

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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## Waggin' Tales

### Congratulations to the 2010 Board:

<b>President:</b>	Terri Byerly	<b>Obedience Trial Chair:</b>	Barb Moore
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b>	Ed Herdes	<b>Agility Trial Chair:</b>	Cathy Fleury
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	Jill Hansrote	<b>Membership Chair:</b>	Sue MacPherson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Carolyn Pearson	<b>Public Education Coordinator:</b>	Barb Runkle
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dana Weller	<b>Tracking Test Chair:</b>	Ingrid Hamburger
<b>Director of Training:</b>	Joan Mazat	<b>Director at Large:</b>	David Lewis

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**T**hank you to last year's Board of Directors and welcome back to those who came back for another year. To those new to the board and committees, "Welcome"!

Friends, we are a club that runs on volunteer power. We are so very lucky to have dedicated folks, willing and ready to jump in and help out through out the year. However this is a big club with many activities thru the year. If you ever have the itch to participate and get more involved but you're not sure where to get started, let me know. There are lots of opportunities for you!

We are a diverse club; a unique blend of personalities and talents. This works very much in our favor and occasionally against. But we've always persevered and worked out any issues that at times seemed insurmountable.

We continue to offer to the public a variety of options, well organized events, quality instruction and a fabulous weekly venue to enjoy time with our dogs. Those are some of the reasons that I'm proud to be a part of this canine based community. I've found in this club, mentors and friends. I bet you have too. And if you haven't yet, you will. I promise you that.

I will continue to be available to listen to your suggestions, complaints, compliments, ideas, recipes... Please never hesitate to approach me with issues.

Welcome back everyone, to another fantastic year of training, showing, organizing, teaching, learning and simply enjoying time with your pals; both four legged and two!

Sincerely,  
Terri Byerly  
[president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)





IT'S A CELEBRATION  
of  
ACCOMPLISHMENT AND COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP

**The Secret is out**

**So hurry and join the party**

**Reserve your seats early as seating is limited to 50 guests**

**When: April 17, 2010**

**Where: Old Towne Pub and Eatery**

**40W290 La Fox Road, Wasco, IL**

**Time: Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)**

**Buffet Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

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**RSVP no later than April 1, 2010 - Limited seating of 50 guests**

YES, I (we) will attend. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per person) for reservations for the following people: (Please **print** names of those attending.)

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(first name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(last name)

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(first name)

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(first name)

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(last name)

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(first name)

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(last name)

**Mail to: Connie Crawford  
1201 Averill Drive  
Batavia, IL 60510**

**1-630-879-3570  
dinner@fvdtc.org**

## IT'S BONER AWARD TIME

I recall it all in my head the times of errors and blunders.

How high did that dumbbell go to hit that light?

How much money did they spend on those birds for training that flew out of the truck when they opened the door? Oh, and how lucky not to be arrested! When trying to gather the wayward winged creatures, the Ranger showed up and noted that if those birds entered the forest preserve they were protected! Can't you just picture grown men chasing those birds trying to catch them?

One can't forget and again smile remembering the time dogs were piled into the vehicle and taken home after training. Then, the inevitable phone call asking the trainer if something had been left behind. Oh, you remember that one, too? Yes, one more dog was still at the training center! That one still tickles me. See what happens when your pack is a bunch of look-alikes?

How about the handler who threw the toll money into the garbage can instead of the toll bin on the way back from a training session? Makes you wonder how many more people have done that over the years, doesn't it?

And let us not forget the numerous times a judge tells a handler to do one thing and either the handler or the dog does something entirely different. Very entertaining to see especially since all of us probably had something similar happen to us at one time or another. Somehow it makes us feel part of an elite group of people and not alone.

Has any of this reminiscing triggered your own recollection of seeing yourself or other members doing something humorous or unplanned? If so, share it with us for competition toward the Boner Award.

The Boner Award is a real award given out at the FVDTC Annual Dinner. It is done all in good fun and camaraderie.

