



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

It is Fall so it is Trial time! Our Tracking Tests and Agility Trials were very successful and now we are gearing up for the Obedience trial. Parker (my young golden) and I have been training for tracking and we entered the Fox Valley test. I have never even been to a tracking test so I had no idea what to expect. What a great experience! Ingrid and her committee do a fantastic job. Just a casual, welcoming experience with great food and fun people. We unfortunately didn't fare well at the test (distracted by a giant ant hill) but it was a great first experience for him and I.

The next weekend, Ellie and I attended the Agility Trial. Cathy, Vera and Taffy (I'm on that committee but they do the bulk of the work) are a well-oiled machine. There are 660 runs per day, which equates to about 330 dogs and handlers and all their gear. It is a crazy place but one by one those dogs do their runs with mere seconds in between. Friends that happened to be at the gymnastics building next door saw me and came in to watch with their children. It is through their eyes I saw again what it takes to pull this off – they were just amazed. A huge thanks to both the Tracking and the Agility committees and the army of workers. They do the club proud.

The final trial of the year is our Obedience Trial coming up in November. We again need that army to help. There are jobs needed both before, during and after the trial. If you have ever wanted to show or just want to observe and be amazed, consider helping out. There is a list of Committee Chairs in this newsletter than you can contact.

Please, please, please don't forget to earn your three work credits (if you are an active training member), so that your dues will remain the same for 2014. There are so many ways to volunteer, from active to sedentary, that anyone who is training a dog can find a way to help. Check out the help wanted section and reach out.

See you at training and please reach out if I can help you figure out how to earn those credits!

Donna Bihner
President FVDTC

2014 Obedience Trial Committee Chairs

Trail Chairperson	Will Short	obedience@fvdtc.org
Chief Ring Steward	Cathy Fleury	agility@fvdtc.org
Equipment & Tear Down	Ed Herdes	vp1@fvdtc.org
Grounds	Barb Misch	graduation@fvdtc.org
Publicity	Nancy Pederson	registrar@fvdtc.org
Raffle	Vicki Wilder	vicki@collierescue.org
Hospitality	Carolyn Pearson	secretary@fvdtc.org
Booths	Pat Senne	match_coordinator@fvdtc.org
Awards	Brenda Rivera, Penny Brcich & Mary Bradley	bjrblackandwhite@aol.com sunshine@fvdtc.org

Help Wanted!

****No Experience Required, (in most cases)****

*Earn your Work Credits...Socialize...Get involved...
Learn...Support your Club!*

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
ASAP	Training	Kane County Fairgrounds	Primary Instructor 7PM Beginner Contact Terri dot@fvdtc.org	3/session
10/16/13	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	Earn an easy work credit!	1
10/17/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers! Sign-up on-line. Via the home page of our web site.	1
11/07/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
11/10/13	Obedience Trial	Kane County Fairgrounds	TONS of jobs. Some are done ahead of time, some the day of the trial. See the contact list below.	varies
11/20/13	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)	1

Anyone wanting to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

New Members

<p>Peggy Covey 1006 Joliet St West Chicago, IL 60185 mkcovey@comcast.net Golden Retriever Guest Trained 5 times</p>	<p>Holly Hill 1416 Black Oak Trail Aurora, IL 60506 nillabean222@gmail.com Golden Retriever Completed Beginner class</p>	<p>Michael Green 253 Somerset Dr Sugar Grove, IL 60554 teamjordan@att.net Cocker Spaniel Completed Beginner class</p>
<p>William Anthony 735 McKee St Batavia, IL. 60510 630-988-9701 Boxer Completed Beginner class Williamw.anthony@gmail.com</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson 507 Horizon Dr West St Charles, IL. 60175 630-803-8940 Border Collie Jeff@taphousegrills.com</p>	<p>Colin Johnson 552 Apache Dr Batavia, IL. 60510 Brittany Completed Beginner class Colinmjohnson@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>Margaret Degand-Parker /James Parker 531 Cardinal Ave Oswego, IL. 60543 773-656-9294 Standard Poodle Guest trained 5 times Gigis3wishes@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Dominick and Sandy Davero 6N431 Clydesdale Ct St Charles, IL 60175 630-417-9232 Labrador retriever and mixed breed Sdavero@me.com</p>	<p>Kim SeifrId 6500 Mt Vernon Pl Batavia, IL 60510 630-400-2054 Rottweiler and Doberman Pinscher Kimseifrid@sbcglobal.net</p>

