

# FVDTC

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# WAGGIN' TALES

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## Happy New Year!

The FVDTC Annual Meeting was held on January 17, including the elections for the 2024 Board of Directors. Please welcome your 2024 board:

President.....David Lewis	Obedience Trial Chair.....Taffy Wille
First Vice President.....Bob Boeke	Membership Chair.....Sue MacPherson
Second Vice President....Laura Lagger	Public Education Coordinator...Carol Nightingale
Secretary.....Carolyn Pearson	Tracking Test Chair.....Kent Hildebrand
Treasurer.....Phil Nuger	Agility Trial Chair.....Cathy Fleury
Director of Training.....Will Short	Director at Large.....Wendy Waddick

As we said last month, the start of 2024 would not be complete without a huge thank you to the 2023 Board, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, and volunteers that make FVDTC a success. Thank you all!

By the time you get this, your membership renewal will be late. Annual membership expires on December 31, but you have a 30-day grace period to renew for the next year. If you haven't already done so, please get your renewal form to Sue MacPherson as soon as possible. The form is included in this issue of *Waggin' Tales*, and is available on the club web site <https://www.fvdtc.org>.

The new year also brings a new opportunity to earn work credits toward 2024 awards and a 2025 membership dues discount. Contact any board member, or any committee chair, and they will put you to work for 2024.

See you at training,

*Dave Lewis*  
President

## Calendar

### February 2024

01	Thu	Regular Training Advanced Rally Workshop Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
08	Thu	Regular Training Advanced Rally Workshop
15	Thu	Fun Match CGC Test
22	Thu	Regular Training Advanced Rally Workshop
29	Thu	Regular Training Advanced Rally Workshop

### March 2024

07	Thu	Regular Training Advanced Rally Workshop Puppy Ends (8:00pm) Adv. Puppy Ends (8:00pm) Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
13	Wed	Membership Meeting (via Zoom)
14	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Begins (8:00pm) Adv. Puppy Begins (8:00pm) Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
21	Thu	Fun Match
28	Thu	Regular Training
29	Fri	Agility Trial
30	Sat	Agility Trial
31	Sun	Agility Trial

## ***Fun Matches***

We can always use stewards and judges for the monthly Fun Matches at FVDTC. Volunteer on the FVDTC web site at [fvdtc.org/volunteer](https://fvdtc.org/volunteer) or see Barb Misch ([matchsteward@fvdtc.org](mailto:matchsteward@fvdtc.org)) for more details.

## ***CGC Test – February 15***

FVTC will host a CGC Test on February 15 at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St Charles, IL.

Participants limited to 12.

Contact Sally Boeke at [registration@fvdtc.org](mailto:registration@fvdtc.org) prior to February 14th to sign up.

## ***Membership Report***

**Michele Nolan**  
S. Elgin, IL  
Cavalier King Charles  
Guest trained 8 times



# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

## MEMBER RENEWAL



THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2024  
DUES FOR THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JANUARY 31, 2024**

Your name will be omitted from the 2024 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the February issue, IF your check, this completed form, and your "Personal Record of FVDTC Work Credits" are not received by 1-31-2024.

**Please take a moment to complete and return this entire form, even if you do not owe any dues. This allows us to make our roster as accurate as possible.**

Please print the information below as you would like it to appear in the roster, e.g.: John & Mary Jones. All fields on this application marked with ( % ) are required to be completed.

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%Name: \_\_\_\_\_

%Address: \_\_\_\_\_

%City: \_\_\_\_\_ %State: \_\_\_\_\_ %ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

%Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

%E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include your e-mail address if you select the "electronically" method to receive the newsletter.

%Breed(s) of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Training areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your preference for receiving the Waggin' Tales newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ %Mailed to my house    \_\_\_\_\_ %Electronically    \_\_\_\_\_ %Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to receive periodic club related news / updates in your email inbox?

\_\_\_\_\_ %Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ %No

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee, if one is convened?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As an organization supported strictly by volunteers, we count on you to volunteer at club sponsored events. If you know what activities you would like to volunteer, please list them here. Not sure? Check out the General Policy information on the Members page on our Web site for activities, committees and events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As a FVDTC club member, I hereby give permission to FVDTC to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

FVDTC believes that all club members have a commitment to sportsmanship, community and canine welfare. All individuals living in your household, who are to be considered voting club members, should read the following. Please sign on the line below stating that you have read this statement.

I shall endeavor to conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects credit upon Fox Valley Dog Training Club, regardless of the location or the circumstances. I will protect and advance the interests of the Club by encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at training nights, correction clinics, obedience trials, tracking tests, and agility trials. I will uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's annual dinner, you must select a TRAINING membership type.

**Did You Earn 3 Work Credits Last Year\*\*?**

|                                       | Yes, pay... | No, pay... |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| _____ REGULAR TRAINING*:              | \$90.00^    | \$180.00   |
| _____ REGULAR NON-TRAINING:           | \$45.00^^   | \$90.00    |
| _____ LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING*:    | \$45.00^^   | \$90.00    |
| _____ LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: | \$00.00     | \$00.00    |

\*\*Check your method for providing your work credits:

Attached form       Recorded online in Members Only

PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS: Reduce Membership Dues by 25% for each Quarter or Session Taught (Max of 4)  
Your Teaching Status will be confirmed by the Director of Training.

| Sessions Taught | Amount Owed When Dues are... |           |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                 | \$90.00^                     | \$45.00^^ |
| <b>1</b>        | \$67.50                      | \$33.75   |
| <b>2</b>        | \$45.00                      | \$22.50   |
| <b>3</b>        | \$22.50                      | \$11.25   |
| <b>4</b>        | \$00.00                      | \$00.00   |

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\***

*\*\*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$10.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 01-31-2024*

Please mail this application and your work credits form with your dues, and to the address below. Make checks payable to **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**.

|                |                                                                                            |                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (630) 584-1002 | MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON<br>Sue MacPherson<br>4N791 Chaffield Drive<br>St. Charles, IL 60175 | membership@fvdtc.org |
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## ***Did You Know?***

Dogs were once kept, domesticated and bred for their fur, in the same way that sheep are kept today:

Dogs have been in the Americas for more than 10,000 years. They were already domesticated when they came from Eurasia with the first people to reach North America. In the coastal parts of present-day Washington state and southwestern British Columbia, archaeologists have found dog remains dating back as far as about 5,000 years ago.

Dogs performed many different roles in North American Indigenous communities, including transportation, that in other parts of the world were done by multiple other domestic animals.

Prior to the arrival of Europeans, the Indigenous Coast Salish peoples of the Pacific Northwest had traditionally maintained a breed of long-haired dog for the purpose of harvesting their hair, or wool, for textile fibers. Along with alpacas and llamas, these woolly dogs are one of only a few known animals intentionally bred for their fleece in all of the Americas.

But the practice of keeping woolly dogs and weaving textiles made from woolly dog yarn declined throughout the 19th century, and the dogs were considered extinct by the beginning of the 20th century. What had happened to them?

Excerpted from *The Smithsonian* (<https://www.si.edu/stories/woolly-dog-mystery-unlocked>)

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