

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

YA' DONE GOOD!

Our obedience and rally trials which were held on 11-13-11, were great successes. The whole day went extremely smoothly, and this was all due to our members who volunteered to help. There was work to be done long before the trial, many were needed to help set up, take down and clean up, and without those who volunteered to steward and work wherever needed on Sunday, it would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

Our Trial Secretary was Cindy Krelle, chief ring steward was Cathy Fleury, set up, clean up, and take down was Ed Herdes, Barb Misch was the grounds lady, Marian Lazzara was in charge of the kitchen, Nancy Pederson handled publicity, Vicki Wilder ran the raffle, Carolyn Pearson was the hospitality maven, and Brenda Rivera, Penny Brcich, Mary Bradley, and Donna Bihner were the prize ladies.

Those who helped Vicki with all of the work gathering, setting up, and running the raffle were Jan Winters, Barb McCune, and Loretta Lazzara. Loretta also assisted with the procurement of all of our vendors (there were 9).

Marian was assisted in the kitchen by Barb Bonner, Kristen Cox, Debbie Cox, Paulette Zecca, Cheryl Hettinger, Jackie Coleman, and John Senne.

Our stewards were: Vera Nyberg, John Senne, Cindy Pakenas, Sue Pokorski, Helen Borozak, Pat McMann, Rick Runkle, Kent Hildebrand, Marilyn Blenz, Ingrid Hamburger, Willie Santiago, Taffy Wille, Carol Nightengale, Candy Ellis, Donna Bihner, David

Thornell, Barb Runkle, Greg Moore, Robin Schoenberg, Joyce Conway, Liz Brookshire, Kathie Driesback, Sarah Rumery, Kay Weber, Sally Boeke, and Erin Lewis.

Those who helped Ed with set up and clean up were Cheryl Hettinger and friend, Rick Cox, Ingrid Hamburger, Taffy Wille, Brenda Rivera, Penny Brcich, Shirley Short, Loretta and Marian Lazzara. I know there others who helped, but I don't have their names.

And if there were other members who worked for this trial and I did not list your name I do apologize and I also want to thank you very much for your work. I hope everyone involved had a good time and enjoyed himself. I am confident that our trial in 2012 will be just as successful.

*William Short
Trial Chairman 2011*

Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the Trial Raffle a success

Loretta Lazzara
Jan Winters

Marian Lazzara
Barb McCune

Thank you to all the club members who donated to the raffle without your donations there would not have been a raffle!

Vicki Wilder

FVDTC BLING!

t-shirts we have for sale at the club
Short sleeve are \$ 15.00
Long sleeve are \$ 20.00

Designed at CustomInk.com

2012 BOARD ELECTIONS

FVDTC will be holding its annual election of board members at the membership meeting on January 18, at 7:30pm at the Extension Center, next to the Fairgrounds in St. Charles. The nominating committee has worked hard, and we have an excellent slate of nominees:

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| President | Terri Byerly | Obedience Trial Chair | Co-Chairs: Peggy Sue Seehafer & Francene Andresen or Will Short |
| 1st Vice-President | Ed Herdes | | |
| 2nd Vice-President | Donna Bihner | Membership Chair | Sue MacPherson |
| Secretary | Carolyn Pearson | Public Education Coordinator | Cheryl Lewis |
| Treasurer | Dana Weller | Tracking Test Chair | Ingrid Hamburger |
| Director of Training | Joan Mazat | Agility Trial Chair | Cathy Fleury |
| | | Director At Large | David Lewis |

HELP WANTED - WAGGIN' TALES EDITOR

FVDTC is looking for a new Waggin' Tales Editor. This is a committee chair position, so you will receive work credits toward a portion of your awards. You will be responsible for editing and distributing the newsletter each month, based on contributions from yourself and (mostly) membership at large. If you are interested, or just want more details, contact the current Editor, Dave Thornell at waggingtales@fvdtc.org

Thank you David Thornell!



FAIRGROUNDS PARKING WARNING

Friends, word is that the fairgrounds will get handicapped parking signs back in place. In the past we've had a lot of trouble with people moving or turning the signs. **Please do NOT do this.**

Also, if you use a handicapped spot, your ticket or plate **MUST BE CURRENT**. Please don't use a mirror tag that expired months or years ago. Its not fair and we do have people who really need those spots.

