

# FVDTC

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **A Note From the President**

Hi All,

Fall is officially here, which means it's almost time for our annual Fall Obedience/Rally Trials, to be held on November 19th and 20th. Taffy Wille is hard at work organizing all aspects of these shows. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available during our trials, so take advantage of one of the last events to earn your work credits. We especially need more volunteers to steward during our trials. As of now, most classes will only last a few hours, so the work won't be too long. Please sign up on the FVDTC website to help out. Stewarding is a fantastic way to earn your work credits. For those who have never shown in the obedience or rally ring before, this is also a great way to learn what takes place at show. On the job training is available. If you have any questions about stewarding, please contact Cathy Fleury. We also need help cleaning up at the end of the day on Sunday, especially with rolling up the mats and putting them back in the shed. Please, if you can, help with the breakdown after the trial ends on Sunday. Many hands make this much easier for all. Other volunteer jobs are available at the trial as well; contact Taffy to see how you can volunteer.

This year food will once again be available in the kitchen, thanks to Sue MacPherson. I have been told her famous grilled cheese sandwiches will be on the menu again. Sue makes the best grilled cheese sandwiches! Other items will be available for purchase as well. Stewards will receive a free lunch, another great reason to help.

We are also holding a Heart Clinic in conjunction with our trails on Saturday, November 19th. Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM, a clinic Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be performing the exams. Pre-registration is required, so contact Nancy Lee to sign up. See the flyer in this newsletter

for more information. Thank you, Nancy, for organizing this clinic!

On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a dedicated group of volunteers came out to the fairgrounds to clean our mats so they look their best for our trials. I want to thank everyone who came out to help. Our mat cleaners this year were: Carolyn Pearson, Cheryl Hettinger, Collette Ansley Treonis, Bob Casey, Lori Delk, Bob Boeke and 3 of his grandkids, Addy, Shea and Josh; Chris Weller and Declan Weller, Jessica Gallucci and Mary Ann Nass. We also had two students from Geneva High School come out to help: Jerry Ryan and Stella Campise. Plus, our very own Ed Herdes came to supervise this endeavor. It's a huge job to clean all of our mats and I greatly appreciate everyone that did this important job. Thank you all! Thank you Cheryl, Bob & Carolyn for organizing this. I was told that Cheryl made homemade sandwiches for all; thanks Cheryl!

On October 6th we held another OFA Eye Clinic. Once again, Denise Lindley DVM, from Animal Eye Clinic, performed the exams. The clinic filled this year, including a horse trailer filled with 10 dogs that arrived for the clinic. I really want to thank Donna Hartwig and Sharon Madrigan for helping me make sure that everything ran smoothly the night of the clinic. Donna helped sign everyone in and made sure everyone knew when their exams would happen. Sharon worked in the exam room to help hold and calm down some of the more nervous dogs so that Dr. Lindley could perform the exam. I'm happy that FVDTC can offer these yearly eye clinics. Once again, a big thank you to Donna and Sharon for helping me with the eye clinic!

For all those showing at our upcoming Fall Obedience/Rally Trials, best of luck to you! See you at training,

Wendy

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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.*

## **We need Stewards!!**

We're going to need more stewards than normal on Match nights for the rest of the year. 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!

## **Vendors and Crafters Needed!**

Vendor booth space is available at our 2022 Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday and Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:boothvendors@fvdtc.org)

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

## Calendar

### 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

### December 2022

01 Thu Regular Training  
 05 Mon Board meeting (via Zoom)  
 08 Thu Regular Training  
 15 Thu Regular Training  
 20 **Tue** Regular Training  
     Puppy Ends (8:00pm)  
     Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
     Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
 29 Thu Christmas Party

## FVDTC Hosts a Heart Clinic



DR. HEIDI KELLIHAN DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be offering the following heart exams in conjunction with our fall obedience and rally trials

- 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.

**EXAM MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TRIAL!**

This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced cost!

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.

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:

Nancy Lee  
 230 Shawnee Circle  
 Bartlett, IL 60103  
[nlee483@comcast.net](mailto:nlee483@comcast.net)

## **Raffle Items Are Needed!**

We are looking for the donation of baskets for our annual raffle during the FVDTC Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, November 19th. We are only accepting items that are raffle-ready.

Baskets with a mix of items, stuffed toys, chew toys, dog treats, or dog blankets are well received; very gently used items are acceptable as well. If you do put together a mix of things, it is helpful to put a tag listing the items on the basket; it encourages people to want to put their tickets in for your basket! If you only have a few items that you want to donate, ask your friends to pool together to assemble a full basket to donate.

Larger items such as a crate, dog bed or any training equipment that would be fantastic too, it doesn't have to be a basket.

Don't forget that handlers like fun things too...things like wine, coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and/or bath items, to sooth our souls when things don't go as well as we had hoped is MORE than appreciated! Just make sure that everything is ready-to-go on the raffle table.

You can drop off your raffle-ready, clear-wrapped baskets at the fairgrounds on the night of the November 17th Fun Match, or on Friday, November 18th, the night of set up.

Thank you, this is a great fundraiser for our club. It helps offset the cost of holding the trials.

*Kathy Bianchetti*  
Trial Committee – Raffle Chair

## **Board Meeting Highlights - October 10, 2022**

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. The August Meeting minutes were approved as published. Wendy stated that she will forward the AKC Humane Fund information to Carolyn.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** distributed the YTD Statement of Activity Comparison for 2021/2022. At this time, the income statements to date to show a slight profit, however he anticipates that year will probably end in a slight loss, as the Agility Trial did had a smaller profit than last year. Investments will probably continue to vacillate.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** reported that in addition to the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner class, Donna Nuger is the new instructor for the 8:00 p.m. Open class. Donna plans to let the handlers choose which exercise(s) they would like to work on.

Additionally, Will asked Dave whether the layout of the class sign-in sheets could be modified to allow more space for hand-written names. It was suggested that the Mobile Phone column could be removed and the width of the Member column could be reduced a bit. Dave said that he will put those requested changes on his to-do list.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** stated that as of yesterday we are severely short-staffed. If members do not step up to help in the rings, the committee chairs will in all likelihood be gating and stewarding

to help the rings move on as they need to. Taffy asked Will to contact the instructors to ask their students to volunteer to help at the trial, using the trial on-line sign-up.

Taffy reported that Sue MacPherson can offer food for sale to the exhibitors this year. It was agreed that it is acceptable to request volunteers to bring desserts. Carolyn suggested that we add that information to the judging schedule to let the exhibitors know that once again, food will be available.

## **Old Business**

- **Fun Match Online Entry Project Demonstration**

Dave Lewis provided a brief demonstration of the on-line Fun Match Entry function. He stated that the system is currently being tested by the Match Committee members and several other club members. Wendy announced that testing will continue until for the next month or so. The function will be available mid to late December to use for the January 2023 Fun Match.

- **Disclaimer for Online Fun Match Entry Form**

A checkbox, indicating agreement with the standard fun match disclaimer, will be added to the entry form and will be active prior to general release.

## **New Business**

- **Renewal Applications Required for Lifetime Members**

In response to the concerns of lifetime members being removed from the membership database, it was agreed that Sue MacPherson (Membership Chair) will present a list of lifetime members who have not submitted a membership renewal form to the board for review. The board members will review the names during the February Meeting determine whether the name(s) should be removed from the database (e.g. due to a death, etc.). Any lifetime members whose status is not known to the board, will then be contacted by Sue to determine their desire to remain in the database.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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