If you have something you would like to share, please send it to:

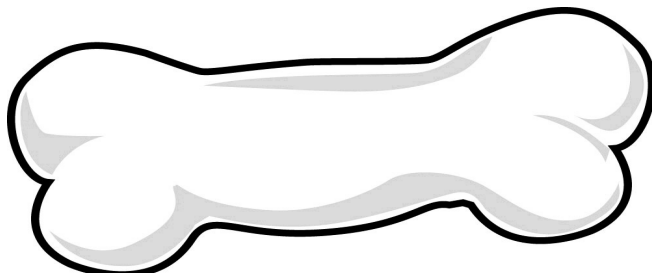
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or

place in the box labeled "Boner Award" at the front table

# FVDTC BONER NOMINEE



**Do you know something silly or embarrassing  
that would make one of your friends  
eligible to win a boner award?**

**If so, send your nomination via email to  
[dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org) or snail mail to:**

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

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2010

These FVDTC members have agreed to server as committee chairs for 2010. Without these folks, many of the events and services that we enjoy at Fox Valley would not happen. Although they are the chairs of the committees, we have a shared responsibility to see that all of the club's work is successfully completed. Any of them will be more than happy to see you volunteer to help.

4-H Coordinator	Terri Byerly	Match Co-Chairperson (Entries)	Penny Brich
Annual Dinner Chairperson	Cheryl Hettinger	Match Co-Chairperson (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson
Demonstrations	Shelly Kellums	Match Co-Chairperson (Overall)	Jan Schomer
Graduation	Barb Misch	Match Steward Chairperson	Ingrid Hamburger
Historian	vacant	Publicity	unconfirmed
Librarian	unconfirmed	Statistician	Jan Schomer
		Sunshine	Penny Brich

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### New Members:

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 13, 2010

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.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that the annual mat cleaning is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training). Joan was not in attendance, however, **Terri Byerly stated that the 4-H classes will be starting in February. She reminded club members to PLEASE be aware of**

**the extra traffic in the building and to be patient during the orientation time of these new handlers as they get acclimate to the routine of training nights. She also reminded everyone that these junior handlers are the dog owners of the future, so please encourage them along the way.** In response to Joyce Conway's question, Terri stated that 4-H participants must be eight years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the event.

**A reminder that Rally run-throughs are now available, on Regular training nights at 9:00 p.m. FVDTC Instructor, Sandy Davis, will be available to offer advice and suggestions on the different Rally exercises.**

Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, sent the following report for the Beginner and Puppy classes which began on January 7th. The following is the number of students in each of the classes.

Start Time	Puppy	Beginner
7:00 p.m.	12	15
8:00 p.m.	n/a	15
9:00 p.m.	n/a	8

Carolyn Pearson (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that thanks to Rick Cox's assistance, contracts were sent to and returned from all 2010 Obedience Trial judges.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson). Due to an inadvertent omission from the December WT, Dave Lewis made a motion to waive the requirement to publish the following name prior to voting on their membership application. Kim Colyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

- Eric & Margi Hakala

Sue MacPherson read a list of three applicants. Ingrid Hamburger made a motion to accept the list as read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members and especially Shannon Thornburg who was present at the meeting!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that she has reserved the Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin and has contracts for the Judges for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Tracking Test.

**Terri Byerly, on behalf of the Christmas Party Committee and the FVDTC general membership, presented \$60.00 to Tracking Trial Chair, Ingrid Hamburger. These funds were raised thanks to the "Pictures with Santa" event held at our Annual Christmas Party.**

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that the Dinner committee would like to extend a special sneak preview to everyone here to night for the FVDTC Annual Awards and Appreciation dinner. This year's theme is "Mardi Paws". Cheryl stated that the craziness of New Orleans's Mardi Gras will be rivaled by a room full

of enthusiastic dog people. Cheryl reported that she is again working with a wonderful committee.

Last years dinner was so much fun, it will again be at the Old Towne Pub & Eatery in Wasco. So save Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, to join the fun with the social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., with a wonderful all-you-can-eat buffet at 7:00 p.m. At \$15.00 per person, this evening is a bargain. Seating is limited to 50, so make your reservations soon. The invitation will be in the Waggin' Tales and available at the information table on training nights. RSVP's will also be accepted at the information table.

As always, there will have beautiful favors, a fabulous raffle, hilarious boner awards to pass out. Additionally, each month there will be a guess jar at training, the winners will be presented with the jar at the dinner. Cheryl also encouraged everyone to be sure to submit nominations to the committee for the 'illustrious' BONER Award.