Regardless of how the signs are placed, please always assume that the two spots directly in front of the entrance to the building are for handicapped parking.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 02, 2011

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that there were still have brown mats for sale at \$5.00 each. Ed verified that the fairgrounds would provide the supplies for us to use to the repair the roof for the outside shed. Ed stated that he will contact Brian Ruppert (club member and 'The Bearded Handyman') to perform the work. Terri stated that she wants to make sure that it gets done BEFORE the winter to eliminate the possibility of animals getting into the building and damaging our equipment and supplies.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) was not present at the meeting but provided the club's financial report through October 31, 2011.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was not present at the meeting, but sent the following report.

- **New Assistants Joining Instructor Group**
There are currently two club members who have joined the instructors group as Assistant Instructors. Joan reported that unfortunately, Suzie Francis, the 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class Assistant Instructor, will be unable to attend classes due to a surgical procedure that her dog needs. Fortunately, Pat Senne has volunteered to assist in 8:00 p.m. Puppy class. Pat needs one more leg to earn her Companion Dog (CD) title with her Boxer, Bella. Pat and Bella have an Rally Novice (RN) title and are also working for their Beginners Novice title. Pat plans to continue training Bella into the open class and to earn her Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title. Pat is looking at this opportunity to learn and grow. Her husband, John Senne is also very interested in assisting with the club in general and really enjoys working with the dogs/club.

Joan also reported that Bob Read has volunteered to assist the 7:00 p.m. Beginners Class team of Barb Misch and Kristen Anderson. Although Bob retired his Rottweiler, Jilly, at the age of 10 years old, they had almost earned their UD title. He has earned several UD titles with other dogs.

Thanks to both Pat and Bob for stepping up to help the club and our student's progress with their dogs and WELCOME to the instructors group.

- **Reactive Dogs**
Joan reported that we frequently have reactive dogs in our classes at any level. She strongly encouraged all instructors and members to take a moment to talk to these individuals when it is occurring. She recently came across a student with such a dog and did stop for a few minutes to let her know what her dog was doing and how to stop it. The handler had no idea or clue what was going on as her rather large powerful dog cried, barked, and lunged at any dog or just at the aisle in general. Joan stated that she did not want to think of what would have occurred if the handler had lost her grip on the lead.

- **What defines a reactive dog?**
The dog that comes into the building or in the ring, and barks, cries, and pulls from their owner - continuing this behavior for minutes fixating on certain dogs or dogs who are working in the next ring, same ring, etc.
- **What should you do when you see a situation like this in the aisle?**
Suggest to this person to work hard to have their dog focus on them. The handler needs to make himself much more interesting than the environment around them - be it with a toy, exceptional food treats, or simply by moving in tight circles and by asking for the watch, or perhaps a Rally type come fronts/finishes. Reinforce that you are not suggesting that they reward the bad behavior, but instead take action BEFORE the behavior starts and reward GOOD behavior. In short, if the dog is busy and occupied, it cannot bark and display bad behavior. The most important thing to the dog should be its handler.
- **What should you as an instructor do when you see a situation like this in class?**
If you have one of these dogs in your class, discuss who from the instructor's team and how they will work with the student in your class to improve learning for all in the class, to have the reactive dog stop reacting and handle their environment, and for the safety of all.
- **Note that this is not just for instructors - it is for all of us to lend a hand to someone who needs one.**

- **Breezy Report**
On a personal note, Joan reported that she and Breezy are working on their LAST FOUR RAE2 legs. At that time, Breezy will have earned enough points to be in the Medallion Rottweiler Hall of Fame. They placed fourth and third in Rally at the Medallion Rottweiler Club (MRC) Specialty. Although, Joan has promised this before, after earning her RAE2 title, this time Breezy REALLY is retired. Breezy's retirement will consist of continuing her work as an ambassador for the breed, enjoying obedience for fun, and spending her time teaching Phazer all the good things a Rottweiler should be. We hope to complete our RAE2 title at the Fox Valley trial to be able to celebrate at "home".
- **Puppy and Beginner Class Status**
Nancy Pederson, Class Registrar, sent the following report regarding future Puppy and Beginner classes. She also noted that is the first session with the Beginner Class student limit lowered to 12. She believes that the 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class will also reach 12 by the time the class begins.

