

# Fox Valley's WAGGIN'

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## *'A Well Trained Dog Is A Happy Dog'*

MAY/JUNE 1995

F.V.D.T.C. Waggin'Tales

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FROM THE PRESIDENT!

As I sat at the front table on Thursday night I picked up the manual that is kept in the table briefcase. My observation was WOW this took some thought, organization, time and effort. Every thing you want to know about how FV runs is in it.

I doubt that most of us realize what a unique club Secretary Carolyn Pearson is. Over the years I have observed the xtra effort above and beyond the call of duty put forth by Carolyn. The bottom line....I'm impressed.

We are all aware of the time, dedication and exceptional job done by our instructors and DOT because we see it week after week, but..... more observations.....Doris Kneip has one of the heart of FV jobs most of us don't even think about. Beginner and puppy classes every 10 weeks. One can only guess how much time, organization, constant phone calls coming in, phone calls to be returned, sending out of applications and who knows what else. This must be done without fail to keep FV running.

Now I don't want to hear that I am ignoring the rest of us (myself included) who hold club positions, every job is crucial to keep us going. These are just some of my current observations.

Joyce Waldeck



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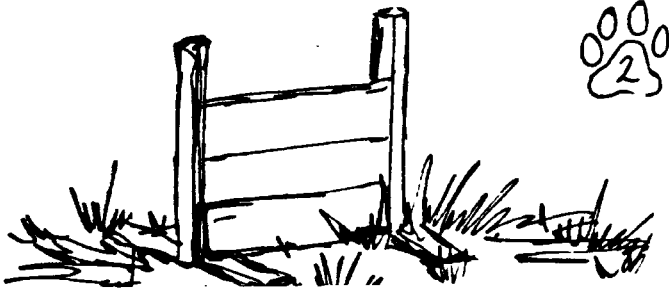
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For a second year I have volunteered to be Trophy Chairperson for the 1995 Trial. As soon as possible I would like to start accepting trophy sponsorships. Payment for the sponsorship is not required at the time of sponsorship but I would appreciate receiving your money donation as soon as you possibly can pay it.

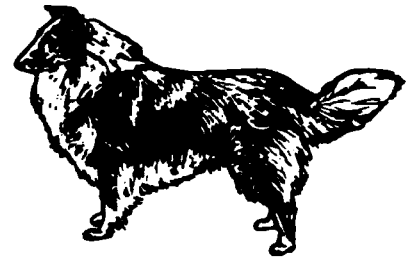
Since our Trial lost a great deal of money last year we will possibly be paring down our trophy list unless you feel it is important to sponsor a particular award. Certain trophies such as High Dog in Group will be given with or without sponsorship (other than FVDTC) but other trophies will be dropped unless sponsored. As in past years sponsorship will be \$15.00 unless otherwise designated as having a certain monetary amount awarded (i.e. High Combined in Group \$20.00, etc.). I will have last years trophy list available on training nights and will approach last year's sponsors to give them first option as to breed/class sponsored. As we did last year we will once again accept trophy offerings of the sponsors choosing pending approval of trophy committee.

Speaking of the Trophy Committee...we are in need of same. I will take responsibility of soliciting sponsors, but help in choosing the trophies we offer, set up of the trophy table (Saturday evening before our Trial) and Trophy Table "Stewards" the day of the Trial are needed. Working the Trial in this manner can give you a much needed work credit. Please see me at training night or give a call if you'd like to volunteer or just to get more information as to what type of work would be expected (557-2512).

Late Flash! Susan Scott volunteered to join the trophy committee at the May Membership Meeting!

Linda Benson  
Trophies Chairperson

OH, GIVE ME A HOME  
WHERE THE BOUVIER ROAM,  
WHERE THE DOBE AND AKITAS PLAY.  
WHERE SELDOM IS HEARD A DISCOURAGING WORD  
'CEPT, WHO GETS THE POOP SCOOP TODAY?



## JUST A REMINDER

Dues for the 1995-96 membership year are due by **June 30, 1995.**  
*Please return the form below*(please note any address changes)  
along with your check payable to **Fox Valley Dog Training Club** to:

Taffy Wille  
1308 Big Oak Trail  
Aurora, IL 60506  
or call (708)897-7673 for further information.