EMERGENCY FIRST AID FOR YOUR DOG

October 16th, 7pm prior to the Membership Meeting

LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SAVE YOUR DOG'S LIFE IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY BEFORE YOU EVEN GET TO YOUR VETERINARIES OFFICE

LEARN WHAT ITEMS SHOULD BE IN EVERYONES EMERGENCY FIRST AID KIT FOR YOUR DOG

J. Margaret Rogers, DVM from Wingate Animal Clinic in Maple Park will be discussing emergency first aid care for your dog. Dr. Rogers shows and breeds Corgis. She will give us some very useful tips about what we can do in the event of a medical emergency, things we should all learn to do in emergencies before we get to our dogs to the Veterinarian office. Dr. Rogers will demonstrate how to do the Heimlich maneuver on your dog in the event of choking, how to do an emergency Tracheotomy if something is lodged in your dogs' esophagus, what to do in the event of excessive bleeding and other emergency care tips that we can perform on our dogs in emergencies. She will also discuss what items everyone should have in their First Aid Kits.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



NOVEMBER 10, 2013
KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



FVDTC

OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIALS

CLOSING DATE—OCTOBER 23, 2013

PREMIUM LIST IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE

WWW.FVDTC.ORG

JUDGES

Elmer Willems—All Rally Classes

Cindy Simonsen—Novice A & B, Beginner Novice A & B, Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice

Susan Emerson—Utility A, Open A, Versatility, Graduate Open

Lynn Eggers—Open B & Pre-Open

James J Ham—Utility B & Pre-Utility

2013 NOVEMBER OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIAL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Trial Chair—William Short

Trial Secretary—Robert Olson

Publicity—Nancy Pederson

Food/Kitchen—Barb Palm

Hospitality—Carolyn Pearson

Chief Ring Steward—Cathy Fleury

Awards—Brenda Rivera, Penny Brich, Mary Bradley

Setup and Take Down—Ed Herdes

Grounds—Barb Misch

Vendor Booths—Pat Senne

Raffle—Vicki Wilder and Jan Winters

If you would like to help in some way with our November Trial, the committee chairs are listed above. Contact those listed for more information

Membership Meeting Highlights **September 18, 2013**

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that, unfortunately, the mats will not be cleaned this year prior to the trial. The only weekend currently available is September 28 and 29, which does not offer enough time to get volunteers, etc.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that, unfortunately, the speaker that she had originally planned for the September 18th Membership meeting was unable to make it. She reported that the topic for the October 16th Membership meeting is "Emergency First Aid for Dogs". Wendy reported that the Therapy dog demonstration went well and as of tonight there was one slot still available to participate in the TDI test scheduled for September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Terri Byerly (Director of Training) reported that more instructors are needed to participate in the rotation for the conformation ring. She stated that she has received positive feedback from the students, who have enjoyed having different instructors, just as they would have different judges during shows.

Terri also reported that there is now a web page dedicated to instructors and assistants on the Member's Only page of the club's web site. The page includes names of behaviorists, instructors contact information, pet sitters, and other valuable information. Terri encouraged any club member to provide her with additional names for those two lists. Carolyn asked whether it would be possible to include the name of the club member who is including the name(s) to enable other club members a way of getting some background information. Terri stated that she hesitated to provide that information on the web site, but would consider providing it on an individual basis. Carolyn suggested that as club members provide names for the list, they could be asked for their permission to provide their name as the person adding the information. Any club member not wishing to be used as the reference would remain anonymous. Terri stated that she would consider the discussion and determine what the policy would be.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not at the meeting, but reported that the closing date for the November 10th Obedience/Rally Trial is October 23rd. The following classes are being offered: Rally, Novice, Open, Utility, Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility, and the new Pre-Novice, Pre-Open and Pre-Utility classes.

Due to an event being held on Saturday night, November 9th, the building cannot be set up until Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. Therefore the building will open at 8:00 a.m. and judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. With the exception of the club members working for the trial set-up, **NO ONE** will be allowed in the building **prior** to 8:00 a.m.

