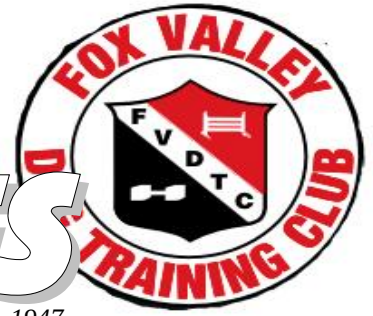


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A Note From the President

Hello All,

We are starting to get back to a bit more normalcy lately as Illinois is reducing COVID restrictions. Due to these lessening restrictions, we have been able to offer more events at the club. We recently held our annual Health Clinic, thanks to organizer Sue MacPherson. Amber Leaf Animal Clinic was kind enough to come to the club on May 13th, performing a wide variety of services for our dogs. We really appreciate them coming to the club to do this clinic: Thank You! Big thanks to Sue and everyone that helped on the night of the clinic!

We were also able to hold our first Canine Good Citizen test since COVID started, held in conjunction with our May Fun Match. Five teams tested and three teams passed. Congratulations to our new CGC Teams: Susan Altendorf and her dog Carly, Sue MacPherson and her dog Ego, and Margi Stuessy and her dog Captain Jack! Thank you to both Cris Ballenger for organizing this test, and to Terri Vaira, our evaluator. And thanks to our volunteers: Carol Hornback, Marybeth Seymour and Kathy Bianchetti. We are planning to hold another CGC Test during our August Fun Match, stay tuned for details.

I hope to be able to schedule an OFA eye clinic again this Fall. Please contact me at president@FVDTC.org if you are interested, so I can get an idea if this is something we should do.

As COVID conditions continue to evolve and change, we will continue to update our COVID-related policies, as we have been doing since the start of COVID. For now our mask mandate has not changed; all are still required to wear the proper masks while inside the building, regardless of your vaccination status. We continue our mask requirements because we know there are members, students and guests that are susceptible to COVID and we don't track the vaccination status for our members, students or guests. The CDC has highly recommended that businesses and organizations that don't know the vaccination status of individuals should continue to require the wearing of masks indoors, especially in crowded areas.

However, now that we are in the "Bridge Phase" in Illinois, we are allowed higher capacities in the building. This means we will be able to increase our class sizes to 12 students during the next session. Our Ring Ready Class has already been increased to allow 12 students. We will also be able to allow guests to return to training. For the time being, we are still going to do online sign ups for our drop in classes and training spots. We will continue to update our policies as conditions change. Watch for updates via email blasts, the website and our Facebook page.

Thanks for all you do, Wendy

Mask Up!

The CDC has changed its recommended policy for wearing masks, depending on the vaccination status of the people involved. Since we know we have members and guests that are susceptible to COVID, and we do not track vaccination status for members or guests, we have decided to continue to require facial coverings during our regular activities. Our policy will change as circumstances require; contact the board if you have any questions.

CGC !

Congratulations to the three teams who passed the Canine Good Citizen test May 20!
 Susan Altendorf and Carly, Sue MacPherson and Ego, and Margi Stuessy and Captain Jack. A big thank you to our evaluator Terri Vaira and our stewards Carol Hornback, Marybeth Seymour, and Kathy Bianchetti.



Calendar

The 2021 calendar is very tentative at this time because of the COVID-19 crisis. Watch the club web site (www.fvdtc.org), Facebook, and your email for ongoing updates.

June 2021

03	Thu	Modified Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
10	Thu	Modified Regular Training
17	Thu	Fun Match
21	Mon	Board Meeting
23	Wed	4-H Show
24	Thu	Modified Regular Training Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm) Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

July 2021

01	Thu	Modified Regular Training
06	Tue	Modified Regular Training
15	Thu	No Training
21	Mon	Membership Meeting
22	Thu	Modified Regular Training Puppy Begins (7:00pm) Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm) Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
29	Thu	Modified Regular Training

Membership Report

Marybeth Seymour
Aurora, IL
English Mastiff
Completed puppy class.

The Museum of the Dog

The AKC wants you to know about the Museum of the Dog, home to one of the world's largest collection of dog art. The museum houses over 1700 artifacts, including paintings, sculptures and 30-million-year-old dog fossils. And, don't forget about the 4000-volume library. The Museum of the Dog is located at 101 Park Avenue, in New York City

Tracking in September

FVDTC will be hosting its annual Tracking at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore on Sunday, September 21. It's not too early to volunteer; we need track layers and drivers. See Kent Hildebrand for more information. The Premium List is on the club web site: www.fvdtc.org

You Ought To Be In Pictures!

It's time to update some of the images on the club web site. If you'd like to contribute pictures of dogs and trainers having a good time at training, matches, or trials, send them to Dave Lewis at director@fvdtc.org. Remember, unless you're sending in a picture of yourself, we will need permission.

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