

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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Waggin' Tales

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC!

Dr. Erin O'Connor, from Vitality Chiropractic, will be back again on March 5th for anyone that would like their dog examined. Cost is \$45/dog (lower for puppies under 9 months). You may schedule an appointment either via their web site (<http://myvitalitychiropractic.com>) or by calling her office (630) 499-4078. Appointments start at 6pm. Walk-ins are welcome however Dr. O'Connor would appreciate an appointment being made. She is more than flexible on the time if you need to shift it 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
3/18/15	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
3/19/15	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: on-line sign up or contact Ingrid Hamburger http://bit.ly/1dO2CpP Judges (experience required): contact Sandi Stephenson. Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
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 thru 6/24	Assist 4H Classes	Kane County Fairgrounds	Hooray for Jr. Handlers! Contact Barb at 4H@fvdtc.org	3

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

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

Our Club activities are gearing up again so it must be getting close to Spring, well let's hope so anyway! There is a lot of fun coming up so be prepared and put some dates on your calendar.

- March 12 is our second wellness clinic (Thank you Sue MacPherson)
 - Are you taking advantage of these low cost clinics to vaccinate your dogs? Look for more information on the web site and call Amber Leaf at 630-207-4039 to make an appointment
- March 19th we have a CGC test (Thank you Cris Ballenger!)
 - Last I heard this was not full so contact Cris if you still want to join in.
- March 26th 4H begins (Huge thanks to Barb Runkle for taking on the Superintendent role at the last second)
 - Barb will be looking for volunteers for the upcoming spring show so let her know if you can help
- March 27-29 Spring Agility Trial (Thank you to Cathy Fleury and the agility committee!)
- April 11th Annual Dinner at the Geneva Historical Society (Thank you Pat Senne & Candy Ellis and the dinner committee!)

We are definitely an active Club with lots of opportunities. Which reminds me to ask – Have you sent in your membership renewal form yet? Honestly we are a pretty good deal. Where else can you get a year's worth of training for \$90? Forms can be found on the web site or at the information desk on training nights.

At our last Membership Meeting a suggestion was made to have an online roster of member names. Well Dave Lewis heard this request and has built us a new report. You can find it in the password controlled Members Only section. The report allows you to scroll through the full roster of names. Each name is a link that you can click on for more contact details. Check it out - I think you will find it is very helpful. Thanks Dave for hearing and responding to this need and also for coming to a training night to help people set up passwords so they can get into the Members only section.

A final closing thought for all. Our training building is a very busy place with lots of people and dogs. Please do your very best to keep your eye on your dog at all times. I know it is hard and we are all guilty of getting distracted but it is of such critical importance. Please help keep it a safe place for all!

See you at training!

Donna Bihner
FVDTC President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 21, 2015

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The November Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read, including the following note from Wendy Waddick.

I wanted to say Thank you very much to all the members of FVDTC for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to me after my recent shoulder surgery. It made my day! It was truly appreciated. I wanted to send a formal thank you card but writing, or doing much of anything, right now is extremely difficult to do since I don't have much use of either hand/arm right now. However, I have learned to do some interesting things with my feet though! Anyway, thanks a bunch the flowers are gorgeous.

Additionally, Carolyn reported that former member and sister of Sandy Davis, Shirley Moline's daughter, Jenny passed away on Monday, January 19. She would have been 40 on February 15th. The visitation will be at Malone's in Geneva on January 22nd from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Carolyn also informed the club members that, per the AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows requirement, a list of club members is submitted annually to the AKC. The following is the only information that is provided.

- Member Name
- ZIP Code
- Phone Number (if provided to club)
- E-mail Address (if provided to club)

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that all is good.

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that only the Judges Panels remain to be submitted for approval. Carolyn stated that she would electronically submit the Judges Panel to AKC. Cindy reported that the following panel will be submitted.

Classes	Saturday Judges	Sunday Judges
Beginner's Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice	Karen Anderson	Barbara Selton
Open A, Utility A, Graduate Open, Versatility	Anna Lorenz	Tom Masterson
Open B, Pre-Open	Tom Masterson	Anna Lorenz
Utility B, Pre-Utility	Suzanne Hemminger	Karen Anderson
All Rally	Barbara Selton	Suzanne Hemminger

Carolyn stated that **Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** was at home and very thoughtfully keeping the flu bug to herself. Donna read the list of new applicants, which were published in the recent Waggin' Tales.

Will Short made motion to accept the list as published and read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!!!!

