final date for the 2008 Dinner is **APRIL 12, 2008.**)*

Barb Misch and Ericka Koehn volunteered to help Cheryl. Any other individuals who would like to volunteer can contact Cheryl at dinner@fvdtc.org or (630) 557-9310.

Colleen Kent (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) was not present at the meeting. However, Sandi Stephenson announced that the next CGC and TDI test is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Penny Bricich/Jan Schomer/Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson). Sandi stated that the committee has made a few changes to the 2008 Correction Clinics. Previously, the limit for Novice dogs was 24, the new limit is **26** dogs. The new limit for Open is 19 and the new limit for Utility is 21. It is hoped that this will prevent turning away individuals. Sandi also announced that she and Penny Bricich will be available on Correction clinic nights to judge any overflow exhibitors.

However because the January, February and March 2008 Correction Clinics are typically less attended, only one novice ring will be run. During the September, the October and probably the November 2008 Correction Clinics, two novice rings will be run. These changes are done in response to the addition of

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the Rally run-throughs and the hosting of the CGC and TDI tests on correction clinic nights. Additionally, the Novice and Open classes will no longer be divided as "A" and "B" classes, they will be offered as "1" and "2". This will allow Penny to divide the classes evenly between rings.

Sandi also announced that the Rally run-throughs are going well and are appreciated by the exhibitors. Volunteers are needed to judge the Rally class. Taffy Wille suggested that anyone currently exhibiting in rally trials to bring the ring maps layouts for the judges to use at the correction clinic. Terri Byerly stated that she has a book with ring map layouts.

The committee has agreed to host a sanctioned Match. Penny Brcich volunteered to be the trial secretary which requires her to create and distribute match entry forms and to create a judges book. Rick Cox stated that he could provide a list of other individuals who need to judge at a sanctioned match as required by AKC. It was uncertain whether the Rally class would also have to be sanctioned. The date was tentatively set for June 19<sup>th</sup>. Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) and Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair, Judges) stated that the date would work for them. Dave Lewis asked Rick and Sandi to coordinate efforts to get a list of things that need to be done for the sanctioned match.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor). Due to a severe cold, Francene was not attendance. Dave stated that the deadline is Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Ed Herdes, as drawn by club member, Cheryl Hettinger. In addition to the Tracking Committee receiving the remaining \$7.00, Ed also donated his \$7.00 to the Tracking Committee.

### Old Business

#### 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 two-thirds 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 the proposed changes at the November meeting and published them in the December Waggin' Tales.

#### **Section 7.1 in the 1/1/2006 By-Laws states:**

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the second week of January, at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. All members in good standing shall receive notification at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.

#### **Proposed wording for Section 7.1, Effective Immediately**

The Annual Meeting shall be held at the January Membership Meeting, at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. All members in good standing shall receive notification at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.

There was no additional discussion. The by-law changes were approved by all members voting, without any opposition or abstentions.

### 2008 Calendar

Carolyn explained that this year, due to the St. Peter's Barn Sale, there will not be training on September 18<sup>th</sup>. To make up for this change, there will be two nights of training the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Regular Training night on November 18<sup>th</sup> and a Correction Clinic on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Voting for 2008 Board of Directors**

Prior to distributing the ballots, Dave asked whether there were any questions about the responsibilities of any of the board positions. Dave reported that the published slate inadvertently omitted Sandi Stephenson for the Director of Training position.

Dave read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate. There were no individuals nominated from the floor. Bill Clarke and Taffy Wille collected and counted the ballots. Dave announced that the winners of the election were as slated.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
<b>President</b>	Terri Byerly
<b>First Vice President</b>	Ed Herdes
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Peggy Sue Seehafer
<b>Secretary</b>	Carolyn Pearson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dale Swanson
<b>Director of Training</b>	Sandi Stephenson
<b>Obedience Trial Chair</b>	Rick Cox
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Sue MacPherson
<b>Public Education Coordinator</b>	
<b>Tracking Test Chair</b>	Ingrid Hamburger
<b>Agility Trial Chair</b>	Helen Castellano

As provided in the By-laws, Dave Lewis, as the former President, automatically fills the Director at Large position.

### **New Business**

Sandi Stephenson appointed the following two club members to the Assistant Director of Training (ADOT) position.

Loretta Lazzara, who accepted the nomination at the meeting.

Joan Mazat, who accepted the nomination prior to the meeting.

The Co-ADOT appointments were unanimously ratified by the members present at the meeting.

Taffy Wille announced that AKC is seeking feedback for a huge list of suggested changes to obedience rules. Taffy suggested that everyone involved in obedience or rally should review the suggestions and provide their feedback. Taffy stated that one example of the suggested changes was that Judges for all "B" classes could include 360° turns. AKC's website is [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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

**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, 2008**

**DUES FOR THE 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2008.**

Your name will be omitted from the 2008-2009 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-7-08

**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.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <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 |

**This is a reprint of the Awards Structure by Taffy Willie, Committee Chair, printed in the September /October 2007 Waggin' Tales. It was voted on and approved to begin January 1, 2008. All competitors seeking awards for the 2008 show season should take note of the changes to the award structure and plan accordingly.**

## NEW AWARDS STRUCTURE

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 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, OTCH and a MACH).

