

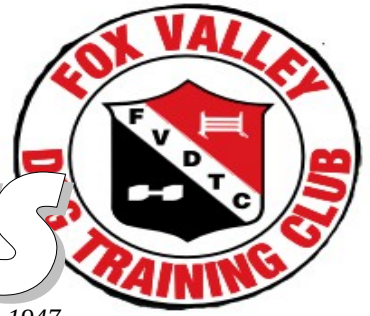
**FVDTC**

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## ***Congratulations!!***

### ***2014 Special Award Winners***

<b>High Average Score – Novice A</b>	Cris Ballenger (Jesse) 189.1
<b>High Average Score – Novice B</b>	Marian Lazzara (Erin) 194.5
<b>High Average Score – Open</b>	Francene Andresen (Athena) 196.1
<b>High Average Score – Rally Novice A</b>	Sharon Rimko (Bosco)
<b>High Average Score – Utility</b>	Francene Andresen (Athena) 194.95
<b>Kanosak Kennel Award</b>	Francene Andresen (Athena)
<b>Ed Kneip Memorial Award</b>	Francene Andresen (Athena)
<b>Heather Memorial Award</b>	Cris Ballenger (Jesse)
<b>Founders Award</b>	Francene Andresen (Athena)
<b>Dorothy Dimond Memorial Award</b>	Tom Stephenson (Spanx)
<b>Debbie Orr Memorial Award</b>	Donna Bihner
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	Candy Ellis
<b>Sally Compton Service Award</b>	Sue MacPherson

## ***From the President***

Hello Everyone!

You can sure tell it is Spring because since my last letter so much has happened. It is like we come out of hibernation and activities abound.

First up was our Spring Agility Trial – which thankfully was filled to the gills with a nice waitlist. This year our spring trial moved to a new location in Naperville. This was not our choice but the old location gave our dates away. Thankfully Cathy Fleury was quick on her feet and was able to secure a last minute location. Unfortunately we have probably lost our St. Charles location for all spring trials and the committee is working on securing a location for the future. A huge thank you to the Committee of Cathy, Taffy Wille, Vera Nyberg and Helen Borosak for making our trial happen and go off without a hitch.

The next big event was our Annual Dinner. We again met at the Geneva Historical Society and dined on wonderful food from the Food for Thought team. Our dinner committee, Candy Ellis, Pat Senne, Vera Nyberg and Nita Norkus did an outstanding job. The place looked great and a good time was had by all. I can tell you from personal experience organizing this event is a lot of

work, Thank you all for making this a memorable event! Further thanks to John Senne for his technical support, and to Jan Winters and Nancy Pedersen for capturing it all on film. Of course the dinner is also our opportunity to give out awards. Carol Nightingale and Nancy Einwich again pulled off a miracle by organizing the many awards earned by our members. A huge thanks to them for coordinating all of the many choices.

Our final big activity of the month was our semi-annual therapy dog certification. I have to give credit to Jan Winters, our organizer. When she found it difficult to get evaluators she reached out to John Grosse – maybe he would consider becoming an evaluator? Thankfully John said yes and now creating more therapy teams is just a little bit easier. What a great solution – thank you Jan and John! A hearty congratulations to all the teams as each and every one tested this month Passed!

Make sure you check out our FaceBook page to view the many pictures from the Dinner!

See you at training,

Donna Bihner  
President FVDTC

### ***Membership Report***

**Debbie Audette**  
St Charles, IL 60175  
Labrador Retriever  
Guest Trained 8 times

**Terry & Candy Aaron**  
Batavia, IL 60510  
Briard  
Guest trained 8 times

**Kurt England**  
Elburn, IL 60119  
Boykin Spaniel & Toy Poodle Mix  
Completed Puppy class

## ***A Therapy Award for 2015***

New for 2015, FVDTC will present a Therapy Dog award, the Natalie Award, sponsored by Wendy Waddick.

To qualify: A Therapy Dog Team, one dog and one person, must be registered with a Therapy Dog organization and provide proof of their registration with this organization.

