

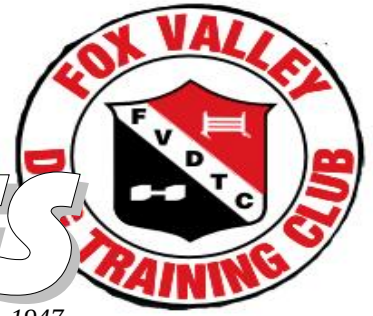
FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

We have lots of events coming up at FVDTC as we get closer to Fall. One of our 1st big events is everyone's favorite..... IT'S MAT CLEANING TIME! The date for mat cleaning is Saturday, August 28th. This is a great way to earn 2 work credits & help out your club. Contact Bob Boeke or Carolyn Pearson to sign up. A fun time is always had by all that help out! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Last week we had a Canine Good Citizen Test during our August Fun Match. Four dogs tested and passed. Congratulations to all our new GCG Teams! Thank you Cris Ballenger for organizing this test and Terri Vaira for being the evaluator. Thank you to all that volunteered to help. We appreciate everyone that was involved for all you hard work to make this event happen!

We have 2 health clinics coming up this Fall. The first one is an OFA Eye Clinic set for Thursday, October 7th during regular training. The cost is \$36 per dog. You must pre-pay and register to reserve your spot. Please contact me at president@FVDTC.org if you have any questions. I'm already getting people signing up so don't delay in signing up if you want to participate and especially if you want your preferred arrival time. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. The next health clinic is the Heart Clinic which will be held in conjunction with our Fall Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, November 20th. Contact Nancy Lee to sign up, all must register for this clinic too. The cost for an echocardiogram exam is \$250. The cost for an auscultation exam, which is just a listening exam is \$50. Both of these health clinics are great opportunities at much reduced costs.

We have several trials coming up this Fall. The first is our Tracking Test which will be held on September 12th at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore. Contact the Tracking Secretary, Kent Hildebrand, for more details. Our annual Fall Agility Trial will be held on September 17, 18 and 19. Please contact our Trial Secretary, Cathy Fleury, for more information. Our Fall Obedience/Rally Trials are set for November 20th and

21st. Contact our Trial Chair, Taffy Wille, for more details. All the premium lists for these trials are available on the FVDTC website.

Unfortunately COVID-19 cases are increasing in our area and all around the USA. Kane County is now in a High Risk for transmission category. The Delta Variant is the cause for the vast majority of these cases. This highly contagious variant can be transmitted to others by both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Therefore, FVDTC is strongly encouraging everyone to wear masks inside our training building, regardless of your vaccination status. We are seeing more positive cases in our community, including at FVDTC. Please help keep everyone in our FVDTC community; and beyond; safe from COVID-19 by wearing a mask indoors in our training building. Wearing a mask not only helps protect yourself, it also helps protect everyone around you.

And, due to these increasing cases and increasing hospitalizations in Kane County, we are getting nearer to COVID mitigation restrictions again. I wanted to make everyone aware of this because we may soon be facing Phase 4 mitigations again. If this occurs, which unfortunately seems likely, Phase 4 will mean capacity limits of 50 or less in our building again. This will mean reduced size limits in our all of our classes and a return to online sign ups for all drop-in and practice training spots. Let's hope it doesn't come to this, but I do want to let everyone know that COVID mitigations are a strong possibility.

One last thing, and more positive item....if you had applied for a Volunteer or Title Award this year; the Awards Committee is getting closer to being able to hand out their Awards to everyone. They have most of the Awards back from the vendors. Stay tuned for details on when and how the Awards will be given out. They will be passed out like there were done last year, at the training building. Keep a look out on the website, FaceBook and through Constant Contact email blasts.

Thanks for all you do for your club, and see you at training, Wendy

Masks – Changing with the Times (again)

MASKS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN WHILE INDOORS AT FVDTC

Per the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) and the CDC, Kane County is now an area with High Transmission of COVID due to the Delta Variant. Cases are continuing to rise in our area. This news is very disappointing to hear and may once again move us back to training slots to be done by pre-scheduling.

Both KCHD and the CDC are highly recommending that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while indoors. While this is not a mandatory requirement, it is being highly recommended. To continue to align with those recommendations, FVDTC is also strongly urging everyone, including those fully vaccinated, to wear a mask while inside the building. If you are not fully vaccinated, you **MUST** wear a mask while inside the building.

As you may already be aware, the Delta Variant is a contagious variant that is much more transmissible than the original COVID virus. Unfortunately, even vaccinated people can transmit the Delta Variant of COVID to others.

Please do your part to keep everyone in our FVDTC community safe and help stop the spread of COVID by wearing a mask while inside the building. Wearing a mask not only protects yourself, it also protects everyone around you,

Our sincerest thanks to you!

CGC News!

Congratulations to the following participants who passed the Canine Good Citizen evaluation on August 19: Kim Sipple with Cena, Austin, and Trucker (yes, she tested three dogs!), and Marietta Huber with Woodstock. A big thank you to our judge Terri Vaira and to our volunteers Nancy Lee and Ninette Sandefur and a handful of others who stepped in to make up the "crowd" for the dogs to walk through.

Tracking in September

FVDTC will be hosting its annual Tracking at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore on Sunday, September 19. 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

SPECIAL AWARDS

Anyone that received one of last year's perpetual special awards plaques, please return them to any of the Awards Committee: Sally Boeke, Jennifer Cornele, Sue MacPherson. You will receive a small keeper plaque to acknowledge your special award when the awards are presented to all. Thanks!

Meet the Breeds!