**NOTE: YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 1995-96 ROSTER UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE RECEIVED BY 7/10/94**

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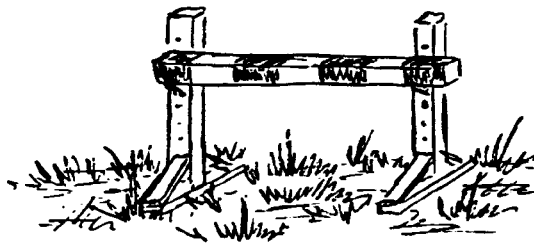
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*Sir Remington of Brindson*  
*April 29, 1986 - February 7, 1995*

Remington came into our lives in my arms and he left this world in my arms. I considered myself extremely lucky - I knew that Remington was not "long for this world" when he was diagnosed with Kidney failure. Unfortunately, there is never enough time to prepare yourself. Remington was my very first dog, my first Obedience Trial teammate and my first experience at putting a dog down. But as much as I miss him, I know that right now, he's begging treats from someone in Heaven (which explains the abundance of treats at Fox Valley)!

To all my friends at Fox Valley, a special THANKS. The thoughts, prayers, flowers, condolences and the sharing of tears have been appreciated more than you know. The flowers came with a card that said "Remember the good times" (Thanks Ronnie), and thanks to all of you, I always will. It is never easy to lose someone that you love, but the pain is so much easier to handle when shared amongst friends.



**Membership Meeting Highlights**  
**May 3, 1995**

A very interesting program was presented by Dr. Peter Ammon, DVM. Some of the handouts that he distributed will be reprinted in this and future issues of the Waggin' Tails.

The March meeting minutes were approved as published in the Waggin' Tails. Several items of correspondence were read.

This First Vice-President position is still open. The actual maintenance of the equipment is still being done by Ed Herdes. He is willing to continue to do that, however, another person is necessary to fill this Board position. The First V-P's duties would simply be: Rental of Equipment (the pick-up and return day and time is mutually agreed upon by the First V-P and the Renter - does NOT mean that the First V-P must be available during the daytime) and attendance of the Board Meetings every other month.

Cindy Pakenas reported that the Anderson Animal Shelter Dog Expo held on April 30th went well. We were the only obedience club in attendance.

Announced that the Annual July Picnic was scheduled for July 16th at 4:00 p.m.. It will be held at Sunny Inniss' training building. The games are scheduled to begin at 4:00 with dinner beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.. DOGS are asked to bring "their people" to join in the games. More information will follow.

Nancy Einwich distributed the Financial report for January 1st through March 31st 1995. No discussion followed.

Wally O'Brien announced that a small situation occurred on the first night of class for the 4-H students. Although they have not been given collars in the past, collars were distributed to all of the students. This is a one time situation only, it will NOT be repeated in the future.

Announced that the two rings in the back of the training building would be set up as follows:

East Ring - Utility only

West Ring - Open and Utility

New classes begin on May 5th. Announced that the 7:00 p.m. Puppy and the 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class needed Assistant Instructors. Announced two changes to the training schedule for May. Training would be on May 4th, 9th, 18th (Correction Clinic) and 23rd.

Reminded members that when a negative situation warrants speaking to another trainer, either another member or a puppy/beginner student, to please use a tactful manner. Or if that is not possible, to speak to Wally and he'll be "the bad guy". If it is necessary, feel free to interrupt him in a class. (Note from the secretary: We all know that the tone of our voice is more important to our dogs than the actual words, it wouldn't hurt to remember that when speaking to fellow trainers.)

Announced that a demonstration would be done on Thursday, June 8th at 9:00 p.m. at training by the Rottweiler Team.

Linda Benson, Trophy Chairperson, reported that a list of trophies has been submitted to the Board for approval.

We are still in need of a Graduation Chairperson. See any Board member if interested.

A list of four new membership applicants was read. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the membership applications. None were present at the meeting.

Presented the questionnaire that will be printed in the Waggin' Tails. This is to be included with dues: Do you NOT want to receive the Waggin' Tails? and Do you NOT want to get a membership roster? Dues can be paid in two installments, June 1st and September 1st. Training members who have not paid the full Membership fee by the September 1st deadline will have their membership category changed to a NON-TRAINING member and will be required to pay the Guest Trainer fee - \$5.00 per dog.



