

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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# Waggin' Tales

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Greetings Fellow Club Members!*

My question to you - do you know what training is offered and are you making the most of it?

This month I want to shine a spot light on some of our classes. Our formal classes are pretty self-explanatory – puppy and beginner are both eight-week courses (with a fee and registration in advance). After that, it is up to you and your training desires as to what class(es) you join. There is a lot of opportunity for you – take a gander at the chart below to see all that is offered. Each class is free for members or \$8.00 drop-in fee for non-members. Remember, they are all drop-in classes – so don't be afraid to try them out to see if they are a fit for you. More information can be found on our web site or by stopping in and talking to an instructor.

Class	Time	Description – more information is available on our web site!
Obedience Rally Foundation	7:00 PM	Introduces rally signs and beginner novice exercises. In addition, the class works on keeping your dog's focus and in building drive.
Advanced Beginner	7:00 PM & 8:30 PM	Practice and perfect the skills learned in the Puppy and Beginner classes. Work on loose leash healing, finishes, attention, come & recall, positioning of dog and handler and much much more.
Novice Ring Ready	7:00 PM	Perfect the skills necessary to compete at the Beginner Novice or Novice level at an obedience trial. Learn ring procedure as well as work on Rally signs as a way to perfect your team work.
Rally	7:00 PM	Each week a different rally course is setup for individual walk thrus as it would be at a trial. Instructors are on hand to help as needed. There is a sign up at the entrance to the ring and you are welcome to sign up and then attend another class while you wait. The instructors will find you when it is your turn to go in the ring.
Open	8:00 PM	Learn the skills needed to enter at the Open or Graduate Novice level of an Obedience trial. Learn in a classroom setting as well as do run-thrus.
Utility	7:00 PM	Learn the skills needed to enter at the Utility or Graduate Open level of an Obedience trial. Learn in a classroom setting as well as do run-thrus.
Conformation	8:00 PM	Learn how to handle a dog in a breed ring. Practice hand stacking, gaiting, baiting, and ring procedure. All breeds and all sizes welcome.

With either Parker or Ellie I have been in all but one of the classes offered. Sometimes I stayed for a long time; sometimes I was just working on a few things and only stayed a few weeks. In one case, with Parker, I jumped too far ahead and after only two weeks I realized we needed something else. This is the beauty of drop-in classes, you are not committed for 8 weeks, you can try them until you find a fit for where you are right now and change it when you are ready. Take advantage of this wonderful benefit of being a member!

Take care and see you at training!

Donna Bihner, President FVDTC  
president@fvdtc.org

## **Upcoming Classes**



August 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm Puppy Class

6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm Beginner Class



## **Save These Dates:**

November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

FVDTC Obedience / Rally Trials

Regular Obedience and Optional Titling Classes Offered

All Regular Rally Classes

Start Planning Your Entries Now!

New Title Ribbons Presented

## Help Wanted!

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
8/21/14	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	<b>Stewards:</b> On-line signup or contact Ingrid Hamburger <a href="http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014">http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014</a> <b>Judges</b> (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
9/6/14	Tracking Trial Setup	Burnidge Forest Preserve	Contact Ingrid Hamburger at <a href="mailto:tracking@fvdtc.org">tracking@fvdtc.org</a>	2
9/7/14	Tracking Trial	Burnidge Forest Preserve	Contact Ingrid Hamburger at <a href="mailto:tracking@fvdtc.org">tracking@fvdtc.org</a>	2
9/12/13	Agility Trial Setup	Sportsplex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Contact Cathy Fluery at <a href="mailto:agility@fvdtc.org">agility@fvdtc.org</a>	1
9/13/14 & 9/14/14	Agility Trial	Sportsplex on Dean St. in St. Charles	Contact Cathy Fluery at <a href="mailto:agility@fvdtc.org">agility@fvdtc.org</a>	1 for each ½ day

*If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)*

### MORE HELP WANTED

We are in need of a new editor! As editor you do not need to write articles – they are supplied by the members of the club. Each month the editor takes the articles, formats them into one Word document and after review by some of the Board members, sends it to the printer and to the web site editor for publication.

Putting together the newsletter should not take more than a couple of hours a month, if you are proficient in MS Office products, Word being the primary tool. If you can help or have questions, please contact Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org) or (630) 762-8441.

Work credits (4) are offered to the Editor!

### ONE MORE HELP WANTED

We are looking for folks to man our booth and to run demos at the Chicagoland Pet Show, held at the Fairgrounds on November 8 & 9. Shifts will run between 10am and 5pm on each day. It's a great way to meet new dog people, and to help out the club at the same time. See Barb Runkle ([education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org)) for details or to volunteer.