The team must keep a list of all the visits through the calendar year, January 1 - December 31. This list shall include the place that the visit occurred, the date and time of the visit and the amount of time they were there for the visit. It must also be signed by the visit coordinator. It should also include contact information of the organization that the visit occurred.

The award will be given to the Therapy Dog Team that makes the most visits in a single year. If there is a tie in the number of visits in a year, the tie will be broken by the total number of hours on site.

## ***Thank You***

I would like to say 'Thank you' to FVDTC members for the cards, kind words, and hugs you shared when my son, Mike, passed away. You all were the glue that helped to hold me together. Bless you.

Mary Bradley

## ***From the DOT***

Please DO NOT leave your dogs unattended in the aisle or anywhere else on training nights or at any FVDTC events. If you are not with your dog, it must be crated.

The Utility Ring in the left corner can also be used as an open ring. There is always a broad jump in that area.

Please be reminded that there is a 10 minute limit in any of the Run-Thru rings (Open or Utility). Be considerate of those that are waiting to use the rings.

Thank you  
Will Short

**WHAT IS A DIABETIC OR MEDICAL ALERT DOG?**

**HOW CAN A SERVICE DOG HELP ME OR MY FAMILY?**

**HOW DO I TRAIN MY OWN SERVICE DOG/WHAT ARE THE LAWS?**

**HOW DO I FIND A PROFESSIONAL TRAINER OR BREEDER? COSTS?**

*If those are some of the questions you have...this is the seminar for you!*



## **MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

# **INTRO TO DIABETES ALERT AND MEDICAL ALERT DOG TRAINING**

**WHERE:** [Greater Lafayette Kennel Club \(near Purdue University\)](#)

2475 State Road 25 W (South); Lafayette IN 47909

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Dog Trainers who want to increase their training skills for their club or business, T1D/T1D Parents, Diabetic Nurse Educators, Endocrinology personnel, Veterinary staff members, diabetics' spouse/family/support person, someone training your own service dog for any medical alert purpose.

INCLUDED IN SEMINAR:

- Certification in Pet CPR/First Aid (cost of certification included) \$50 value
- WOLF PARK visit (cost of admission included)
- Elaborate Lunch Buffet both days ~ Snacks & Refreshments available all day

**If you have any questions or would like to attend contact:**

**Sheri at 219-405-3914 or [naturalpetsco@aol.com](mailto:naturalpetsco@aol.com) or**

**Online PayPal enrollment: [www.naturalpetsdogtraining.com](http://www.naturalpetsdogtraining.com)**

## **INDIANA**

INDIANAPOLIS  
LAFAYETTE AREA

**CEU Hours**

A donation from this seminar will be made to the [Diabetes Alert Dog Alliance](#)

**COST: \$490/person**

Discounts for group of 3 or more

**Educational Lecture:**

***Sheri Floyd RN CPDT***

*Certified Professional Dog Trainer  
Natural Pets Alert Dog Training*

**Guest Speaker**

***Debby Kay***

*Author/Trainer*

*...of the world famous  
"Super Sniffer Programs"*

**Pet CPR/First Aid**

***Dr. Lisa Booth***

**Q & A Roundtable**

*Terri Sajdera RVT*

*Diabetes Nurse Educator  
Medical Alert Dog Trainers*

**TIME: 9:00A.M. – 5:00P.M.**

**HOSTED BY:**





*Debby Kay's*  
**Super Sniffer™ Program**

**JUNE 26 – JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**Super Sniffer™ Diabetes Alert and Medical Alert Dog  
Trainer's Workshop**

Finally a practical workshop to help people training their own alert dogs build a solid foundation of scent and obedience work that leads to a long and trusting working relationship. Each and every day at the workshop you will be working with the dogs on scent training, obedience exercises, including all the elements of the AKC Canine Good Citizen and the Public Access test. Everything about our highly successful program that you need to know to have a first class working DAD is shared and practiced during this 4-day course. There will be two veteran instructors to provide plenty of professional coaching to maximize your and your dog's learning experience.