Linda Benson announced that one steward is still needed for the May 18th Correction Clinic. Entries are due on Tuesday, May 9th.

The Awards Dinner Chaircommittee consists of Linda Benson, Ronnie Bizer, Will Short and Taffy Wille. They announced that reservations have been made for the 1995 Awards Banquet at the Long Island Sound Banquet hall, the same place as the last banquet. It will be on March 9, 1996.

Wally O'Brien announced that the next TD test will be held on September 16th and 17th at Pratt's Wayne Woods. There will twelve entries available. The next TDX test will be on November 4th and 5th for eight entries at Wickman Forest Preserve.

The winner of the \$7.00 Dollar Bucket was Kay Gianos.

#### Old Business

- Linda Benson passed out the slips for the Jewel Shop & Share. In this program, Jewel will donate a percentage of the total money spent by those presenting the slips to the club. Our dates are May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Slips are available in the red box at training. Don't forget to participation.

#### New Business

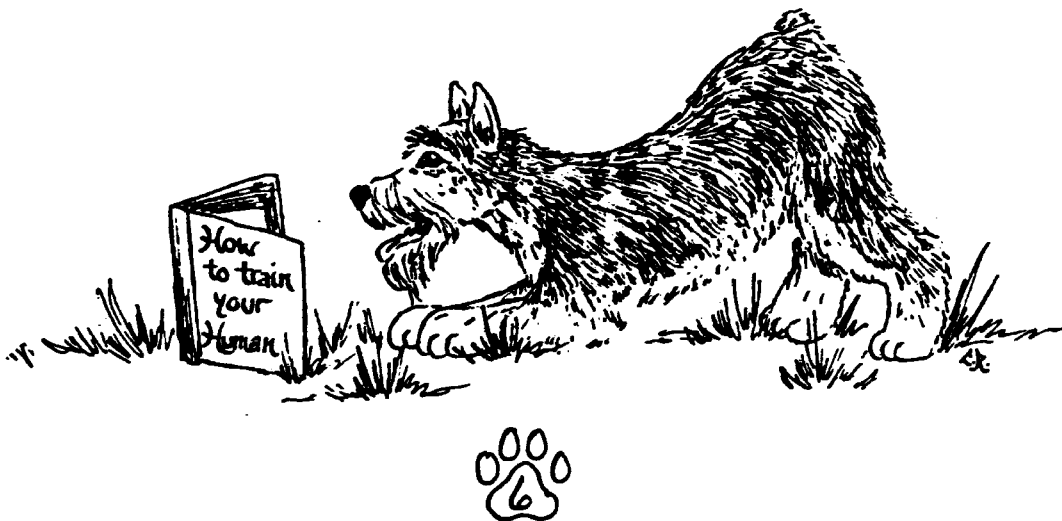
- Mats: The mats have been sold. By selling the mats outright, the club was able to avoid a 22% restocking charge and the cost of the transportation back to the manufacturer. The final outcome was a loss of only 10%. A report on getting the new mats will be announced at the July Membership meeting.

#### - New Award Requirement Structure:

Effective Immediately - Each available "job" in the club has been assigned a work credit. The list of "jobs" will be published. There are three categories based off of the amount of time that is spent by an individual performing the job. Each category will be worth One, Two or Three credits. The credits available will be published in the next Waggin' Tails. A total of 6 credits are the requirements for receiving an award. The Meeting requirement has not been changed, a minimum of Three meetings must be attended.

- Sweatshirts and T-Shirts will be ordered: Price - Sweatshirts: \$18.00, T-Shirts: \$10.00. Red and Black will be available in both, Sizes will be Large and X-Large. See Carolyn about reserving your choice.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m..



## ***AWARD REQUIREMENTS***

The new Award Requirement structure is effective immediately. This counts for all positions held as of January 1, 1995. Each available "job" in the club has been assigned a work credit. There are three categories based on the amount of time that is spent by an individual performing the job. Each category will be worth One, Two or Three credits. The credits are listed below. A total of 6 credits are the requirements for receiving an award. The Meeting requirement has not been changed, a minimum of Three meetings must be attended.

