



Waggin' Tales

Note from the President:

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

Did you notice the lights are now on in the parking lot on training nights? And that the handicap parking is now permanent? Thanks to Ed Herdes for making that happen!!!! What a difference being able to see when you walk out of the building. It's the small things isn't it?

Last month, we had our first therapy dog testing in quite some time. Eight dogs entered the ring and eight dogs with ribbons exited a couple of hours later. 100% pass rate is fantastic! I attribute a lot of that success, to the prep course that Jan Winters and Wendy Waddick put together. The handlers got a chance to learn exactly what was expected of them and it obviously worked. Therapy dogs are near and dear to both Jan and Wendy, and I thank them for spear heading this back into our program. I know they are already talking about more dates, so stay tuned if you missed out this time.

Our obedience trial coming up quick, on November 10th. As always, we need an army to pull it off. We especially need help because we cannot get into the training area until the morning of the trial (someone is having a party on Saturday in our room!). That means the setup crew will be showing up at 6:00 am to get the rings set up. Now I know not everyone will want to show up that early and there plenty of jobs to go around. Please see the various chairpeople to see how you can help. If you have ever wanted to show or just want to observe and be amazed at these teams, consider helping out. There is a list of committee chairs later in the newsletter than you can contact.

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work looking for members to run for the Board positions. If you have any interest in running please speak up! The roles and responsibilities for the various positions can be found in the Members only section of the web site. If you have questions don't hesitate to call/email me. I can tell you from personal experience, it is a fun group and you will find it gratifying to make a difference. Don't be afraid to get more involved! The Nominating Committee is Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway. A big thanks to the three of them!

I'm repeating this from last month as it is so critical. Please, please, please do not forget to earn your three work credits (if you are an training member) so that your dues will remain the for 2014. There are so many roles, from active to sedentary that anyone who is active in training can do. 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

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
11/07/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger at matchsteward@fvdtc.org –or- 630-365-3248 Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson at matchjudges@fvdtc.org –or- 630-231-8828 Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
11/20/13	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension office on Randall Road	<i>Earn an easy work credit! (only 1 credit from meetings can apply to dues)</i>	1
11/26/13	Christmas Party	Kane County Fairgrounds	Contact Candy Ellis at 630-750-4455	1

If you want to add a volunteer opportunity to this list, send an email to Donna Bihner at president@fvdtc.org

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS

- ❖ 2013 Membership Year ends on December 31, 2013
- ❖ 2014 Membership Year begins on January 1, 2014
- ❖ 2014 Membership Renewal applications are available at Training (ask at the Information Table) or on the club's website.
- ❖ "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for the Year of 2013" must be included with your 2014 Membership Renewal application

New Members

John & Barbara Christiansen 8N140 Sunvale Dr Elgin, IL 60124 Shetland Sheepdog Completed Beginner class 847-875-8342 630-309-5507 john_n_c@msn.com	Jacque Clasen 736 Grand Ave Aurora, IL 60506 Mixed Breeds Completed Beginner class 630-892-2276 jcclasen@hotmail.com	Susanne Feltman 36W847 Woodland Ct St Charles, IL 60175 Jack Russell, Mixed Breed Completed Beginner class 630-414-5997 thefeltmans@comcast.net	Clarice Nolan 790 Magnolia Dr North Aurora, IL 60542 Malamute Completed Beginner class doghandler1234@yahoo.com
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Membership Meeting Highlights **October 16, 2013**

Meeting brought to order at 7:53 p.m., following the fantastic presentation by Dr. M. Rogers on Emergency First Aid for Dogs.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that he would discuss the lack of lighting in the parking lot when he visits the fairgrounds on Thursday. Ed reported that according to the fairgrounds, the lights for the entire parking lot are on a single switch.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) reported that the program for the Novembers Membership Meeting will be presented by Sue Olmos who will talk about Essential Oils for dogs.

- What Are Essential Oils?
- Sample 9 "Everyday" Oils
- Learn How Essential Oils Work in the Body
- Learn How Best to Apply Them
- Using Therapeutic Essential Oils for Health and Behavioral Issues

Terri Byerly (Director of Training) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: The following are the instructors for the final 2013 session of classes, which begins on October 31.

Class Time	Puppy Instructors		Beginner Instructors	
	Primary	Assistant	Primary	Assistant
6:00 p.m.	n/a	n/a	John Senne	Sally Boeke
7:00 p.m.	Barb Misch	Carol Nightingale	Pat Senne	David Thornell
8:00 p.m.	Vera Nyberg	Jill Ramsey	Candy Ellis	Sally Read
9:00 p.m.	n/a	n/a	Ed Herdes	Sally Read John Grosse

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that entries should be sent, as there is open slots available. Following Will's request and receipt of a list of e-mail addresses from the Trial Secretary, John Senne will send out a Constant Contact reminder to enter the November 10th trial. Loretta reported that there are sign-up sheets at training for those wishing to volunteer to steward at the trial. In response to Will's question, Ed stated that vendors will be able to access the kitchen area at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Additionally, the trial's Raffle committee will be able to move their items into the building to await set-up on Sunday morning.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the names of 10 new members which were published in the September Waggin' Tales. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to accept the list as read. Sandi Stephenson seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Peggy Covey who was present at the meeting.