An example of the levels and their corresponding titles is as follows:

### 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

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### NEW MEMBERS

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(630)513-1178  
Boxer & Basenji  
e-mail: [cheryl@thehighlandconnection.com](mailto:cheryl@thehighlandconnection.com)

by **Sue MacPherson**

John Burke  
1073 Winnebago Trail  
Batavia, IL 60510  
(630) 482-9292  
Irish Red & White Setter  
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Apologies to our new **Obedience Trial Chair, Rick Cox**. The printer inadvertently left his and Debbie's name and address out of the new Roster. Please add the following information to your Roster.

**COX, RICK & DEBBIE** (847) 488-1799 LIFETIME-TRAINING SHETLAND SHEEPDOG & LABRADOR RETRIEVER  
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As most of you know, I have been the Editor of Waggin' Tales for the past year.

During that time I have been learning to use the Publishing Program and attempting to be more computer savvy in the process. For the most part I have been successful.

It still takes me several days to put Waggin' Tales together and unlike my predecessors, many hours in those days. I am not very quick at the key board.

The purpose of this note is to let all of you know that I am attempting to make some changes this year from last to ensure that WT is sent out in a more timely manner. I have discussed most, if not all, of this with the president and she has approved.

Waggin' Tales will no longer be held up waiting for items to be sent to me past the deadline date unless expressly requested to do so by the president. It is the sole responsibility of members and committees to send me any material they need to have in WT for notification of events or activities, etc.

In addition, I request that you send your information in the basic wording and format that you wish it to be printed in WT. On occasion I may need to edit something to fit it on a page in the space at hand; however, normally that will not be necessary. I may change the font or type size to blend in with the rest of the paper. If there is a major problem I will notify the author and either request that person to make needed changes or I will request approval to make the changes myself.

I am confident that these changes will aide in getting WT out to you in a more timely manner and that the information will be more current and pertinent to what is going on within the club.

A general note to the committee chairs. If you know of an event coming up in a few months and you give me the information as soon as you get it confirmed, I will run it in WT for several months leading up to the event. This will prevent errors and last minute notification which should help us to increase participation. Last year, many of the events were not given much lead notice if any. I do not want a repeat of that this year.

I want to thank those of you who have already contributed to WT in 2008. You have had your material to me either ahead of the deadline or on the deadline and I have been able to work with it in a timely manner. There has only been one slight exception to that but we are in a transition phase here so there will be a few flaws. At least we are giving it our best shot.

Thank you for your help and support. It is always appreciated. If you have any thoughts, comments, or concerns or you just want to add an article or information to WT please feel free to contact me at: [waggintales@fvdtc.org](mailto:waggintales@fvdtc.org).

Waggin' Tales to you,

Francene Andresen  
Editor, Waggin' Tales

Just a reminder to keep your eyes open for coyotes and watch your dogs and small children. It is breeding season and they are definitely out and about right now.



## *Lost - BUT Found*

The following items have been accidentally left in the building at some time in the past. If you believe that it belongs to you - please check with the club member at the front table or Carolyn Pearson, and they can show you where they are.

If they are not claimed by March 30th, they will be disposed.