Ericka Koehn (CGC & TDI Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, however it was reported that the next CGC / TDI Test will be on January 21st.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson). In response to Ingrid's plea for more stewards at the January 21<sup>st</sup> correction clinic, new club member, Shannon Thornburg volunteered at the meeting.

Bill Clarke (Publicity) was not in attendance, however Ed Herdes and Cheryl Hettinger reported that Bill is doing very well after his knee replacement surgery on January 11th.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Kim Colyer, as drawn by new club member, Shannon Thornburg. In addition to the remaining \$6.00 going to the tracking test fund, Kim also donated her winnings to the tracking test fund.

### Old Business

- Christmas Party Update

Thanks to the Christmas Party Committee who put

together another great holiday gathering! Barb Runkle, Jill Hansrote, Ed and Nina Herdes and Terri Byerly all saw to it that everyone was well fed and entertained! Very special thanks to Rick Runkle, for his patience and his willingness to wear red polyester.

Voting for 2010 Board of Directors

Prior to distributing the ballots, Terri read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2010 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl Hettinger and Barb Misch collected and counted the ballots. Terri announced that the winners of the election were as slated.

Position	Candidate
President	Terri Byerly
First Vice President	Ed Herdes
Second Vice President	Jill Hansrote
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson
Treasurer	Dana Weller
Director of Training	Joan Mazat
Obedience Trial Chair	Barb Moore
Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Agility Trial Co-Chairs	Cathy Fleury
Director at Large	David Lewis

Terri thanked all 2009 Board members and Committee chairs for all the hard work done in the

## McCORMACK PLACE CLUSTER OF SHOWS

**One of the biggest and best is coming to town!**

**Mark your calendars to visit the cluster of shows at McCormick Place in Chicago!**

**Cheer on your fellow club members, shop to your heart's content and maybe even learn a thing or two!**

**T**his cluster of shows draws competitors from all over the world. Its an excellent opportunity to learn more about any of the 161 different breeds that will be represented! Sometimes reading the standards for breeds and

past year and welcomed the 2010 Board members.

New Business

### 2010 Calendar Notables

Carolyn stated that due to the increased usage of the new fairground buildings by the other events, at this time, it appears that the number of required training night switches to Tuesday will be significantly reduced. So hopefully that will cause less confusion among members and guest trainers.

Carolyn also explained that this year again, due to the St. Peter's Barn Sale, there will not be training on September 16<sup>th</sup>. To make up for this change, there will be two nights of training the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Regular Training night on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and a Correction Clinic on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. This Correction Clinic will be the last one before the 2010 FVDTC Obedience Trial.

And most importantly, due to previously booked events at the Kane County Extension Center, the March Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. According to their schedule, the building was booked every Wednesday until the 24<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn thanked the club members for their understanding in this slight deviation from our normal meeting schedule.

Terri reminded the club members that according to our By-Laws "Regular meetings of the Club members shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President."

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

varieties can be confusing and vague, so there is no better way to learn about all the wonderful breeds registerable with AKC than at a big show like this one! These are benched shows, meaning the dogs are required to remain in a specific area

for a predetermined amount of time for the benefit of educating the public. Go and chat with breeders and handlers and learn about a dog that you always wanted to know more about.

**Y**ou can explore avenues of the dog world that you might not have considered yet. At this cluster, you will find Agility, Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Rally and of course Conformation! You'll find rescue organizations to chat with and vendors galore will be there to fulfill all your shopping needs!

**T**his cluster begins with Park Shore Kennel Club's event on Feb 25th. Blackhawk Kennel Club and Blitzen Agility Club of Chicago hosts events on Feb 26th 27th and 28th, culminating with International Kennel Club of Chicago hosting Feb 27th and 28th.

**A**ll of the above mentioned events will be held at McCormick Place in Chicago. You can find more info on this cluster of shows at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). You could also drop me a line if you have trouble finding links to these shows.

Terri Byerly  
president@fvdtc.org



## AKC ALLOWS MIXED BREEDS TO COMPETE IN AGILITY, OBEDIENCE & RALLY

**AS OF APRIL THIS YEAR, AKC WILL ALLOW DOGS REGISTERED IN THE AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM (AN AKC REGISTRY FOR MIXED BREEDS), TO COMPETE ALONG SIDE AKC REGISTERED PUREBREDS IN AGILITY, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS (IN THE SAME CLASSES).**

Allowing Canine Partners registered dogs to participate in these events is voluntary on the part of each hosting club.

