

A Note From the President

Hello All,

As Fall nears, things get busy at FVDTC. The Fall Tracking Test was held on September 10th and 11th. A big thank you to Kent Hildebrand for organizing and working this event. Also, thank you to everyone that came out to help. Sunday was a wet and rainy day, but all went well.

There was also our Fall Agility Trial the following weekend. As always, thank you to Cathy Fleury for all she did to make our Agility Trial so successful. I don't have the list for everyone that worked at these trials, but please know that we appreciate everyone that came out to help. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to run our trials. Thank you to all that helped!

Our Obedience and Rally Trials will be coming up next on November 19th and 20th. Taffy Wille is busy working on this event. Worker sign ups are now available on the website. This is a fantastic way to earn work credits, please consider helping out.

On August 18th we held another Canine Good Citizen Test. Four teams tested; and 4 teams passed! Congratulations to all our new GCG Teams! Thank you to Cris Ballenger for organizing this test and to Terri Vaira for being the evaluator. Also, thank you to Nancy Pederson, Beth Greenaway, Bette McMillian and Kathy Bianchetti for volunteering to help at this test.

Don't forget about our two health clinics that are coming up soon; both require advance registration. The first is an OFA Eye Clinic on Thursday, October 6th. The second clinic is a Heart Clinic, which will be held in conjunction with our Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, November 19th. See the flyers in this newsletter for all the details. For more information on the Eye Clinic, contact me. For the Heart Clinic, contact Nancy Lee.

Our annual mat cleaning is set for Saturday, October 22nd, starting at 8:30am. This is a great way to earn work credits and have lots of fun while doing so. To sign up please contact Bob Boeke or Cheryl Hettinger. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Lastly, I would really like to thank Cheryl Hettinger and Jeff Jones, for manning our front desk each training night. They are usually the first members that our students, guests and members see when they enter the building. They perform a lot of tasks, from answering questions, taking payments and directing students and guests to the proper rings. Thank you to both of you for all the hours you put in week after week!

And thanks to all who do so much for the club! See you at training,

Wendy

Thanks !!!

A **Huge Thank You** to all the fine folks who helped make the September Tracking Test a success: Barb Misch, Cheryl Lewis, Cheryl Hettinger, Tom Stephenson, Miriam Zarate, Donna Hartwig

Obedience/Rally Workers Needed!

We will be hosting our annual obedience and rally trials on November 19 and 20. There will be two obedience and two rally trials on Saturday and one of each on Sunday. If any club members are looking to become a judge, you need to steward in the class you are applying for a minimum of ten times. These trials are an opportunity to gain three of those requirements. Please reach out to trial chair, Taffy Wille (obedience@fvdtc.org) or chief ring steward, Cathy Fleury, to prearrange your assignment. The worker sign-up sheet is ready to accept volunteers. The link is https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jwtse. We cannot run our trials without the help from members so please consider volunteering.

Mat Cleaning Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 22, 8:30 am

Have you earned your work credits for the year yet? Mat cleaning is a fun way to earn some of those credits and get your cardio routine done at the same time. It only takes a morning to get our mats in ship shape for the Obedience and Rally trial.

Plenty of sun, fun and food are what you will receive as you whistle while you work with your FVDTC friends. Do you have restless teenagers at home, bring them along; it is a good way for them to help their community and learn how much fun volunteering can be.

We need power washers, wet/dry vac's, push brooms, squeegees, fans and most of all BODIES! Approximately 4 hours, 2 WORK CREDITS. No experience required. The adage of 'many hands making light work' is really true when we clean our mats. The more volunteers, the easier it is to do. Sign-up sheet at front table on training nights. Contact Bob Boeke or Cheryl Hettinger. Half shifts available.

Its Raining Stewards!!

It seems beginning in September, and most likely for the rest of the year, we're going to need more stewards than normal on Match nights. Entries are up with all the fall shows coming, which is great! But we can only offer the event if we have the manpower to support it.

Remember, as a steward you get a free run-through and a work credit! Many hands make light work. If we have enough stewards, we are able to offer two Novice, two Open and two Utility rings; we divide the work and no one has to stay too terribly late. Win, win!

You can sign up to be a steward by going to the FVDTC calendar online, clicking the Fun Match, then Volunteer, and signing up. You can register as a volunteer 45 days before an event. It's easy, and training is provided.

Join the fun and start stewarding!

FVDTC Members: We Want You!

If you are an FVDTC club member, and want to volunteer to help at a club event, you have several options. The easiest is to go to the club volunteer page: https://www.fvdtc.org/volunteer

You can also check the Calendar or Events pages, and then contact the appropriate committee chair.

If you want to be one of our invaluable instructors or assistants, contact the DOT, Will Short

Remember, every time you volunteer, you earn work credits toward awards and membership discounts. Thank you for your help.