The following is the number of students in each of the Beginner and Puppy classes which starts on November 3rd.

| Start Time | Puppy | Beginner |
|------------|-------|----------|
| 7:00 p.m. | 11 | 12 |
| 8:00 p.m. | n/a | 12 |
| 9:00 p.m. | n/a | 9 or 10 |

In addition to the students signed up for the November 3rd session of classes, Nancy reported that she has two students signed up for the Beginner's Class starting in January. However, there currently no students signed up for the 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class which begins on December 8th.

Obedience Trial Chairperson

In accordance with by-law 6.1.2 "Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices, for any reason, during the first three quarters of the year shall be filled at a special election. Vacancies occurring after September 30 shall be filled by Presidential appointment.", Terri Byerly appointed Will Short as the 2011 Trial Chairperson.

Will was not in attendance, however Terri reported that although the Trophy committee did not offer any special awards sponsored by club members, they were accepting donations from club members for the general trophy fund. Any donations can be given to Cheryl Hettinger at training.

Ed reported that set-up will start at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be five rings set up for the trial. Loretta Lazzara reported that the entries are closed and there were a total of 196 obedience, 68 rally entries with the following breakdowns.

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Novice A - 06 | Rally Novice A - 6 |
| Novice B - 21 | Rally Novice B - 10 |
| Open A - 29 | Advanced A - 14 |
| Open B - 41 | Advanced B - 27 |
| Utility A - 12 | Excellent A - 7 |
| Utility B - 32 | Excellent B - 23 |

There are ten vendors setting up booths in the kitchen area. Each vendor received the booth space in exchange for the donation of a raffle price valued of at least \$25.00.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of 16 applicants which were all published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Ingrid Hamburger 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 she is working extremely hard to obtain judges for the 2012 Tracking Tests. She stated that it is a big problem for all of the local clubs. She has made many, many phone calls and is finding it really difficult.

Vicki Wilder (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the Chicago Pet Show held on October 29th and 30th was a huge

success. She stated that every brochure that we had was handed out. Additionally, following the rally demonstration, many individuals asked about training with the club.

Peggy Sue stated that kudos should be extended to Vicki for a fantastic job for the booth and volunteers. Peggy Sue also reported that Vicki's negotiations enabled the club to use a 7 x 10 foot booth, valued at \$425.00, at no cost.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that Annual Dinner is tentatively scheduled for the end of March 2012. The committee is seeking a location that meets the following needs.

- Comfortably holds 75 people
- Cheap (or reasonably priced)
- Easy access for attendees
- And most importantly must be FUN!

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that all is well. She also asked that any instructors who have extra ribbons to return them to her. That enables her to accurately determine the number of ribbons available. She will attempt to coordinate our next ribbon order with an order for trial ribbons as that may save us some cash.

Marian Lazzara/Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson). Marian reported that due to the significant number of Open entries, the Novice judges did the sits/downs for the Open class which helped alleviate the congestion in the Open rings. Marian stated that the process should be utilized in future matches.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is November 13. He also stated that a new editor is being sought.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$4.00 is Vicki Wilder as drawn by club member, Sandi Stephenson. The remaining \$5.00 went to Tracking Test fundraising effort.

Old Business

none

New Business

The following individuals volunteered to be the Nominating Committee: Francene Andresen, Peggy Sue Seehafer and Carolyn Pearson. Terri stated that she feels that the board needs more proactive members. She stated that a lot of ideas were not followed through. She also stated that one example was the fact that we almost did not have an obedience trial this year. Terri said that she is tired of talking and not doing. Joan Mazat stated that the core group of volunteers was present at the meeting; however we need to get MORE help from other club members. For example, she noted that there were only eight members present at the last meeting.

Peggy Sue suggested that perhaps we should not host events when there are not enough volunteers. She suggested that perhaps we should streamline the club by redoing our priorities. She suggested that we ask club members specifically where

they would like work. During the discussion, Terri stated that Peggy was an excellent president during her tenure.

