

FVDTC

May, 2026



WAGGIN' TALES

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Save the Dates

FVDTC's annual Tracking Test will be held at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve in Elgin, IL on September 6, 2026, offering both Tracking Dog (TD) and Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) titles. The drawing for TD tracks will take place promptly at 7:15 am, followed by the drawing for TDX tracks at 9:15 am. We invite all eligible handlers and their canine partners to participate in this exciting event and test their tracking skills. The Premium List is available on the web site (www.fvdtc.org). Contact Kent Hildebrand for more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Also coming this fall: FVDTC will be hosting an OFA Heart Clinic in conjunction with its 2026 Obedience/Rally trials.

- Date:** Saturday, 11/14/2026 (We'll add Sunday the 15th, if needed)
- Location:** Kane County Fairgrounds
525 Randall Rd St. Charles IL 60175
Room 17
- Contact:** Dr. Heidi Kellihan, DVM, DACVIM (cardiology)
heidikellihanLLC@gmail.com
- Cost:** Echocardiogram + Auscultation (Advanced OFA Database): \$275/dog
Auscultation Only (Basic OFA Database): \$60/dog

Fun Matches

Walk-in match entry fees are increasing by \$2.00, effective August 20 2026. Members pay \$8.00/\$5.00 dog and guests pay \$10.00/\$7.00 dog. Cost remains the same for those who sign up via the online portal (www.fvdtc.org/FunMatch.html) before the match. Besides saving you a couple dollars, signing up early allows the Match Committee to adequately plan the evening, including having sufficient judges on hand. Thank you for making their jobs just a little bit easier.

Calendar

June 2026

- 04 Thu Regular Training
- 11 Thu Regular Training
- 14 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 16 **Tue** Regular Training
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
- 18 Thu Fun Match
- 25 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00pm)

July 2026

- 02 Thu Regular Training
- 07 **Tue** Regular Training
- 15 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
- 16 Thu No Training (Kane County Fair)
- 23 Thu Regular Training
- 30 Thu Regular Training

Membership Report

Deanna & Louis Vorgias
Itasca, IL
English Springer Spaniel
Completed Puppy class

Membership Meeting Highlights – March 11, 2026

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read. Dave announced that the AKC PAC is seeking donations to assist in legal issues being fought.

Laura Lager (Second Vice-President) stated that Chris McHenry with Canine Companions will be the program for the May 13th Membership meeting. The program will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Center, with the business meeting to follow.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that due to various reasons, there are three less conformation instructors in the current rotation. It looks to be a temporary situation, but there is no date for an expected return of these volunteers.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that all trials are AKC approved and she is currently working on Committee Chair confirmations.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of four new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Will Short made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members; none were present at the meeting.

In response to Pat Senne's question about two individuals who were seeking their membership status, Sue stated that she would look into the issue.

In **Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** absence, Pat Senne reported that the dinner's invitation will be available shortly. The Annual Dinner will be held at Riverside Receptions in Geneva on April 19, 2026. As there will not be FVDTC training during the weeks leading up to the dinner, so please plan to mail the RSVPs and payment checks to secure your dinner spot.

Anne Stuessy [Match Chair (Entries)] reported that, as of today, there were only four pre-entries (all Wendy's: 1 Beginner Novice, 1 Novice and 2 Utility) for the March 19th Fun Match.

Sandi Stephenson [Match Chair (Judges)] made a motion to increase the walk-in match entry fees by \$2.00, effective August 20, 2026. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 abstention and no one opposed.

Barb Misch [Match Chair (Stewards)] stated that effective today, she will help sign up a volunteering club member a maximum of 3 times. Work slots are put on-line 45-days prior to the match date.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) was not in attendance, but reported that recent Sunshine activities included:

- The loss of our dear friend Ed Herdes
- Candy Ellis' fall resulting in a hip fracture

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the Waggin' Tales deadline was March 15, 2026.

Nancy Pederson (Workshop Coordinator) reported that a workshop would be planned for later in the year.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Will Short made a motion to give a 1-year Honorary Membership to Francis Soresi. Barb Misch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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