It was also stated that the roster will be printed as in the past. Several club members asked whether it would be possible to create a complete list of club members and their e-mail addresses. They were typically using the list to enlist club members for the various activities requiring volunteers. It was the general consensus of the members present, that this output did not have to be provided in a booklet form.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that the Kane County Forest Preserve used as the site for the Tracking Test has been reserved and paid for.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, however she sent the announcement that the location for the Spring 2015 trials is at Players Indoor Sports Center, in Naperville.

David Lewis (Director at Large) stated that the club's phone has been changed to (630) 246-6980. This new number has the capability of accepting voice messages and directing voice messages to email addresses. The type of message will determine which address will receive the message.

Dave announced that he would be at training on January 29 assisting anyone who need help accessing the "Members Only" web page. He will be at the training building from approximately 6:30 p.m. until everyone had been assisted.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the Awards Committee will be getting together in the near future to get the details worked out.

Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-Chairperson) reported that as of today she has only received one form. Donna encouraged club members to submit their applications for awards.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she has ordered a significant amount of Graduation supplies.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) stated that volunteers are still needed for the Utility-1, Graduate Open and Open-2 classes.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however Donna reported that a TDI test is scheduled for April 16th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$5.50 is Shirley Sennebogen.

Old Business

None

Voting for 2015 Board of Directors

Donna extended a HUGE thank you to all of club members who served a Board Members and Committee chairs for 2014.

Prior to distributing the ballots, Donna thanked the nominating committee (Will Short, Brenda Rivera and Joyce Conway) for their

hard work obtaining the slate of Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs. Donna read the complete listing of the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2015 Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl Hettinger collected and counted the ballots. Donna announced the following individuals were elected as the Board of Directors for 2015.

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

New Business

Committee Chair Appointments

Donna announced that the following is a list of the Committee Chairs for 2015.

Annual Dinner Chair	Candy Ellis
Awards	Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich
CGC Coordinator	Cris Ballenger
Graduation Chair	Holly Cass
Historian	Sally Boeke
Match Chair (Coordinator)	Pat Senne
Match Chair (Entries)	Marian Lazzara
Match Chair (Judges)	Sandi Stephenson
Match Chair (Stewards)	Ingrid Hamburger
Publicity	Sue MacPherson
Statistician	Sue MacPherson
Sunshine	Penny Brcich
Therapy Dog Evaluation	Jan Winters
Waggin' Tales Editor	David Lewis

ADOT Ratification

Will Short, DOT, made a motion to approve Loretta Lazzara, Sandi Stephenson, Brenda Rivera and Candy Ellis as Co-Assistant Directors of Training for 2015. The motion was seconded by Joyce Conway. The motion was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Health Clinic Events Scheduled

It was announced that the following dates have been scheduled for health clinics. Flyers will be available in the near future.

- Thursday, February 26, services provided by Sutton Road Animal Clinic.
- Thursday, March 12, services provided by Amberleaf Veterinary Clinic.

4-H Classes

Donna announced that the 4-H classes will begin on March 26th.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The December Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President) stated that she was contacted by a vet tech from the Healthy Pets store in Aurora offering to present a program at a membership meeting.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that he and Dana Weller are in the process of transitioning the Treasurer duties. He is getting his name on the signature cards for the accounts.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that Marietta Huber and Penny Brcich will be rotating as the new instructors for the 8:00 p.m. Open class. They will be replacing Bob Read who is 'retiring' from instructing. Will thanked Bob for all his work.

In response to the discussion about increasing the work credits for assistant instructors, Dave Lewis made a motion to increase the work credits of Assistant Instructors for all classes from 3 to 4 per session or quarter, effective January 1, 2015. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Donna announced that Barb Runkle is replacing Terri Byerly as the 4-H Superintendent, who has resigned due to work commitments.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) stated that as usual she has a small list of non-renewals that she will contact about renewing for 2015

Cindy Pakenas (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that Barb Runkle is donating a supply of bone pins which were hand made by her late husband, Rick. Cindy thanked Barb for donating them and said that they will be used as stewards ID's for the obedience trial.

In response to Cindy's question, the consensus of the Board members was that it was not necessary to have food available for trial exhibitors to purchase. It was agreed that free hot beverages and sweets would again be offered to the exhibitors. Carolyn stated that she will electronically submit to AKC the Judges Panel for obedience and rally trial, this weekend.

David Lewis (Director at Large) stated that as of February 12th, seven more club members now have access to the "Members-Only" section. Additionally he stated that, in response to the conversation at the January Membership meeting, he will work to enable club members to generate a list of club members' names, city and state. The club member will then be able to click individually on the name to get the contact information that the member has determined to be published.