The AKC Meet The Breeds event scheduled for October has been cancelled by the AKC. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Membership Report

Caitlin Gudanick & Alex Cavoto
Aurora, IL
Husky/ Golden mix
Completed beginner class

Heart Clinic

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is happy to host a heart clinic in conjunction with our fall Obedience and Rally Trials. Dr. Heidi Kellihan, DVM, DACVIM – a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison – will be performing the following exams:

- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart. This exam has no expiration date for certification needs.
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart. This exam is good for one year.

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 20th, 2021 starting at 8:00 am

WHERE: At our trial site at The Kane County Fairgrounds

COSTS: Echocardiogram exam, which includes an auscultation exam, \$250.00 per dog.

Auscultation exam only \$50.00 per dog.

More Info: NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

**** EXAMS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TRIAL ****

To reserve your spot for either exam; send your pre-registration payment to Nancy Lee; please make checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and breed, along with your name, address, phone and email. Nancy will set up the time schedule for the exams once the judging schedule is out, she will do her best to work around your ring times. You will need to arrive

at least 15 minutes prior to your exam time to fill out the necessary paperwork.

Send your registration information and check (payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM) to:

Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

Calendar

September 2021

02 Thu Regular Training
08 Wed Membership Meeting (via Zoom)
09 Thu Regular Training
11 Sat Tracking Test Setup
12 Sun Tracking Test
16 Thu Fun Match
17 Fri Agility Trial
18 Sat Agility Trial
19 Sun Agility Trial
23 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
30 Thu Regular Training

October 2021

07 Thu Regular Training
OFA Eye Exam
12 Tue Regular Training
18 Mon Board Meeting (Zoom)
21 Thu Fun Match
28 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

OFA Eye Clinic

Join FVDTC for an OFA Eye Clinic:

Date: Thursday, October 7th, 2021 starting at 4:30 pm until approximately 9:00pm
Location: Kane County Fairgrounds
Performed by: Denise M. Lindley DVM of Animal Eye Consultants
Cost: \$36 per dog

MASKS MUST BE WORN BY ALL THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE INSIDE DURING THE EYE CLINIC!

You must pre-pay to reserve your spot. Send check, made payable to FVDTC, to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Dr
Campton Hills, IL 60175

****Along with your payment; please include the preferred time you would like for your arrival; plus your dog's name and breed; along with your preferred contact information. The eye exam will be performed approximately a half hour after your arrival. You need to arrive a half hour before the exam time in order to get eye drops placed in your dog's eyes so they are dilated for the exam, and to fill out paperwork. Bring your dog's AKC registration information; if it's AKC registered; the night of exams to make filling out paperwork easier.**

Please indicate the preferred time that you would like to arrive, I will do my best to fulfill your request. Get your reservations and fees in early to get your preferred time slot! There maybe limited night of testing exams available at a cost of \$40 per dog, however, night of examination spots are not guaranteed.

***There will be no refunds of examination fees starting two weeks prior to the examine date.* IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so I can contact you!**

If you are bringing more then one dog, please bring a helper, if possible, to hold your extra dog/dogs while the other dog is being examined

Any questions, email Wendy Waddick at president@fvdtc.org

Board Meeting Highlights - August 16, 2021

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

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) reported that, at this time, the fairgrounds cannot commit to any available dates in September. If one of the events scheduled to be held at the fairgrounds gets cancelled at the last minute, we would be able to clean the mats. We will send out a request through Constant Contact, Facebook and a website posting for volunteers who are available for the following Saturdays: September 11, 18 and 25. Carolyn will write it up and send to Wendy and Dave.

Gina Post (Public Education Coordinator) reported that there are ten volunteers thus far for the October 16th and 17th AKC Meet the Breeds event in Rosemont. She has created a tentative schedule for the volunteers who want to demonstrate Rally or Obedience, or who are willing to talk to the public about the club, and dogs, etc. In response to Gina's question about getting the obedience jumps, the rally jump(s), the rally signs and the sign stands to the venue, Carolyn stated that we have a set of very portable jumps that are in their own carrying case. Wendy and Gina will look at them on Thursday to determine if they will work for the demos. In response to Wendy's question about the Rally ring courses, it was stated that there are maps in the ring sign folder and on-line.

Old Business

- **Eye Clinic**

Wendy reported that the annual eye clinic with Dr. Lindley is being scheduled for October 7th with a start time at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$36.00 per dog and checks should be made out to FVDTC. The club will write a check to Dr. Lindley. There is a minimum of 50 dogs. Masks are required to be worn by handlers. More details will be provided shortly to all club members. Wendy asked Bob to contact the

fairgrounds about using the hall/kitchen area for the clinic.

New Business

- **Parainfluenza Update**

Will Short reported that he spoke to his vet in Schaumburg who said that she has not seen any parainfluenza cases recently. He also spoke the primary vet at Gateway Animal Hospital who stated that they are still seeing cases and most recently had two cases of the flu, but the laboratory could not confirm the actual strain.

Sue MacPherson reported that Amberleaf Animal Hospital in DuPage County had many cases approximately six weeks ago; however the number of cases is slowing down significantly. She also reported that two of her dogs had a mild case of it but have both fully recovered. She stated that the reason that the parainfluenza is being seen more frequently, is that the new oral Bordetella vaccine does not include the parainfluenza vaccine, like the nasal vaccine did in the past. Parainfluenza is extremely contagious and dogs who come in contact with a large number of other dogs (e.g. doggie day care, dog parks, even a neighbor's dog) are particularly likely to be infected.

Wendy asked Will to send out a reminder next week to the instructors for them to remind their students to keep the dog at home if signs of coughing starts. Instructors are also encouraged to send a student home if they witness/hear any dog coughing.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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