Sue also reminded any club member providing a membership application to an individual to verify whether the person should receive a New Member or a Renewal Application, as she has recently received two applications for new members on the renewal form. The contents of the folders containing the forms will be verified to ascertain that they are correct.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the annual Tracking Test has been completed and was as successful as ever due to the GREAT volunteers who help!

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) was not in attendance, but reported that there is a new AKC title called "AKC Community Canine". She stated that to receive this title, you must pass a separate test given by a CGC evaluator and have your CGC title. Information for this new title is available in the red box at training.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not at the meeting, but it was reported that plans for next year's agility trials are already being submitted to AKC for event approval.

Donna Bihner (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the Annual Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014 and will be held at the Geneva Historical Society on Third Street. Donna stated that the committee members are Candy Ellis, Nancy Pederson and Vera Nyberg. The theme for the dinner is "Pawscars", and that the traditional red carpet has already been obtained for the event. She stated that unfortunately our MC extraordinaire, Rick Cox, will not be attending due to a judging assignment. Therefore, the committee members will be announcing and presenting the awards in an 'Oscar style' rotation.

Cheryl Hettinger stated that she is seeking donations for items to be passed out the dinner.

Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-Chairs) brought samples of the new awards being offered for viewing at the meeting. Carol stated that none of the current items offered are being deleted, these new items are additional. The new items will also be available for viewing on the vendors' websites, which will be provided in the near future.

Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that the next CGC test will be scheduled for the night of the January, 2014 Correction Clinic.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that she is planning to bring the session 4 Graduation Certificates to the October 17th Correction Clinic.

Pat Senne (Match Co-Chair) reported that all was well with the Match Committee. Marian Lazzara (Match Co-Chair-Entries) stated that in spite of the initial request for the optional titling classes to be offered at the correction clinics, there have been very few entries for those classes.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chair-Judges) extended her thanks to the following judges who volunteer month after month and make her job so much easier: Joyce Conway, Will Short, Candy Ellis and Cindy Pakenas.

The following are the judges for the October 17th Correction Clinic.

Novice & Beginner Novice	Marian Lazzara	Utility 1	Sandi Stephenson
Novice 2	Sandy Davis	Utility 2	Rick Cox
Open 1	Will Short	Rally	Barb Runkle
Open 2	Loretta Lazzara		

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that in her absence at the October Correction Clinic, Barb Misch would be working with the stewards. It was also reported that starting with the October Correction Clinic, volunteers who wish to volunteer can sign up to work on the club's website, using mysignup.com. This method simplifies the process for tracking volunteers. However, for the individuals who do not have access to a computer, a process will need to be developed to enable everyone to volunteer. At this time, those individuals may contact Ingrid at (630) 365-3248 to volunteer.

Barb Misch (Scholarship) was not in attendance, but reported that she attended the Sugar Grove Scholarship Fair last month and talked to several seemingly interested students. Cheryl Hettinger and Dave Lewis are helping to develop the improved list of school contacts. Barb also reported that she is attempting to modify the scholarship display board to reflect the eligibility changes without having to redo the whole thing.

Dave Lewis reported that we already have applications for next year's scholarships.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) stated that any committee chairs, who have lists of workers, can send them to her at any time. She would prefer that, rather than everyone waiting until the end of the year to submit their reports.

Penny Brcich (Sunshine). Nancy Pederson reported for that Cindy Krelle informed her that Robin (Sally's daughter) contacted Cindy a few weeks ago to let her know that Sally Compton is not doing well. She has Hospice at the house and is good for 5-10 minute visits, but they are not sure that she comprehends those visits.

Jan Winters (Temperament Test) reported that Diane Everson from TDI performed the test on September 24th for seven participants with eight dogs. All of the following participants, including five club members, passed with flying colors.

- Cynthia Binder and her two Golden Retrievers
- Mary Burke and her Newfoundland
- Trudy Craig and her Golden Retriever
- Nancy Einwich and her Golden Retriever
- Dawn Root and her Labrador Retriever
- Kim Siefried and her Rottweiler
- Kim Sipple and her Corgi

The logistics of using ring #8 during a correction clinic night worked well. Jan also thanked the following volunteers who helped make the test a successful event that garnered positive feedback from participants and observers. John Grosse, Barb McCune, Shirley Sennebogin, Jeff Winters and especially Dawn Root's neighbor's children. Having children at the test is a crucial portion of the evaluation.

Jan reported that she would like to have another TDI test during the February, 2014 Correction Clinic, as several individuals asked during the test, when the next TDI test would be done. Jan stated that the test is great community PR for the club and does not cost the club anything other than the time and the volunteers, and enables new dogs in our community to participate in therapy dog work.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Jan Winters as drawn by new club member, Peggy Covey. The remaining \$8.00 was presented to Ingrid Hamburger for the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- **Lost and Found**

Cheryl Hettinger stated that the Lost and Found Sale will commence on November 5th. The unclaimed lost items will be available for sale at training on November 5th and November 14th. The proceeds from the sale will be put towards Tracking Test expenses. Any items that are not purchased by the end of night on November 14th, will be donated to appropriate charities.