Additionally, the parking lot configuration has been modified and allows closer parking than we have had in the recent past. Although, there will not be hot food available for sale to the exhibitors, coffee and cookies will be provided for all exhibitors at no charge. Food will be provided for all volunteers and the judges.

The judging panel consists of five fine judges. There will also be a huge raffle and cash prizes. As in the past, the Chicagoland Pet Show is also that weekend in the new building. It was noted that we will have signs on the doors stating the only dogs showing are allowed in the building.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of four new members which were published in July Waggin' Tales. Barb Misch made a motion to accept the list as read. Cheryl Hettinger seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Tracking test was successful with two teams earning their TD titles and one team earning their TDX title. Congratulations to Sylvia Schultz who passed. Donna stated that although she and Parker did not have similar success, she enjoyed the experience that Ingrid and crew created for the test.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance. However Donna reported that the Agility Trials were a huge success and nicely done. Kudos to Cathy and Vera!!!

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) had nothing to report as Director at Large. However he stated that Erin Lewis sent her thanks for winning one of the club's scholarships.

Donna Bihner (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that in order to prevent having to cancel the Annual Dinner, she has volunteered to be the chair. She will be assisted by Cheryl Hettinger and Nancy Pederson. Donna stated that she plans to continue Cheryl's tradition of planning a FUN evening and is looking for other creative club members to volunteer for the committee. Anyone interested should contact Donna at training or email at president@fvdtc.org. Carol Nightingale & Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-Chairs) reported that in addition to the traditional awards offered, they have found new artists who will be adding new

awards to the offerings. Nancy stated that she is planning to have samples for the new awards at the October Membership meeting and at a future training night. Additionally, the award form will be redone and will include the new titles being offered by AKC.

Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that the next CGC test will be in January, 2014. The date will be announced once it has been confirmed.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) reminded the Beginner's instructors to provide to her the names of the students and dogs who will be receiving a graduation certificate.

Marian Lazzara/Pat Senne/Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairs). Sandi Stephenson provided the following list of judges for the September correction clinic.

Novice & Beg. Novice	Candy Ellis
Novice 2	Not offered due to the TDI Test
Open 1	Sandy Davis
Open 2	Sandi Stephenson
Utility 1	Loretta Lazzara
Utility 2	Will Short
Rally	Joyce Conway

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) was not at the meeting, however it was reported that stewards are still needed for the September 24th Correction Clinic.

Barb Misch (Scholarship) stated that she is attending the upcoming Sugar Grove Scholarship Fair. She also asked anyone who knew of other scholarship fairs to contact her. In response to her request for help locating more events, Cheryl Hettinger volunteered to contact high schools during the daytime hours.

Barb proposed the following change to FVDTC Scholarship Eligibility. Currently, our scholarship requirements indicate that students must have primary residence in Kane County. However, as she was spreading the word about our Scholarships this year, she encountered 4-H students who would be very interested in the opportunities. Unfortunately, they did not live in Kane County. That applies to other club members, who train at FVDTC, but do not live within Kane County. Rather than preventing children of club members who do not live in Kane County from applying, it was suggested that we adjust the resident requirements. Terri Byerly stated that the 4-H program is no longer divided by county boundaries. The University of Illinois Extension now coordinates the 4-H programs for DuPage, Kane and Kendall counties. Terri also stated that although an individual lives in one county, that does not preclude them from joining another county's 4-H program. However, the individual must declare membership to only a single program. With that information, Barb Misch made a motion to modify the scholarship's location eligibility

requirements to the following:

Primary residence in Kane County, or active and declared member of the University of Illinois 4-H Program, located in St. Charles or a member of Fox Valley Dog Training Club in good standings.

Nancy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is John Senne as drawn by Beth Hoffman. In addition to the remaining \$7.00 donated to the Tracking Test fundraising effort, John donated his winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

Old Business

- **Membership Dues Change**

Donna stated that she has been getting feedback from club members who are either unaware of the changes being implemented or are a little confused about changes. Although there have been communication via meeting minutes, Waggin' Tales information and Constant Contact communications, there still appeared to be a void. Dave Lewis suggested that a letter be sent to every club member using regular USPS (aka 'snail') mail. Donna stated that she would create the first draft and work with Carolyn to finalize the letter. Additionally, Donna stated that she would ask individuals other than club members to review it for its ease of understanding. Barb Misch also suggested that instructors in the advanced classes mention it to their students. Cheryl Hettinger stated that she would post signs at training reminding individuals of the upcoming changes.