Dave reminded everyone that each member can go into "My FVDTC" and define whether the phone number, cell number and/or the e-mail address will display in the list.

Old Business

None

New Business

Accepting Credit Card Investigation

Dave Lewis reported that, in response to Donna's request, he investigated the process for accepting credit cards through PayPal for club membership and activities. PayPal charges a flat transaction fee, along with a percentage of each transaction and a flat monthly fee. The details for each fee vary, depending on the total number of dollars processed each month. Using last year's data, and assuming that about half of the people would use credit cards, Dave determined that the club brings in roughly \$14,000 in dues, and would pay about \$230 in transaction fees. For nine correction clinics through the year, the club brings in roughly \$2,300 in entry fees and would pay roughly \$120 in transaction fees. Agility, obedience and tracking trials were not included in this investigation. Since we would be accepting credit cards through the web site, it is also necessary to purchase and install an SSL certificate at a minimum yearly cost of \$399, depending on the level of encryption desired. Overall, there would be an annual cost to the club of about \$1,100. At the conclusion of the discussion, there was a consensus of the board that the club will not pursue accepting credit cards at this time.

Dave stated that, even if we do not accept credit cards, installing an SSL certificate is a benefit. The certificate is used to encrypt the data that travels between a user's computer and the club's web site, and so would help safeguard passwords and other personal information. This is the same procedure that, for instance, banks use to safeguard their web sites. Additionally, Google gives better rankings to sites that are secured with an SSL certificate. A base-level certificate from a reputable vendor costs about \$399. Sue MacPherson made a motion to purchase the certificate for \$400. Wendy Waddick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Earning Work Credits by Family or Individual for Title Awards

There was discussion about who earns the works credits when submitting for a title award. For example, in the situation of two individuals who both earn titles on dogs and are the two voting individuals in a family membership, who must earn the ten work credits to be eligible for an award? After discussing the various scenarios, it was decided to maintain consistency between the work credits for membership dues and for title awards. Dave made a motion that the ten work credits necessary to be eligible for a title award may be earned by any family member or a combination of family members. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

Information Table Volunteers

As has been reported in the past, a volunteer who can provide consistent coverage at the Information Table/Front Table is extremely important to the club. This volunteer is typically the first person that guest trainers and students encounter and must be knowledgeable about the club. Additionally, this volunteer is responsible for collecting the guest training fees, which supplements our income. To encourage volunteers who can commit to the job on a regular basis, it was recommended that we offer a discount on dues, similar to what is offered to our

instructors. It was the consensus of the Board that an individual who volunteers for one quarter (10 weeks of regular training nights), would be eligible for a 25% reduction in their membership dues.

Annual Dinner Budget

In order to maintain a reasonable fee for club members who attend the Annual Dinner, the club provides some financial support for the dinner. In the past, the club has provided \$500 to

the Annual Dinner committee, however the costs of hosting the dinner has been increasing over the last few years. In order to update the amount, Wendy Waddick made a motion that the club provides \$750 to the Annual Dinner committee for dinner expenses. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Richard Sperry

St Charles, IL
Shiba Inu

Tammy & Jon Dean

Oswego, IL
Rottweiler & Terrier mix

Gina Post

West Chicago, IL
Australian Cattle Dog

Jill Wallace

St Charles, IL
Havanese

Kathryn Bianchetti

West Chicago, IL
Doberman Pinscher

Rachel Jarka

Maple Park, IL
Australian Shepherd

Kevin & Christine Ream

Aurora, IL
Golden Retriever

Victoria Chyl

South Elgin, IL
Cocker Spaniel

Chris & Emily May

Elgin, IL
Labrador Retriever

Gretchen Tiger

North Aurora, IL
Shepherd mix & Field Spaniels

DEKALB DOG WRITER WINS NATIONAL AWARDS

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For the second year in a row, local dog writer Sharon Pflaumer won the largest cash award in the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) Annual National Writing Competition. Her article, "The Microchip: The Best Form of Permanent Identification," which ran in the October 28, 2014 issue of *Dog News*, won the AKC Companion Animal Recovery Microchipping Awareness Special Award. The \$1500 prize was presented for the best article written about microchipping dogs and pet recovery.

A second article written by Pflaumer for the 2014 *Dog News* Annual Issue, "Freedom Dogs: Heroes for Heroes," won a \$350 prize in the same competition. This special award was presented for the best article written about service dogs that go above and beyond for their disabled human companions. It was sponsored by Designated Dog, Inc., a clothing vendor whose philanthropic efforts support many canine causes.