- **Membership Dues Change**

In response to Joyce Conway's question, Donna stated that all family members are eligible to earn any of the three work credits.

Carolyn Pearson stated that the "My Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits for the Year of 2013" sheet that was included in the mailing should be used to record all work efforts for the year and **submitted with** the Membership Renewal Application when paying for the 2014 dues in December. Sue MacPherson will maintain those sheets with the renewal applications.

New Business

- **New Work Credit Values**

Donna Bihner reported that she recently initiated a review of the current work credits list with the Board members. The following criteria was used when determining where a work event was placed in a work credit category.

- Time on the job
- Preparation time to do the job
- Number of days committed to volunteering
- Responsibility taken

Using that criteria, the following is a description of how the work events were assigned.

- **1 work credit**
 - member helps at one event of under 4 hours (two credits for working a full day)
 - no preparation needed
- **2 work credits**
 - member helps at one event of under 4 hours
 - member accepts a level of responsibility; (judge, evaluator)
 - some preparation required
- **3 work credits**
 - member works/meets multiple times
 - member accepts a level of responsibility (assistant instructor, member of a committee)
- **4 work credits**
 - member works/meets multiple times
 - high level of responsibility (board member, committee chair)

The Board recommended version of the updated work credits was distributed to the members present for review. The sheets included a list of the current Work Credits and the recommended version of Work Credits. In response to Cheryl Hettinger's question about the removal of the Mat Cleaning category, it was noted that it is now in the category of "Work at an Event (not on the committee)". Additionally, an item specifically identifying the Conformation Class instructor was added. Donna also stated that the number of nights necessary for a Substitute instructor was reduced from four nights to two nights, in appreciation of the fact that substitute instructors usually have very little advanced notification.

Joyce Conway made a motion to accept the revised list of work credits as presented with the addition of the Conformation Class instructor item and with an effective date of January 1, 2014. Rick Cox seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

- **Nominating Committee**

Will Short reported that, in addition to himself, the Nominating committee consists of Joyce Conway, Brenda Rivera. Currently they are seeking individuals who are interested and qualified for the following positions: DOT and Treasurer. Will stated that Dana Weller would continue to be the Treasurer if no one else came forward, but would prefer that another club member takes over the job.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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- ♥ Oil Applications for Cats



Instructor, Sue Olmos, MEd, CTPM has been practicing & teaching natural health options for pets and their people since 1995. She developed the first certification program in Illinois for canine massage therapy at Harper College in Palatine, IL. She trained with Young Living's founder, D. Gary Young and others, to develop additional skills in animal and human aromatherapy. Sue is now presenting introductory courses as a way of empowering pet owners to take more control over the natural health of their "furry friends."



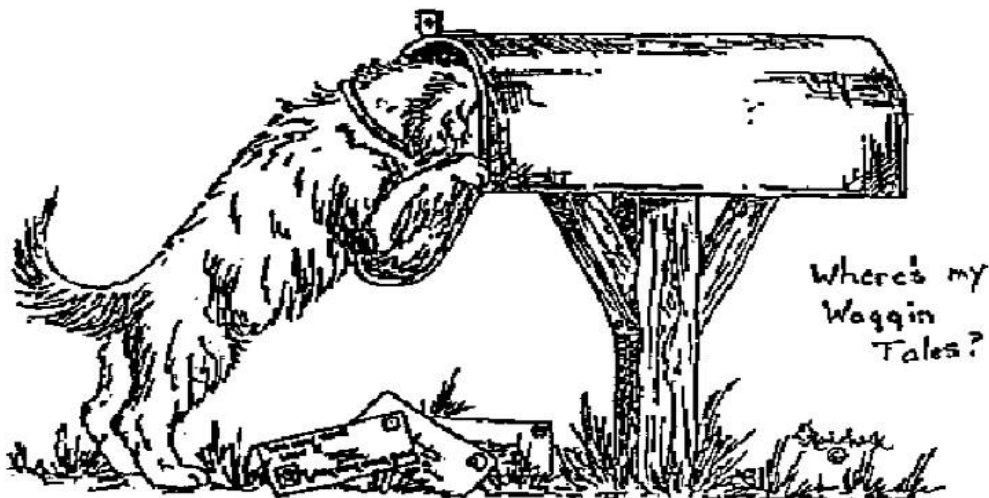
Fox Valley Dog Training Club

November Membership Meeting Program

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 20th 7PM

At the UIC Kane County Extension Center

Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.
 Sue MacPherson, Membership Chair
 4N971 Chaffield Dr.
 St. Charles, IL 60175
 www.fvdtc.org



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)

December 2013

5 Thursday **Regular Training**
 Puppy Begins (8:00 pm)
12 Thursday Regular Training
 Chiropractic Night
 18 Wednesday Board Meeting
19 Thursday Regular Training
24 Thursday Regular Training
 Beginner Ends (6, 7, 8, 9 pm)
 Puppy Ends (7pm)
26 Thursday Christmas Party

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