### OH YEAH, THIS ONE, TOO

Our long-time take-down man is leaving us to attend college in the fall, so we are in need of a set-up person and a take-down person. This is a paid position, but is physically demanding. If you are interested, or know of someone, please contact Caroly Pearson ([secretary@fvdtc.org](mailto:secretary@fvdtc.org))

## ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC CARE ON TRAINING NIGHTS!

Dr. Erin O'Connor is scheduled once a month during training nights from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Her next scheduled nights are: August 7th and September 4th

Appointments are made directly through her by way of either her web site or by calling the Vitality Chiropractic Center. Walk-ins during training is always welcome however, if you know you are going to visit her please make an appointment to give her an idea of how many clients she might have. Dr. O'Connor has said she is more than flexible on training nights so people can shift their appointment on the spot as needed to accommodate their training plans.

Cost is \$45.00 (puppy under 6 months is \$25.00) for the initial visit and \$40.00 (puppy \$20.00) for a follow-up. If you have any questions, please contact Vitality Chiropractic Center. FVDTTC is not involved in scheduling. We are just making this opportunity available to our members and students.

<http://www.myvitalitychiropractic.com/> (630) 499-4078

## SUMMER CONFORMATION MINI-WORKSHOPS

Presenter: Cheryl Peterson

UKC Judge, retired AKC conformation, hunt test, field trial and junior showmanship judge

August 21 7:30 – 9 p.m. Cost \$22/members, \$30/non-members for working spots.

Working spots for all classes are limited to 15; unlimited auditing spots. Auditing spots are \$20. Please sign up by emailing Seminars Unleashed ([info@seminarsunleashed.com](mailto:info@seminarsunleashed.com)).

## *And the Winner Is.....*

Handler	Dog	Breed	Show/Trial	Win
Sally Boeke	Ellie	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club (July 06, 2014)	Open A, 3rd leg and Title, 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Sally Boeke	Pockets	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club (July 05, 2014)	Rally Advance B, 3rd leg and title, 1st place with a 100
Sally Boeke	Pockets	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club (July 06, 2014)	Rally Advance B, extra leg, 2nd place
Nancy Pederson	Chase	Golden Retriever	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club (July 06, 2014)	RAE, RAE2--7th Leg, 1st place--Exc B High Combined

## NEW MEMBERS

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## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JULY 17, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Secretary** - Carolyn Pearson

The June 17, 2014 Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

**First Vice-President** – Ed Herdes

Ed reported that trying to schedule a weekend date to clean the mats during August or September is proving to be problematic. It was suggested that we schedule a date on a Monday or Tuesday and send out a Constant Contact message seeking volunteers. Since the mats were not cleaned last year, it is important that they are cleaned this year. The mat cleaning event requires a minimum of 6 volunteers, however MORE is definitely welcome. Ed will contact the fairgrounds with some of the several different options discussed to determine the solution.

Ed stated that we need a new break-down person (and/or team) to replace the current individual, who is heading off to college in Mid-August. In order to be trained, the new person must be able to start no later than July 31st. Additionally, Ed stated that we need a person to work with the set-up person, in order to help out and also be able to do the work solo when the set-up person is unable to do it.

**Second Vice-President** – Wendy Waddick

Wendy Waddick reported that the following are some programs she is planning for future membership meetings.

- Dr. Kimberly Hsu, DVM from Eye Care for Animals in St Charles will talk about eye health for dogs, tentatively scheduled for the September 17th Membership meeting..
- "Ask a Judge", tentatively scheduled for the October 15th Membership meeting.
- Benefits of Massage and Aqua Therapy for Dogs, by Beth Taylor from The Puddle – Pet AquaFitness in South Elgin, possibly for the November Membership meeting.

**Treasurer** – Dana Weller

Dana distributed the Income and Spending Report as of July 15, 2014, for review. There were no questions from anyone present.

**Director of Training** –Will Short

Will reported that Terri Byerly and David Thornell are working on a program to encourage the 4-H participants to continue training. Once they have some plans, they will be presented to the Board for review. Donna and Sue both stated that it is an excellent idea and is needed to draw more individuals to train their dogs.

Additionally, it was suggested that the 2015 4-H program should be held for ten weeks. A ten-week duration would enable the 4-H students to participate in the minimum number of six classes, with some buffer room, in the event that other activities prevent them from attending a class.

**Membership Chairperson** – Sue MacPherson

Sue MacPherson was in attendance, and had nothing to report.

**Public Education Coordinator** – Barb Runkle

Barb Runkle was in attendance, and had nothing to report.

