

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales



Trials, But No Tribulation!

The fall and early winter months will bring us to the season of dog trials and tests for FVDTC.

September 5 – Tracking Setup

September 6 – Tracking Test

September 11 – Agility Setup

September 12-13 – Agility Trial

November 7 – Obedience Setup

November 8 – Obedience Trial

Mark your calendars for these events, and check with the trial chairs to see how you can help

Trials & Trophies

November 8th seems to be in the distant future, but it will be here before we know it! The planning of our annual obedience and rally trial are in the works, which means now is the time for FVDTC members to make a donation toward their favorite trophy.

We have a sign up sheet at training with trophies listed or you can contact:

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We appreciate your support.

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Hey! Where's Francene?

David Lewis

You may have noticed that Francene Andresen's name is missing from this month's Waggin' Tales. After 3 years of faithful service as FVDTC's Waggin' Tales editor, Francene has found it necessary to resign her position. Francene - we thank you for the extraordinary work you've done for the club.

Until the end of the year, David Lewis will be responsible for the Waggin' Tales. Please send your articles and items of interest to Dave via email at waggintales@fvdtc.org or via snail mail at 232 Mistwood Ln, North Aurora, IL 60542.

A Word from the Prez

Terri Byerly

Friends,

Yesterday as we were leaving training, several of us noticed a student driving off the grounds with a small (toy) dog in the driver's lap.

Instructors, please remind your students of how incredibly dangerous this is. That even the calmest, quietest dog can get spooked or excited and if he ends up on the floorboards while you're driving, the results can be deadly.

Along the same vein, please remind students not to let their dogs hang their heads out the car window. I use the analogy of a rock ding on the windshield (what if that was your dog's eye) or how much it stings when a bug hits your arm while it's out the window.

It's our responsibility to teach our students simple day to day safety tips. We are responsible for our dogs' wellbeing!

Thanks,
Terri Byerly

Puppy Mill Articles in Newsweek

David Lewis, from info provided by Barb Misch

Articles in the April (<http://www.newsweek.com/id/192478>) and July (<http://www.newsweek.com/id/206163>) issues of Newsweek magazine are highlighting Bill Smith's efforts to force the cleanup or closure of puppy mills in central Pennsylvania.

The White County sheriff's department noticed the stench from a mile up the road. By the time rescuers entered the series of sheds in Sparta, Tenn., some were forced to wear respirators. Inside each shed were scores of dogs in tiny cages, many covered in feces. The sheds reeked of urine and were so frigid the officers had to set up portable heaters to work inside. Authorities, who raided the farm in February after receiving tips from angry customers who'd purchased sick puppies, discovered 300 dogs on the three-acre property—many of them malnourished, mangy and infected by parasites. Some were housed a half dozen to a cage in near total darkness. Many of the pups were "designer dogs"—trendy new breeds ... "It's market driven," says Melinda Merck, a forensic veterinarian who assisted with the Tennessee raid. "People just see a designer breed and say, 'I've never heard of that dog but it sounds cute!'"

Excerpted from Newsweek (<http://www.newsweek.com/id/192478>)

Braggs

Victoria Abraham

Sophia earned her RAE title on May 29 in Woodstock. She received a 98 in Rally Excellent B and a 99 in Rally Advance B. We were still excited from our last show when we competed in our Mulligan show in Grayslake, and earned a second place with a 98/94. We will still have fun going to Rally events and Poodle specialties. Sophia really loves the freedom in agility, and we will continue our classes on Wednesdays. Thanks to all of you at FVDTC for all of your encouragement and expertise. Thank you to Nancy Pederson for the Ring Ready class and for all the times at the show.

Victoria & Sophia ----Hoooooray.

... and More Brags

Trudi Kimm

At the Dekalb Kennel Club show my Canaan Dog, Buzz, got his second and third leg to finish his RN. His first leg was at our national specialty in May where he won the Novice B class and was high scoring Rally dog with a 192. His second leg was a 193 and his third leg was a 195. What a nice way to celebrate his 9th birthday! The RN is his 15th title/certificate.

Dog Stuff -- Opportunities and Events

Carolyn Pearson

Hi all!

