

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hi All,

I want to start this month's note by saying thank you to everyone for following our new COVID-19 reopening guidelines. I also have a friendly reminder, please use one pump of hand sanitizer before entering any of the rings and especially before touching any of the training equipment. I know following all of these new guidelines hasn't been easy; we have had to change many of the ways we have normally been able to train our dogs, but these guidelines are necessary to keep everyone healthy and hopefully, free from transmitting COVID-19 to anyone at the club.

As we learn more about how this virus spreads, we have updated some of our guidelines. Our latest update has to do with the types of masks that need to be worn while at the fairgrounds. In accordance with the CDC recommendations, we are now requiring masks that are at least 2 layers of material thick, fitting snugly at the sides of your face and securely under your chin. This means no bandannas are allowed. Also, no masks with any types of air vents are allowed. However, we know sometimes things happen and it is not our goal to send anyone home because of any mask issues. So, the club now has a limited supply of masks available at the building in case of any mask mishaps.

Because we have had to make so many changes on our return to training, Will Short's job has become even more challenging. As DOT he has been in charge of enforcing all of our new COVID-19 reopening guidelines. Due to this, he has become known as the "COVID Police", which is not a popular or easy task. But this job is very important, Will is trying very hard to keep everyone safe and avoiding any possibilities of spreading this virus. So, please be patient and understanding when he reminds everyone of the rules we all need to follow. Thank you, Will, for doing such a great job of keeping us all healthy during these trying times!

Since there have been so many changes and updates these past few months we have really needed to rely

on several avenues to get the word out to all. I would like to give a big thank you to Miriam Zarate, Nancy Pederson and Dave Lewis for getting these messages out so quickly -- and so often -- to all. Miriam sends out all the email blasts through Constant Contact; Nancy posts to our FB page and Dave posts on our website. Each has been so fantastic about getting new information and updates to all in a timely manner. Their efforts have been especially important these last few months. Thank you all, I appreciate all you have done to get information out to all so quickly!

Now that we are open again, we have been able to hold our annual trials, although with new restrictions. Recently we held our Annual Fall Tracking Trial. It was a very challenging day due to the weather. But the tracking team did a fabulous job organizing and running our Tracking Trial this year. I want to give a huge thanks to Kent Hildebrand and Ingrid Hamburger and to all that came out to help. Everyone did a great job in the challenging rainy conditions.

We also had our Annual Fall Agility Trial, thanks to Cathy Fleury and many others that helped during this weekend event. There were lots of new restrictions due to COVID-19 precautions, but everything ran smoothly. Cathy did a great job, as always. She puts so much hard work into making sure our Agility Trials run so well. Thank you, Cathy, for a job well done!

As you may have already heard, our Annual Dinner has been canceled due to the restrictions associated with COVID-19. But Riverside Reception is generously allowing us to use this year's deposit towards next

year's Dinner. I really want to thank the Dinner Committee for all the work they put into this year's event. I know we are all looking forward to getting together next year!

Since we are unable to hold this year's dinner, the Awards Committee is currently working on a plan to get everyone's Awards to all. They will be distributing this year's Awards at the fairgrounds on Thursday, September 24th during regular training. But you need

to sign up for a time slot to pick up your Awards. Dave Lewis has created this sign up list online on our website. Please sign up for a pick up spot ASAP. If you can't pick up your Awards on this night, please contact the Awards Committee to make other arrangements.

Since we can't be together to celebrate each other's accomplishments; Pat Senne is working on a slide show so we can share each other's successes. She would like everyone that received any award to take a

selfie with your award. For New Title and Special Awards; please take a selfie with your dog and your Awards. For Volunteer Awards; please take a selfie with your new Volunteer Award. Please send all photos to Pat via email at psenne52@hotmail.com ASAP so she can share this slide show with everyone soon.

Thank you for all you do for FVDTC! Wendy

Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to all the helpers on our 1st 3 day agility trial held on September 11 - 13 at CarDunAI's facility. Amidst the new rules and procedures with Covid, all were respectful of the rules and thankful for the return of our ability to show our dogs and see friends we've missed.

Cathy Fleury

Membership Report

Tom & Lissa Harper
Elburn, IL
Golden Retriever
Completed beginner class

Deanna Drew
Waterman, IL
Boxer
Completed puppy class

IT'S OFFICIAL, 2020 ANNUAL DINNER CANCELED

Sadly, we have decided to cancel this year's FVDTC Annual Dinner due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns. We want to ensure that we keep everyone safe. But we are happy to report that the Dinner Committee is already planning for next year's Annual Dinner!

The Awards Committee will be handing out everyone's New Title, Volunteer Awards and Special Awards at the Fairgrounds during regular training on Thursday, September 24th during regular training. Dave Lewis is working on a sign up system on our website so everyone can sign up for a time slot to pick up your Awards. Please keep an eye out for the sign up list on the FVDTC's Website, it will be available soon. You will need to sign up for a time slot in order to pick up your awards.