**Obedience Trial Chairperson** – Cindy Pakenas

Cindy reviewed the list of awards provided by the Obedience Trial's Award Committee with the Board. With the exception of reducing the Obedience Trial's High in Trial and High Combined and the Rally Trial's High Combined amounts, all remaining awards were approved. In response to Cindy's question, it was suggested that the cost for a catalog be \$3.00.

Donna stated that she sent out a question to various Facebook groups to determine what was the main draw for entering in a trial. She stated that many people responded with the trial's location and the judging panel. She reported that prizes had a minimal impact on the decision. Additionally, Donna discovered that many exhibitors enjoyed receiving "New Title Ribbons". Cindy stated that she will coordinate with Cathy Fleury, Agility Trial Chairperson, prior to ordering any necessary trial ribbons. It was also suggested that the club host an "NQ Raffle". This raffle would only be open to exhibitors who did not qualify in their Obedience or Rally class.

**Tracking Test Chairperson** – Ingrid Hamburger

Ingrid report that it is likely that Donna Kircher will not be able to judge at our September 2014 test. However, Ingrid stated that tracking judges typically find their own replacements. Ingrid will keep the Board informed.

**Agility Trial Chairperson** – Cathy Fleury

Cathy Fleury was not in attendance, and did not provide a report.

**Director at Large** – Dave Lewis

Dave Lewis was in attendance, but had nothing to report.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

#### Calendar Updates

The following new events have been added to the club's 2014 calendar.

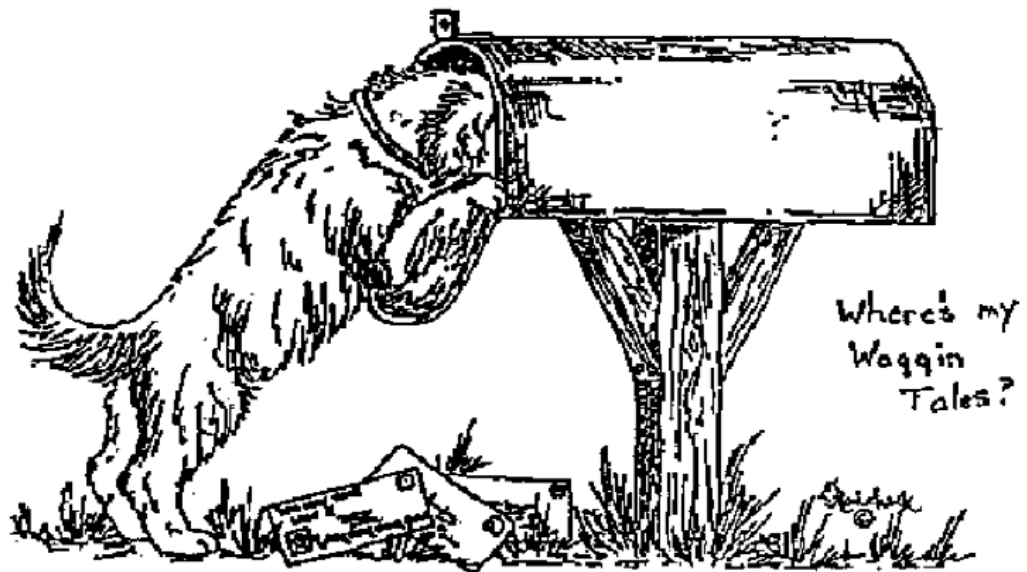
- CGC Test scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd. Connie Hillquest is the evaluator.
- TDI Test scheduled for Thursday, October 16th

#### Meeting Format Change for 2015

Following a discussion of the length of time between Membership meetings (from May until September), it was agreed that the July 2015 meeting, will be changed from a Board Meeting to a Membership Meeting. The meeting would be held on the Thursday night of the 2015 Kane County Fair and be conducted at the Extension Center.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.**  
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### August 2013

- 07 Thursday Regular Training  
 Animal Chiropractic  
 Beginner Class Starts  
 (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)  
 Puppy Class Begins (7:00pm)
- 13 Wednesday Board Meeting
- 14 Thursday Regular Training
- 20 Wednesday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 21 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 28 Thursday Regular Training

### September 2013

- 04 Thursday Regular Training  
 Animal Chiropractic
- 06 Saturday Tracking Test Set-Up
- 07 Sunday Tracking Test
- 09 **Tuesday** Regular Training  
 Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
- 13 Saturday Agility Trial
- 14 Sunday Agility Trial & Breakdown
- 17 Wednesday Membership Meeting
- 18 Thursday NO Training & NO Classes**
- 21 Sunday Waggin' Tales Deadline
- 23 **Tuesday** Correction Clinic

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