Joan announced that she is currently considering a move to another house which would limit her ability to commit the time necessary to be the DOT. Joan stated that although she would be unable to be the Director of Training, she would volunteer to be the obedience trial chair. Additionally, Joan stated that we would also need a new instructor for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class. Peggy Sue stated that she would volunteer to be the instructor

for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class. She had taught the class in the past.

It was also reported that Sylvia Schultz with Toby and Kent Hildebrand with Izzy passed the VST test this past weekend. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER 14, 2011

Meeting brought to order at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). Several items of correspondence were read.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) reported that she reviewed the scenario of reducing the maximum number of students in the Beginners and Puppies classes and with some assumptions of the future rent amount, she verified that the reduced maximum number will still generate the necessary income.

Additionally, she provided the financial report as of November 30, 2011. She stated that the club is approximately \$10,000 behind in income from where we were last year, but this is primarily due to the purchase of the new mats nor did the report include the miscellaneous cash/kitchen receipts from the Obedience Trial.

Dana also stated that she will move some of the cash in the checking account to an interest bearing account. She plans to move approximately \$50,000 to a Certificate of Deposit or a Money Market account. She believes that the \$71,000 to \$120,000 cash balance we carried in the checking account throughout the year would be better utilized in a low risk account.

Old Business

- **Work Point Modifications**
Terri Byerly previously presented modifications to the Work Points used to determine award eligibility. The discussion generated several changes to the original list. Dana Weller made a motion to accept the modified Work Points list as presented at the meeting. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining. The Work Points list is included in the minutes.
- **Librarian Committee Chair Elimination**
Terri Byerly previously recommended that we consider eliminating the position of Librarian Committee Chair.

The club's library has not been widely utilized in recent times. Due to ability that most current club members had to obtain information electronically, the library has become obsolete. Ingrid Hamburger made a motion to eliminate the Committee position of Librarian. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining.

In line with that decision, Carolyn Pearson made a motion to disperse the club's collection of items in the libraries inventory by having a 'Book Sale'. Additionally, the monies collected will be donated to the Tracking Test event. Ingrid Hamburger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining.

The Book Sale will be held at training on January 12th, January 19th (during the correction clinic) and January 26th. The entire library inventory, which includes hardcover and softcover books, videotapes and DVDs, will be available for sale. Additionally, the metal cabinet currently used to hold the library will be available for sale.

- **Demonstration Committee Chair Modification**
Terri Byerly previously had recommended that we consider eliminating the position of Demonstration Committee Chair. The duties performed by the Demonstrations Committee Chair would be rolled into the duties of the Public Education Coordinator (PEC).

Dave Lewis made a motion to eliminate the Demonstrations Committee position and roll those duties into the responsibilities of the PEC. Ed Herdes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining.

- **Special Awards for Rally Titles**
During the July Board meeting, the Board considered the addition of two new special awards for those earning Rally titles. However, those awards were not finalized at that meeting. During the continuing discussion of this topic, Sue MacPherson made a motion for the addition of the following club sponsored RALLY NOVICE A - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD special award. The motion was seconded by Dana Weller. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining. Using the high qualifying average award for the Novice A obedience title as the basis, the following are the rules for the new special award.

RALLY NOVICE A - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD

- I. Must have a minimum of 3 scores from AKC trials submitted.
- II. Only Rally Novice A class scores are eligible to be submitted.
- III. ALL qualifying scores must be submitted when applying for this special award.

The other special award for Rally discussed at the July Board Meeting was the RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT (RAE) - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD. However following the death of Sandy Davis' Tucker, she approached the Board to offer to sponsor a special award in memory of Tucker. The special award she wished to offer was to honor those handlers whose dog earned their first **AKC Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE1)** title, in the same calendar year. She stated that she would cover the cost of the initial traveling plaque and a replacement plaque at some time in the future, when the initial plaque has been filled. She presented the following as the criteria for the TUCKER MEMORIAL AWARD special award.

Tucker Memorial Award

- I. All qualifying scores must be earned in the same calendar year at AKC trials.
- II. ALL qualifying AND non-qualifying scores must be submitted when applying for this special award.
- III. All NQs should be submitted as zeroes.
- IV. If a tie-breaker is necessary, the scores of leg 1 and 10 will be used to calculate the highest average score.