- **Web Site Redesign**

Dave Lewis provided a demonstration of the newly completed functionality in the password-secured Members' Only page. This page now enables club members to update their own demographic information, such as phone numbers, dog information, etc. Dave reminded all club members to review their own information on the Members' Only page to make sure that it is accurate after the new database was created.

New Business

- **Lost and Found**

Cheryl stated that a picture of the items that were lost but found in the training building in the recent past have been posted on the club's website and the club's Facebook page. The items that remain unclaimed after October will be available for sale at training. It was agreed at the meeting, that the money collected during the sale would be donated to the Tracking Test Committee for expenses.

- **Christmas Party**

Cheryl stated that Candy Ellis has volunteered again to coordinate the December 26th Christmas party. Cheryl will assist Candy. Any other individuals who wish to volunteer should contact Candy at training or at (630) 750-4455. This is a work credit eligible event.

- **Membership Application Requirements**

In response to feedback that Cheryl Hettinger has received regarding the current membership application requirements, she asked that the requirements be reviewed. Currently an individual/family can submit their application for membership following participation in a Beginner's Class or having guest trained for five nights. However, participants in the Puppy Class could not submit a membership application. Sue MacPherson said that the reason for this was that the commitment of a Puppy Class student to continue training was not generally as strong as a Beginner Class student.

Donna stated that during the review of just the financial side of the application process was a little lopsided for students who do continue from the

Puppy Class to the Beginner Class and then on to membership application. Following some additional discussion, Cheryl Hettinger made the following motion.

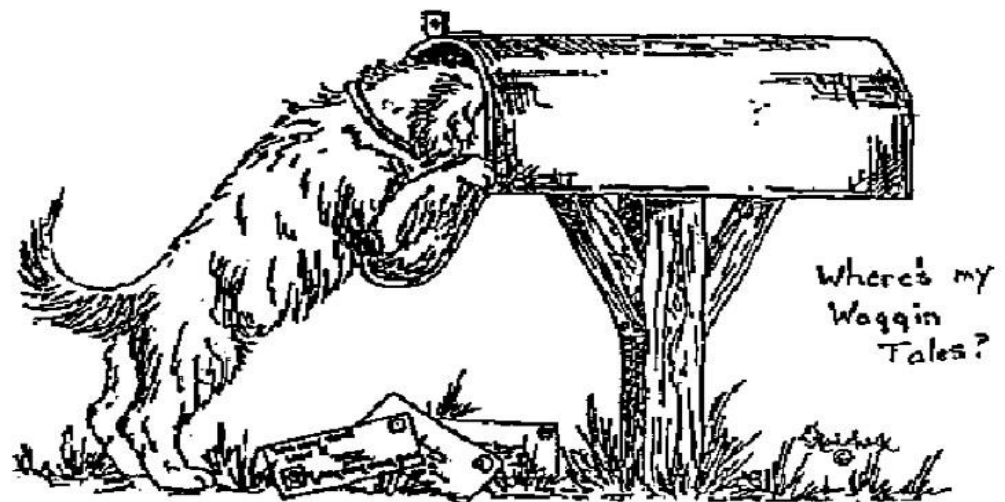
Effective January 01, 2014, the membership application requirement would be modified to include completion of a Puppy Class (in addition to the existing Beginner's Class) and to increase the number of guest training nights from five to eight.

John Senne seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

In response to Nancy Pederson's question about continuing to offer the \$10.00 discount coupon towards the Beginner Class which is currently given to the Puppy Class students, it was agreed that the coupons would no longer be distributed.

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

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October 2013

- 3 Thursday Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00 pm)
- 8 Tuesday Regular Training**
Chiropractic Night
- 16 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 17 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 24 Thursday Regular Training
Beginner Ends
Puppy Ends
- 31 Thursday Regular Training
Beginner Begins
Puppy Begins

November 2013

- 5 Tuesday Regular Training**
Chiropractic Night
- 7 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 14 Thursday Regular Training
- 20 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 21 Thursday Regular Training
- 26 Tuesday Regular Training**
Puppy Ends (8:00 pm)

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