

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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David Lewis, Editor

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Waggin' Tales

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last night we had our Annual meeting and elections. It is always an exciting meeting as we elect our new Board and we appoint the committee chairs for the year. Being there and going through the elections always makes me think back over the past year and our accomplishments of the past year and the people that make it happen. Without these people we would have nothing, and they do it all out of their love of dogs. Please review the names (listed in the newsletter) and the next time you see them give them your thanks as they well deserve it.

We have a ton of new members that joined in the past year. So exciting! If you are one of these people, please do not hesitate to get involved. Look over the committee list and if something interests you reach out and give a bit of your time. The more people in the club you know, the more fun every club event becomes, and the more people to tap when you have training questions. It is amazing how much you can learn just stewarding at a clinic or a trial. Don't let not knowing exactly how things work hold you back....we all started somewhere and we all have to learn. Every committee chair knows this and will be willing to work with you. Believe me; they will be very grateful to have your help.

With Spring around the corner (hopefully) and that means that one of the most important things we do each year is gearing up – 4H! Having assisted in those classes I can tell you that it is a ton of fun working with the kids. What some of them can do will amaze you. Terri Byerly is just starting to round up assistants and instructors – I highly encourage you to help.

I want to close with some thank yous. A big round of applause to Candy Ellis who chaired the Christmas Party event, her assistants Sharon Shimko, Shannon Jungels, and Cheryl Hettinger. Thanks also to Peggy Sue Seehaver, Mike Trausch (Santa), Nancy Pedersen and myself who did pictures and Ed Herdes who make sure it was all setup for us. This is always such a fun event and this year did not disappoint. I had a blast taking a bazillion pictures with Santa.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to Dana Weller who has served as our Treasurer for many years. Even pregnant and with a newborn she helped us out. And welcome to the Board, Phil Nuger who will take her place, we are excited to have you with us.

See you at training,

Donna Bihner

President FVDTC

THE 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thanks to these folks who have agreed to serve FVDTC on the Board of Directors

President	Donna Bihner	Obedience Trial Chair	Cindy Pakenas
First Vice-President	Ed Herdes	Agility Trial Chair	Cathy Fleury
Second Vice-President	Wendy Waddick	Membership Chair	Sue MacPherson
Secretary	Carolyn Pearson	Public Education Coordinator	Barb Runkle
Treasurer	Phil Nuger	Tracking Test Chair	Ingrid Hamburger
Director of Training	Will Short	Director At Large	David Lewis

EXCITING NEWS FOR FVDTC MEMBERS: A NEW TDI EVALUATOR!

Our very own club member John Grosse, has taken the steps to become a Certified Therapy Dog Evaluator for T.D.I. (Therapy Dog International)

John has many years of experience doing therapy dog work in his community.

We are planning to have our first TDI Test of the year on April 16, 2015. More information will coming your way on this upcoming event.

Thank you John for providing this service for our club.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jill Wallace
St Charles, IL
Havanese
Completed Puppy Class

Donna Hartwig
Big Rock, IL
Border Collie & Mixed breed
Guest trained 8 times

Barbara Nelson
St Charles, IL
Toy Poodle & Poodle mix
Completed Beginner class

Joan Lester
Oswego, IL
Dalmatian & German Shepherd
Dog
Completed Beginner class

Tammy & Jon Dean
Oswego, IL
Rottweiler & Terrier mix
Completed Puppy class

Ron & Denise Mroz
Batavia, IL
Australian Shepherd
Completed Puppy class

Tony & Becky DeSilva
Batavia, IL
Flat Coat Retrievers, Dachshund
Completed Beginner class

Lynne Knotts
St Charles, IL
Golden Retriever
Completed Puppy class

Christine Banahan
West Chicago, IL
Pug
Completed Beginner class

Nancy Gadd
Crystal Lake, IL
Golden Retrievers
Completed Puppy class

Pat Schuberg
Elburn, IL
Samoyed
Completed Beginner class

Noelle Dupasquier
Geneva, IL
Cane Corso
Completed Beginner class

4H HELP WANTED

Hooray for Junior Handlers!

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes the start of our annual 4H classes.

We are in need of lead instructors and assistants.

The classes will run April 2nd thru June 24th on our regular training nights, 6pm-7pm

If you are available to help guide our young handlers through this journey, please email Terri at terribyerly@aol.com.



CHIROPRACTOR DATES – 2015

Dr Erin O'Connor schedule will be slightly different for 2015. She will be joining us monthly to do adjustments.

Dates are: March 5, June 11, Sept 3 and Dec 3

You can schedule on-line at <http://myvitalitychiropractic.com/> or call them at (630) 499-4078. Drop ins are always welcome but please schedule ahead if you can (time adjustments are fine the night of training).

Help Wanted!

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

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

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
2/19/15	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: on-line sign up or contact Ingrid Hamburger http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clinics_2014 Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
2/18/15	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
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3/27/15	Agility Trial Setup	Players Indoor Sports Center	Evening setup work. Contact Cathy Fleury	1
3/28/15	Agility Trial	Players Indoor Sports Center	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
3/29/15	Agility Trial	Players Indoor Sports Center	Multiple jobs - contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
3/29/15 thru 6/24/15	Assist 4H Classes	Kane County Fairgrounds	Hooray for Jr. Handlers! Contact Terri at 4H@fvdtc.org	3

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

2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thank you to these fine folks who have agreed to serve as committee chairs for the coming year. Contact any of them if you want to help, too (and earn your work credits).