Calendar

October 2022

05 Thu Regular Training

10 Mon Board meeting (via Zoom)

11 **Tue** Regular Training

Puppy Ends (6:00pm)

Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm) Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

20 Thu Fun Match

22 Sat Mat Cleaning27 Thu Regular Training

Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm) Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

November 2022

03 Thu Regular Training

09 Wed Membership meeting (via Zoom)

10 Thu Regular Training Puppy Ends (6:00pm)

17 Thu Fun Match

18 Fri Obedience Trial Setup

19 Sat Obedience/Rally Trial

20 Sun Obedience/Rally Trial

22 **Tue** Regular Training

Vendors and Crafters Needed!

Vendor booth space is available at our 2022 Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday and Sunday, November 19th and 20th. Do you, or anyone you know, make dog-related items, such as treats, toys, leashes, etc., and would be interested in renting a booth at our trials?

Please contact Cheryl Hettinger at boothvendors@fvdtc.org

Remember! When we have more vendors, we have better opportunities to spoil our companions!



Heart Clinic

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB IS HOSTING 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 exams.

Dr. KELLIHAN WILL BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING HEART EXAMS:

- 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 19th, 2022 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.

This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced cost!

* EITHER EXAM 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; it's breed; along with your contact information; including your email address and phone number. 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.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:

Nancy Lee 230 Shawnee Circle Bartlett, IL 60103

OFA EYE CLINIC TO BE HELD AT FVDTC

Time is running out to pre-register, all the earliest appointments have filled

Date: Thursday, October 6th, 2022 starting at 4:40 pm till approximately 9:00pm

Location: Kane County Fairgrounds

Performed by: Denise M. Lindley DVM of Animal Eye Consultants

Cost: \$45 per dog

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 info rmation; 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 \$50 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

Membership Meeting Highlights - September 14, 2022

Meeting brought to order at 7:42 p.m.

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

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he had nothing to report.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance but reported that the worker sign-up sheet is ready to accept volunteers. The link is https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jwtse. She also stated that the Wild Card classes will be scheduled first thing in the morning in case people are using that run through as a warm up.

Barb Misch reported that they looking for decor and backdrop ideas for the selfie-station for trial.

In **Sue MacPherson's (Membership Chairperson)** absence, Dave Lewis read a list of six new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members, especially Liz Sokolowski who was present at the meeting.

In Kent Hildebrand's (Tracking Test Chairperson) absence, Barb Misch reported the two of the four TD entrants passed and three of the four TDX entrants passed. One of the entrants who passed had driven from New York. In spite of the rainy Sunday and the lack of enough drivers, the test went relatively well.

Gina Post (Public Education Coordinator) stated that she had nothing to report.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that he had nothing to report.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that we have reserved Riverview Receptions for April 23, 2023 for our next Annual Dinner.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that four teams participated and all teams passed the August 18th Canine Good Citizen Test. Congratulations to all our new GCG Teams! She thanked Nancy Pederson, Beth Greenaway, Bette McMillian and Kathy Bianchetti for helping at this test.

Pat Senne (Match Chair (Coordinator)) stated that she had nothing to report.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) reported that she added an extra judge for both Utility and Open for the September 15th fun match, in hopes that the entries will warrant. In the event that the Novice ring is busy, Sandi reminded the other judges to be sure to volunteer in Novice, if they finish their judging; Pat Senne will appreciate the assistance. We are all in this together and it's imperative that we offer assistance to fellow judges if necessary.

Sandi extended a special thank you to Carol Schmidt for judging Rally and to Nancy Pederson for stewarding for her. We appreciate this dynamic duo stepping up.

Other judging assignments are as follows:

Novice, Beg Novice....Pat Senne
OpenWill Short and Candy Ellis
Utility.....Loretta Lazzara and Sandi Stephenson

In response to **Barb Misch's (Match Chair (Stewards))** request, she received volunteers for the Open and the Utility rings.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, September

Old Business

• Wendy reported that the slots for the October 6th eye clinic are filling quickly and those interested in getting an appointment should contact her immediately.

New Business

2022 Membership Meetings

Wendy reported that the remainder of the 2022 meetings will be held via Zoom. We will resume inperson meetings at the Kane County Extension center in January 2023. It was suggested that we determine whether we can do a hybrid in-person/online meeting.

Mat Cleaning

Cheryl Hettinger will create and post flyers looking for volunteers and equipment for the October 22nd mat cleaning event at 8:30 a.m. Carolyn stated that she contacted St. Charles North and East High Schools to seek help from school groups needed to earn Community Service hours. She will call in the next few days to see if there has been any feedback.

· Doris Braddock, Retired 4-H Representative

Cheryl reported that she read that Doris Braddock, our former contact in the Kane County 4-H program, was inducted as part of the 2022 class into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame at the Illinois State Fair on August 14.

Dog Training Classes Offered by St. Charles Park District

Carolyn asked whether any club members had seen that the St. Charles Park District had partnered with the Geneva-based business called DePAW Canine. No one had but it was agreed that Carolyn will contact the St. Charles Park District to determine whether they are aware of our existence.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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