Also, since we can't be together and see everyone's Awards; or give out our Special Awards in person; Pat Senne has volunteered to create a great slide show showing all of these Awards. Pat is asking everyone to take a selfie with their dog and their New Title & Special Awards. For the Volunteer Awards, please take a selfie of yourself with these Awards so we can share this with the club. Please email these pictures to Pat at psenne52@hotmail.com as soon as possible! We will post this special slide show once it is complete. This way we all can see everyone's awards and accomplishments!

Drum Roll Please.....

This year's Fox Valley Dog Training Club's Special Awards have been awarded to the following recipients:

- The Debbie Orr Award.....Donna Nuger & Herbie
- The Founders Award.....Francene Andresen & Athena
- The Ed Kneip Award (tie).....Francene Andresen & Athena and Brenda Rivera & Blast
- The Natalie Memorial Award.....Sally Boeke & Dallas
- Rookie of the Year.....Carol Schmidt
- The Sally Compton Award.....Bob Boeke

Congratulations to all!!

The Boner Award goes to.....

Pongo, owned and loved by Phil & Donna Nuger, who self nominated for this prestigious award. Donna Nuger wrote:

With great love and affection, I nominate Pongo for the Boner Award. Although Phil and I try to keep my presence a secret until he is out of the ring, and Phil tries to keep him focused, that crazy dog senses my presence and bolts for me over rings gates and anything in his way. Perhaps the Boner Award should be called the funniest dog moments so no one is offended or embarrassed. I do think that Phil can take a teasing, or I wouldn't have nominated Pongo (not Phil because he is innocent of all charges) :)

Mask Update

FVDTC has updated our mask requirements to follow the recommendations of the Center For Disease Control, or CDC

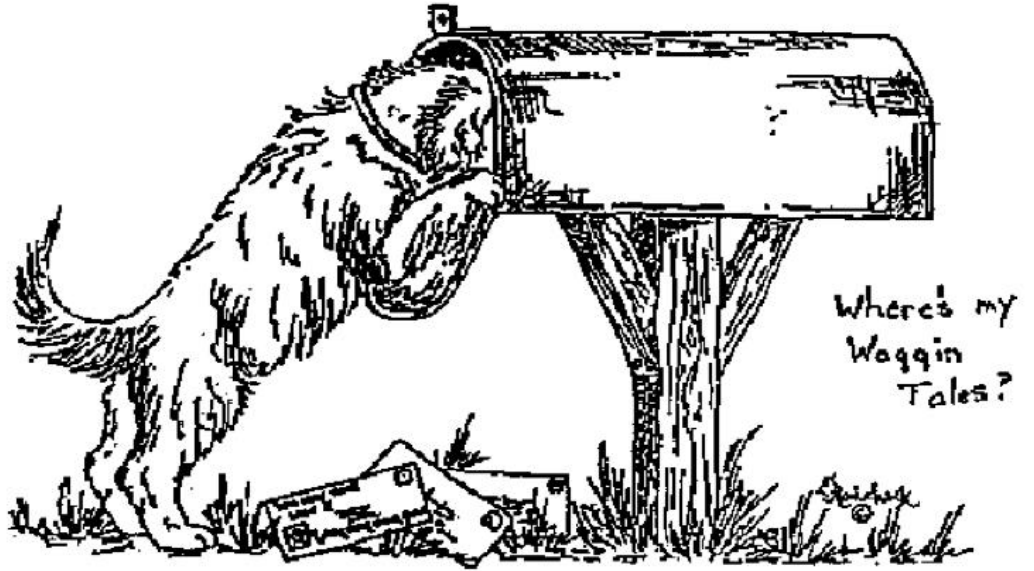
As our knowledge of the COVID-19 evolves, scientists are saying that this virus is mainly transmitted through infected respiratory droplets in the air. Our most effective tool to stop the spread of COVID-19 is wearing masks whenever you are near others, but not all masks are alike in their effectiveness. Masks are are best tool to keep each other safe and stop any possible spread of the COVID-19 virus to others.

I'm sure most everyone is already following these guidelines, but we wanted to clarify them so there is no questions about what types of masks need to be worn at training.

Therefore, we have updated our mask requirements to include:

- Masks need to be at least 2 layers of material or more
- Masks need to fit snugly against the side of your face with no gaps
- Masks needs to be secured under your chin
- No bandannas of any type
- No masks with any type of air vents are allowed
- Masks need to cover your nose and mouth at all times

We realize that sometimes things happen, your mask may break while you are at training, or you may forget to bring your mask. Our goal is not to send you away because of these issues. Therefore, FVDTC will be purchasing a limited supply of masks to have on hand in case you need one.



Calendar

October 2020

- 01 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
- 06 **Tue** Modified Regular Training
- 14 Wed Board Meeting
- 15 Thu Modified Regular Training
- 22 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
- 29 Thu Modified Regular Training

November 2020

- 04 Wed Membership Meeting
- 05 Thu Modified Regular Training
- 12 Thu Fun Match
- 13 Fri Obedience/Rally Trial Setup
- 14 Sat Obedience/Rally Trials
- 15 Sun Obedience/Rally Trials
- 19 Thu Modified Regular Training
- 24 Thu Modified Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)