Asst. Director of Training	Loretta Lazarra Sandi Stephenson Brenda Rivera Candy Ellis	Match Chair (Stewards)	Ingrid Hamburger
Annual Dinner Chair	Candy Ellis	Publicity	Sue MacPherson
Awards	Carol Nightingale Nancy Einwich	Statistician	Sue MacPherson
CGC Coordinator	Cris Ballenger	Sunshine	Penny Brcich
Graduation Chair	Holly Cass	Therapy Dog Evaluation	Jan Winters
Historian	Sally Boeke	Waggin' Tales Editor	David Lewis
Match Chair (Coordinator)	Pat Senne	Class Coordinator	Nancy Pederson
Match Chair (Entries)	Marian Lazzara	Conformation	<i>Vacant</i>
Match Chair (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson	4H Coordinator	Terri Byerly
		New Member Liaison	Taffy Wille
		Lost and Found	Carolyn Pearson
		Woofmaster	David Lewis

COLD TAIL AKA LIMBER TAIL AKA DEAD TAIL

Dr. Erin O'Connor – Vitality Animal Chiropractic Center (*Reprinted by permission*)



This is a condition with many names, with the actual name being acute caudal myopathy. This is when a dog presents with an acutely flaccid or limp tail, unable to raise or wag, usually also held close to the rear. It is a muscle injury of the tail due to overexertion. There may be pain or swelling near the base of the tail.

Here are some factors that can contribute:

ACTIVITIES: If this condition comes about, it is usually after hunting, swimming, bathing in cold water, or a hard work out in an under conditioned dog.

BREEDS: This condition usually occurs in sporting or working dogs, such as Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, beagles, English pointers, and English setters. (Most common breed we see in our office is lab.)

With solely rest, this condition is usually self-limiting in about 2 weeks.

What about chiropractic?

At our office, we have found that we can speed up the healing process. Dr. O'Connor first checks for subluxations (misalignments of the joints). There may be adjustments needed in the rear, such as the pelvis, sacrum, and/or caudal vertebrae of the tail. Next, soft tissue is assessed. She almost always performs a technique called Logan Basic, which is an extremely gentle and relaxing technique (many dogs "melt" and start closing their eyes) which directly works on a large ligament in the rear called the sacrotuberous ligament that runs alongside the tail on both sides to indirectly relieve deep muscle tension. Finally, muscle adhesions may be gently stripped down the base of the tail and/or therapeutic oils applied. In most cases, dogs usually start to show a bit of a wag immediately after, which improves over the next 2-3 days.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB will be hosting
WELLNESS CLINICS
 at the Kane County Fairgrounds
 on...

THURSDAY

February 26, 2014

Services provided by
 Sutton Road Animal Clinic

Contact Sutton Road at (847) 742-8298

Bordetella	\$18.00
DHLPP	\$25.00
DHPP	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50
<i>Heartworm Test (antigen test)</i>	\$19.50
Lymes Vaccination	\$28.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$15.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$25.00

*tags available for DuPage, Kane and Cook County

THURSDAY

and March 12, 2014

Services provided by
 Amber Leaf Animal Hospital

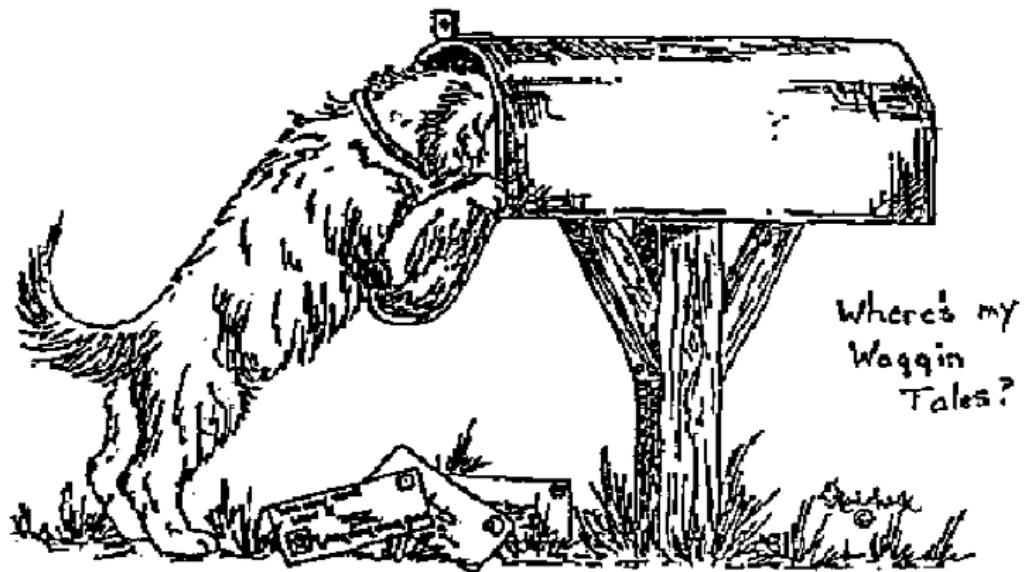
Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039

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HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00
Lepto	\$18.00
Corona	\$17.00

**tags available for DuPage and Kane County

Flyers for both clinics will be available at Training and on the club's website

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February 2015

05	Thursday	Regular Training Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
12	Thursday	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
18	Wednesday	Board Meeting
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Thursday	Regular Training Health Clinic

March 2015

05	Thursday	Regular Training Chiropractic
12	Thursday	Regular Training Health Clinic Beginner Class Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm) Puppy Ends (7:00pm) Junior Handler Ends (6:00pm)
18	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic
26	Thursday	Regular Training 4H Begins Beginner Class Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm) Puppy Begins (8:00pm) Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
27	Friday	Agility Trial Setup
28	Saturday	Agility Trial
29	Sunday	Agility Trial