Vicki Wilder made a motion to accept Sandy Davis' offer of sponsoring the TUCKER MEMORIAL AWARD, rather than the RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT (RAE) - HIGH QUALIFYING AVERAGE AWARD, as discussed at July Board Meeting. Dave Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members with no one opposed or abstaining.

Both of these new awards will be added to the offering of the awards for titles earned in 2011.

- **Club Logo'd Jackets**
Terri and Vicki asked the Board members present for their opinion of the jackets that were presented for review at the meeting.

New Business

- **Membership Meeting Dates**
Carolyn stated that due to the addition of two new 4-H groups' hosting their meetings on the first and second Wednesdays of each month, those days are no longer available to us for our meetings. The Membership Meetings are currently scheduled for January 18, March 21, May 16, September 19 and October 17 and no meeting scheduled for November (due to lateness of the October meeting date). Since our by-laws state: "Regular meetings of the Club members shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President.", we are not violating our by-laws by NOT having a meeting in November. Additionally the by-laws state "The Annual Meeting shall be held at the January Membership Meeting, at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors", therefore we are in compliance with our current by-laws for the January meeting as well.
- **Membership Requirement Modifications**
Dave Lewis presented some ideas of modifying the current membership requirements and fees. These ideas have been discussed many times in the past, however those discussions did not provide any concrete processes. These changes are designed to encourage more club members to volunteer. Terri stated that she often is asked "what are the work requirements for new members to join the club." These changes would define the work requirements for general members

to maintain their membership status. These requirements do not impact the requirements for awards presented to title earners.

- Dave stated that there are currently three types of members: Active, Lifetime, and Honorary
 - Active is a voting, and generally training, member
 - Lifetime is a member who has been in good standing for 15 years
 - Honorary is a non-voting type, awarded by the membership for either one year or for a lifetime
- The types of membership would be adjusted to include the club member's willingness to volunteer. Training privileges and awards eligibility are earned by actively working for the club, along with paying dues. To accommodate these modifications, the following changes would be necessary.
- The membership application/renewal form will be modified to include the three types of membership, along with a training/non-training indicator. Any application indicating that it is for a "training member" will be required to submit three choices for committees or work opportunities that they would be willing to do, and a space to indicate special talents or skills that make the member especially appropriate for a particular position.
- The Board, or a committee of Board members, would review the membership applications and renewals and assign individuals to committees.
- The membership dues would be significantly increased (number to be determined).
- Members who train and earn a specific number of work credits (number to be determined) will have their dues discounted by 50% for the following year, offsetting a substantial increase in dues (amount to be determined) for training members who do not work for the club.
- Additionally, the following recommendations were presented for review.
 - Change the club membership year to be from January 1st through December 31st, to match committee membership responsibilities and the club fiscal year and the awards year.
 - Modify the by-laws to eliminate the position of Second Vice-President as a Board position. It would instead be changed to a committee chair: Program Chair, with specific requirement to organize programs for the March, May, September and October meetings
 - Modify the by-law requiring that there are to be regular Board meetings every other month, starting in February to say "Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as designated by the President". This would better match the Membership meeting verbiage.
- Dave suggested the following implementation and transition plan following the Board's approval of the suggested modifications.
 - Changes provided to the membership at January meeting for approval in March
 - June membership renewal is for June through December 2012, with dues modified appropriately.
 - Membership application / renewal forms are modified in time for distribution in November and December 2012 for the January through December 2013 club year.
 - The membership dues for the January through December 2013 year are not changed. The membership dues for the January through December 2014 are increased. Club members who work during 2013 get the 50% discount in 2014.
- The Board members present agreed that these modifications still require more discussion, however due to the time, it was agreed to schedule a Board meeting for January 10th to continue the discussion.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1, 2012

To receive a club award, you must:

- have a minimum of 10 work credits for the year

and

- be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

ONE credit:

- Attend a membership meeting
- Steward one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show (*changed the verbiage*)
- Steward one Correction Clinic (*Judging moved to the two credits category*)
- Serve on a Committee for one year
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk for one night
- Work 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- Work 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant on 4 nights
- Work at Mat Cleaning

TWO credits:

- Judge one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show (*moved from one credit category*)
- Judge one Correction Clinic (*OR the monetary compensation – NOT both*) (*moved from 1 credit category*)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test (*moved here from the one credit category to reflect that Evaluators are required to have knowledge of the test requirements and MUST be certified by AKC to perform the test, and changed the verbiage from Judge.*)
- Serve as Chairperson on a Committee for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Coordinator for one year (*clarified the verbiage*)
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for one year (*clarified the verbiage*)
- Assistant Instructor for Kane County 4-H Class for one year (*clarified the verbiage*)
- Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Work Full day at the Tracking Test (*made the verbiage consistent with the other events*)
- Work Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Work Full day at the Agility Trial

THREE credits:

- Primary Instructor for 4-H Class for one year
- Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as Puppy/Beginner Class coordinator for one year

Work credits for other services to the club may be awarded by the Board on a per-event basis.

**Announcing the One and ONLY
Fox Valley Dog Training Club
Book Sale**

The entire inventory of the club's library is available for purchase. There are hardcover and softcover books, VHS tapes, and DVDs for sale. The Book Sale will occur on the following nights.

1. January 12th
2. January 19th (during the correction clinic)
3. January 26th

Please see Francene Andresen and/or Peggy Sue Seehafer any time after 7:00 p.m. on those nights to purchase any item.

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|-----------------|---|--------|--|------------|---|--------|
| Hardcover Books | - | \$2.00 | | Videotapes | - | Free |
| Softcover Books | - | \$1.00 | | DVDs | - | \$5.00 |

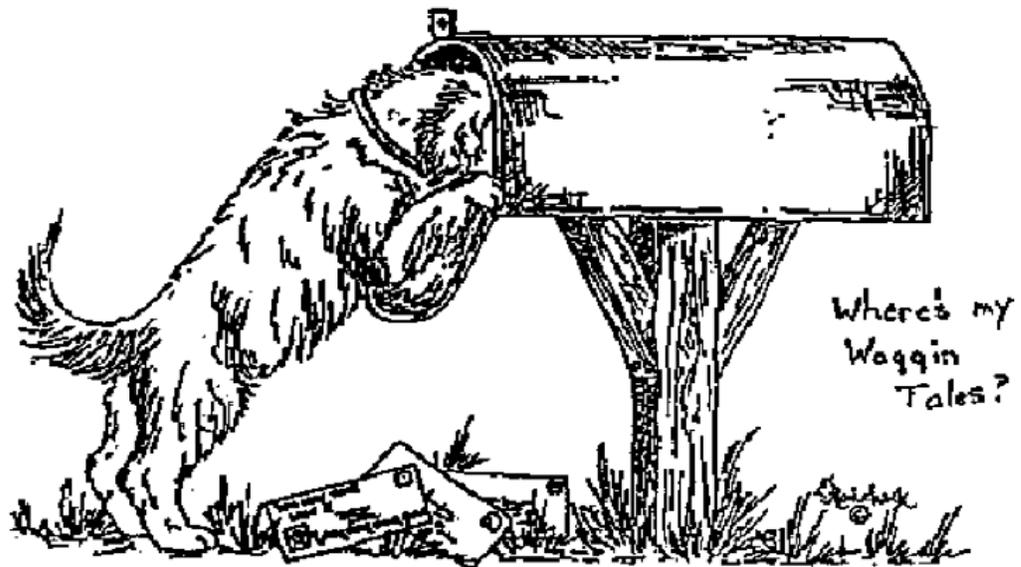
THANKS TO ALL SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

A big thanks to all the folks who helped out at FVDTC's Christmas party, with a special shout-out to Santa and his Helpers:

- Santa - Peter McCafferty
- Santa's helper - Donna Bihner
- Photographer - Nancy Pederson
- Decorations - Cheryl Hettinger

Santa pictures brought \$66 to the club for the Tracking Trial. Thanks to club members and their friends for their generosity.

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January 2012

- 5 Thursday Regular Training
- 12 Thursday Regular Training
- 18 Wednesday Membership Meeting
Board Elections
- 19 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 22 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 26 Thursday Regular Training

February 2012

- 2 Thursday Regular Training
- 9 Thursday Regular Training
- 16 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 19 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 23 Thursday Regular Training
Start Puppy (8:00pm)

INSIDE WAGGIN' TALES

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