1 Nylon Jacket, Red, Size – Medium

1 Nylon Jacket, Yellow, Size – Extra Large, Embroidered with “Mid America Schutzhund Club and a GSD Head

1 Shaggy Neck Scarf, Red

1 Nylon Zippered Lunch Cooler, Blue, “Hewlett Packard”

1 Coleman Refreezable Ice Pack

1 Seat Belt Harness, Black Nylon

1 Buckle Collar, Nylon, Red 3/8” wide, 12” long, Adjustable

1 Lead, Nylon, Black, 1/4” wide, 14” long

1 Lead, Leather, Braided, Black & White, 3/8” wide, 3’ long

1 Lead, Leather, Latigo, 3/4” wide, 32” long

1 Lead, Leather, Black, 1/2” wide, 3’ long

1 Lead, Leather, Black, 3/4” wide, 6’ long

1 Dumbbell, One-Piece Wood, 2-1/2” Dowel, 3” End, Brand J & J, Initials “PC” carved in end

1 Dumbbell, Plastic, 2” Dowel, 2-1/4” End

1 Dumbbell, Plastic, 2-1/2” Dowel, 2-1/2” End, Brand J & J

1 Dumbbell, Plastic, 3-1/2” Dowel, 3” End, Brand INVINC-A-BELL, Marked with “K” on ends

1 Metal Article, 3-1/4” Dowel, 2-1/2” End, Marked with #1

1 Metal Article, 3-1/4” Dowel, 2-1/2” End, Marked with #5

1 Bait Bag, Brand – DoggoneGood

1 Waste Bag Holder, Gray Plastic, Brand - Petnation

1 Nylon Braided Knot with Throw Strap

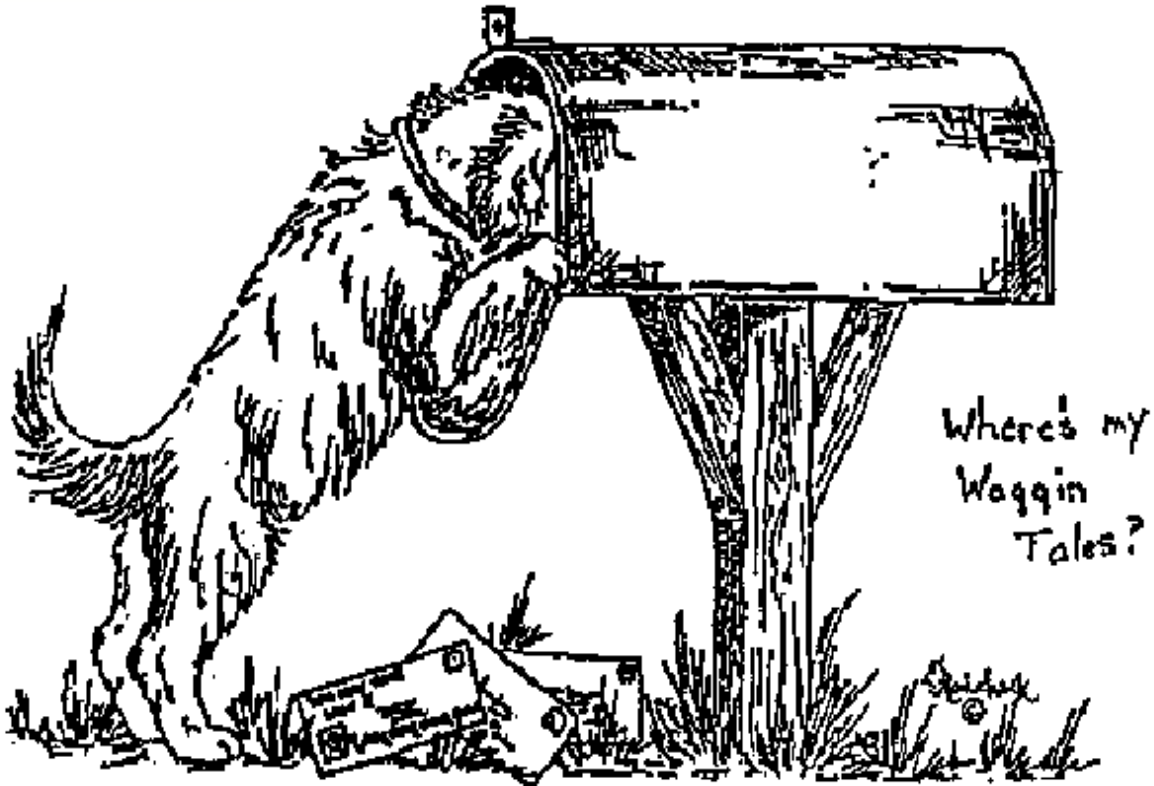
2 Clickers

1 Plush Flyer, Pink & Green, Brand – Zanies

1 Plush Flyer, Purple & White, Brand – Zanies, with Squeaky

1 Plush Frisbee, Yellow & Green

1 Furry Squeaky Toy, Red



| FEBRUARY |          |                                           | MARCH |           |                                                                              |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | Friday   | Board Meeting                             | 4     | Tuesday   | Regular Training<br>End Session 1 Puppy 7pm<br>& Beginner & Health<br>Clinic |
| 3        | Sunday   | Waggin' Tales Deadline                    | 5     | Wednesday | Membership Meeting                                                           |
| 7        | Thursday | Regular Training<br>Start Puppy 8:00 p.m. | 9     | Sunday    | Waggin' Tales Deadline                                                       |
| 14       | Thursday | Regular Training<br>4-H Classes Start     | 13    | Thursday  | Regular Training<br>Start Session 2<br>Puppy 7pm & Beginner                  |
| 21       | Thursday | Correction Clinic                         | 20    | Thursday  | Correction Clinic<br>CGC & TDI Tests                                         |
| 28       | Thursday | Regular Training                          | 27    | Thursday  | Regular Training &<br>Health Clinic                                          |
|          |          |                                           | 28    | Friday    | Spring Agility Trial Setup                                                   |
|          |          |                                           | 29    | Saturday  | Spring Agility Trial                                                         |
|          |          |                                           | 30    | Sunday    | Spring Agility Trial                                                         |