The DWAA awards were announced at a banquet held in New York City on February 15, 2015, the day before the Westminster Kennel Club Show began. The regular and special award categories in the competition were judged by a panel of independent writers as well as DWAA members.

This isn't the first time Pflaumer's work was recognized for excellence. In the 2011 DWAA National Writing Competition, her *Dog News* article, "U.S. War Dogs," won the \$500 Planet Dog Foundation Sit. Speak. Act. Canine Service Special Award. It also garnered Pflaumer her second Maxwell Medallion, the DWAA's highest honor. In the 2000 DWAA competition, Pflaumer won her first Maxwell for an article written for *Dog World*, "Beating Bloat: An Analysis of Risk and Prevention." The feature was named Best Article of the Year in an All-breed Dog Magazine.

DWAA is a professional writers association whose members are involved in all aspects of the dog world: breeding and conformation showing, performance and companion events, behavior and training, health and general care, and rescue and the human-animal bond. They include journalists, artists, photographers, fiction writers, poets, historians and veterinarians.

In addition to *Dog News* and *Dog World*, Pflaumer's articles have appeared in *Animal Wellness*, *Dog Fancy*, *The Bark*, *Dogs in Canada*, *Front and Finish*, *Off-Lead*, *Good Dog!*, *Poodle Variety*, *Poodle Review*, *I Love Cat*, etc. When not writing, she enjoys spending time with her two Miniature Poodles, who she says fill her days with laughter and love.



SAVE THE DATE
The FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER!

Pawsitively True Blue!

A tribute to our loyal companions and their handlers!

Saturday, APRIL 11, 2015

Party will begin 6:30-dinner will be served 7:00 p.m.

\$20.00 per person B.Y.O.B and or Wine

Festivities to be held at

Geneva Historical Society

113 S. Third St

Geneva, IL



Reservations due by March 29, 2015

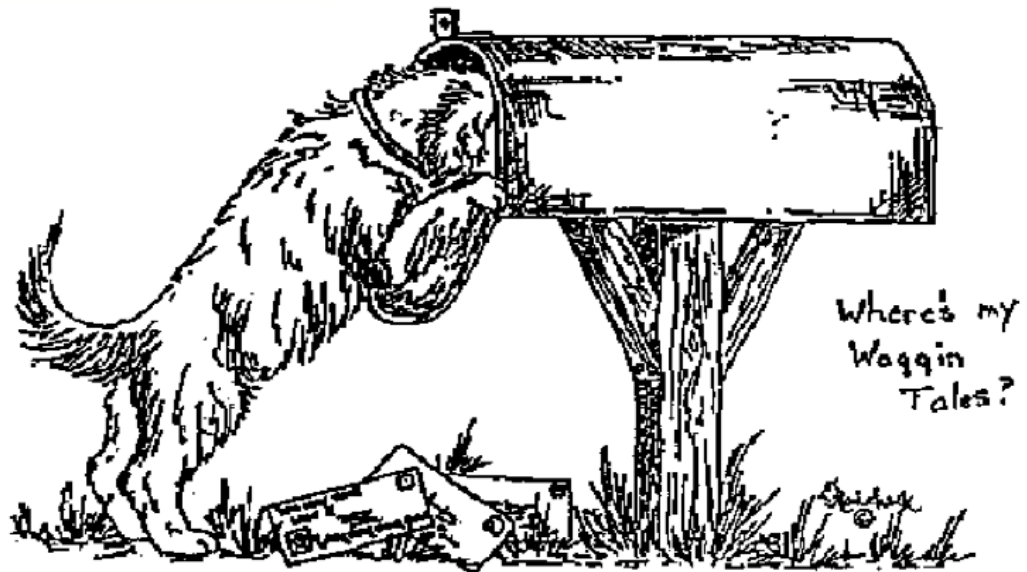
Send checks or money orders to:

Candy Ellis
27W359 Beecher Ave
Winfield, IL 60190

Or drop at the front desk at training night!

YES, I (we) will attend
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$20 per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

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 Sue MacPherson, Membership Chair
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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

April 2015

- 02 Thursday Regular Training
- 09 Thursday Regular Training
- 11 Saturday Annual Dinner
- 16 Thursday Correction Clinic
- 22 Wednesday Board Meeting
- 23 Thursday Regular Training
Puppy Class Ends (8:00pm)
- 30 Thursday Regular Training
Puppy Class Begins (8:00pm)

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