Your fee includes all your materials, plus many bonus surprises to make the journey of training your own service dog a success. The host will be providing lunch, healthy snacks available throughout the day. Upon payment, your reservation will be confirmed and additional details will be provided. We encourage the whole family to participate and attend; if you have children younger than 12 please let us know in advance.

Cost: \$995.00 ~ 4 days of instruction 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our Cancellation & Refund Policy: Full refund if you must cancel minus \$25 processing fee available through midnight EDT DATE 2015. Refunds less \$350 will be made only for medical emergencies after this date. No exceptions.

This 4-day training workshop is great for Service dogs in training ~ Diabetic Alert Dog, Owner Handlers as well as Professional Trainers, looking to better your education!

The Venue:  
**Joshica's Planet Canine**  
offers plenty of room in their 10, 000 ft. training facility, with matted floors! This is a working workshop so  
**BRING YOUR DOGS!**

We are centrally located in the Midwest area!  
3 1/2-hours West of Detroit, MI  
2-hours South of Grand Rapids, MI  
2-hours East of Chicago, IL  
3-hours North of Indianapolis, IN  
4 1/2 - hours North West from Columbus, OH  
2 1/2 - hours West of Toledo, OH  
3 1/2-hours South East from Milwaukee, WI.

**Limited amount of spots left!**  
Sign up today you will not want to miss this workshop!

**JOSHICA'S PLANET CANINE**

4411 Wayland Drive  
Elkhart, IN 46516

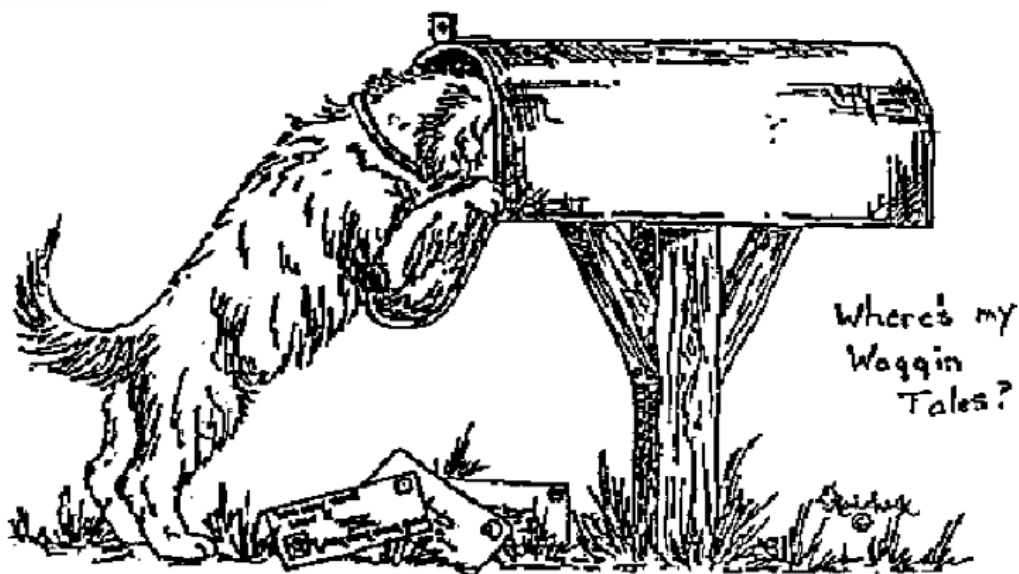
Visit [www.debbykay.com](http://www.debbykay.com)  
to sign up!

Contact: Becky Causey

304-260-8294  
wvcauseys@frontiernet.net



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Workshops™**



## ***Calendar***

### **April**

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

### **May**

- 07 Regular Training
- 14 Regular Training
- 20 Membership Meeting
- 21 Correction Clinic
- 21 Sanctioned Match
- 28 Regular Training
- 28 Beginner Ends (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
- 28 Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
- 28 Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)