FVDTC's Board of Directors would like to hear your opinions on this topic.

With your feedback, the Board will decide whether to allow dogs registered via AKC Canine Partners to compete side-by-side with AKC registered purebreds in the Agility, Obedience and Rally Trials we host.

Please submit your comments either on this form turned into the front table, or

mailed to FVDTC, PO Box 992, St. Charles, IL 60174 or

send an e-mail to [survey2010@fvdtc.org](mailto:survey2010@fvdtc.org) with "Mixed Breed Survey" in the subject line.



**AKC Mission Statement** (copied from  
www.akc.org)

The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC® and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

**AKC's Objective:** (copied from www.akc.org)

2. Advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs.

**AKC's Core Values:** (copied from  
www.akc.org)

- We love purebred dogs
- We are committed to advancing the sport of the purebred dog
- We are dedicated to maintaining the integrity of our Registry
- We protect the health and well-being of all dogs
- We cherish dogs as companions
- We are committed to the interests of dog owners
- We uphold high standards for the administration and operation of the AKC

We recognize the critical importance of our clubs and volunteers

**Letter from AKC regarding the new mixed breed registry, Canine Partners**

January 15, 2010

Dear Dog Lover,

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the AKC Canine Partners program. This exciting new program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly and change the program format so a majority of clubs would have the option to take advantage of the opportunity to allow mixed breeds to compete in existing Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning April 1, 2010.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact AKC Canine Partners if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

Email - [akccaninepartners@akc.org](mailto:akccaninepartners@akc.org)

Penny Leigh - 919-816-3749

Sydney Suwannarat - 919-816-3521

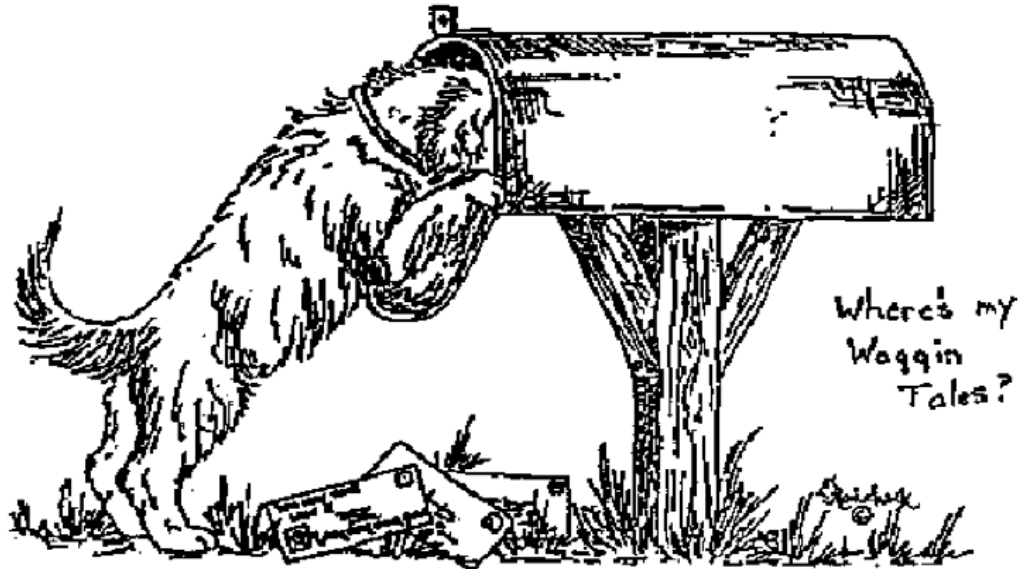
Sincerely,

John Lyons, Chief Operating Office, AKC

Doug Ljungren, Asst. VP, AKC Canine Partners

Curt A. Curtis, Asst. VP, AKC Companion Events

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### February 2010

4	Thursday	Regular Training
5	Friday	Board Meeting
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
11	Thursday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic
25	Thursday	Regular Training

### March 2010

4	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
11	Thursday	Regular Training
18	Thursday	CGC Test
<b>24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Membership Meeting *</b>
25	Thursday	Regular Training

\* Please note the date for the March membership meeting

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