I received the following information recently from e-mail and thought that I would pass it along to you all. This is not endorsements from the club or from me personally, I am simply relaying information to you.

Carolyn Pearson

TRAINING DVDs

Janice Gunn announced that her new training DVD series, called Competition Obedience Training is available. The \$109.99 USD set includes the following DVDs:

Puppy - Novice - Handling Training

-and-

Advanced Open & Utility Training

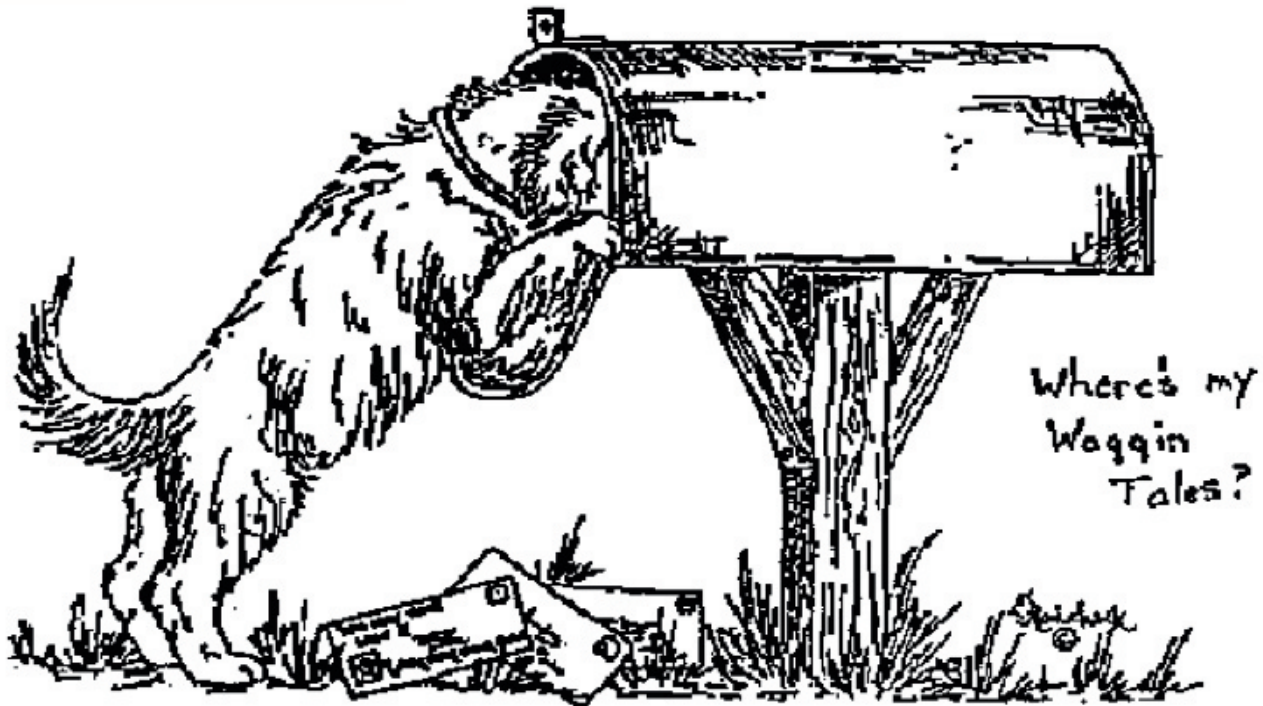
Each DVD is also available individually for \$59.99 USD each.

More information for her is available at: <http://www3.telus.net/tntkennels/default.htm>

SEMINAR

The Reactive Dog, presented by Pia Silvani, CPDT, CABC. It is on September 19 and 20, 2009 in Urbandale, IA. More information for the seminar is available at: www.dogsofcourse.com

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July

2	Thursday	Regular Training
3	Friday	Board Meeting
5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
7	Tuesday	Regular Training
16	Thursday	Kane County Fair No Training!
23	Thursday	Regular Training
30	Thursday	Regular Training

August

4	Tuesday	Regular Training
7	Friday	Board Meeting
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
13	Thursday	Regular Training
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
27	Thursday	Regular Training