The following are worth **ONE** credit:

- Steward or Judge a Match
- Work the Front Desk one night
- Serve on a Committee
- 1/2 day at the November Trial

. . .  
A small boy stood with his mother looking at some puppies in the window of a pet store. "Which one would you take if you had your choice?" the mother asked.

Pointing to the one that was wagging its tail excitedly, the child exclaimed, "I want the one with the happy ending!"  
. . .

The following are worth **TWO** credits:

- Serve as Chairperson on a Committee
- Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class
- Serve on the Board
- Full day at the November Trial

The following are worth **THREE** credits:

- Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner class
- Primary Instructor per quarter for advanced classes
- Two day Tracking Test

After these were announced at the membership meeting, several people expressed concerns regarding their current positions not receiving the proper recognition. When the Board discussed the point system at it's last meeting, we thought that we had covered all of the jobs that are currently being done by the club members. Unfortunately, we did miss some. If your particular job is not listed above, we sincerely apologize, it will be added! If your position is one that was inadvertently left off, please contact Carolyn Pearson (708) 231-5658 - a new list will be published.

If any club member still has any unanswered questions regarding this new awards structure, you are cordially invited to attend the next Board Meeting on June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Kane County Extension Center.

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## MATCH STEWARDS

Our April match will be the fourth match that I have been "Chief Match Steward". I have maintained the success of using the large (bright yellow) stewards sign up board that is available at training. If for any reason you find yourself unable to fulfill your stewarding assignment for a particular match please call (557-2512)...if possible, finding a replacement will be greatly appreciated.

Stewards for a particular match still need to sign up for that match - filling out the required sheet(s). Your entries are free of charge, but I request that you please limit your entries to two dogs/classes. We will try to put stewards through their classes before the Match starts at 7:00 p.m. This is not always possible and if it is not we request that you put your dog(s) through at the end of the class. If possible steward the class you are showing in as this makes the task that much easier. You could choose to put your dogs through at the beginning of the Match IF you can provide a substitute steward for your ring while you are in the ring with your dog(s). If you are volunteering as a "floater" steward please check in at the main table the evening of the match - we can then utilize your talents as a sub steward in the case of a regular ring steward showing their own dog in another ring. Be sure to have me sign you up on the volunteer card at the main table so you will get credit for the work you have done at the match. I would very much like to have at least two "floater" stewards assigned to each match so that we could facilitate stewards showing their own dogs.

June will be our Sanctioned Match. If you are stewarding and showing please note that you cannot steward in the ring you are entered in. In other words if you enter Novice A you may not be a steward in the Novice A ring. This is the exact opposite of what I request you try to do for the correction matches. Remember Sanctioned Matches are really "pretend trials". No special collars (i.e. pinch, etc.) No treats in the ring (food or toy) No corrections (physical - verbal will be allowed but in a limited way). Dogs can be entered "For Exhibition Only" but they cannot earn a class placing, and even though they are entered as "Exhibition Only" they still must follow the rules as to collars, treats, etc.

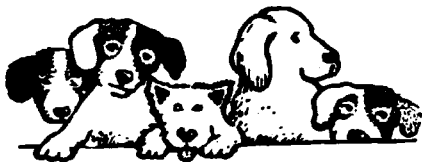
Our entries for the first three 1995 matches have been very low - but this may change. We really need your stewarding help at the match while at the same time respecting your desire to show your own dog at the match. Your cooperation as to number of dogs entered while you are stewarding and the need to have a substitute while you are showing is important to the successful smooth running of the match. See me at the main table and we can work together to accomplish a smooth running match which still enables you to work your own dog without sacrificing either your dog or the match. Any suggestions you have to meet this end will be greatly appreciated. Since I am now working every match while still trying to match my own dog I can appreciate the stress some of you may be experiencing.

HAPPY MATCHING

Linda Benson  
Chief Match Steward







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FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB'S  
HANDLER/DOG JAMBOREE PICNIC

TIME: 1:30 p.m. A hardy welcome to all followed by  
dog/handler games and munchies  
Dinner will be at approximately  
4:00 p.m. and will be followed by  
an Old Timer's Match for dogs 8 &  
older &/or senior citizen handler.

DATE: Sunday, July 16, 1995

BRING: Chairs Dinnerware Dish to pass Dogs  
Beverage of your choice

PLACE: Sunny's Training Center in Marengo (see  
back for map)

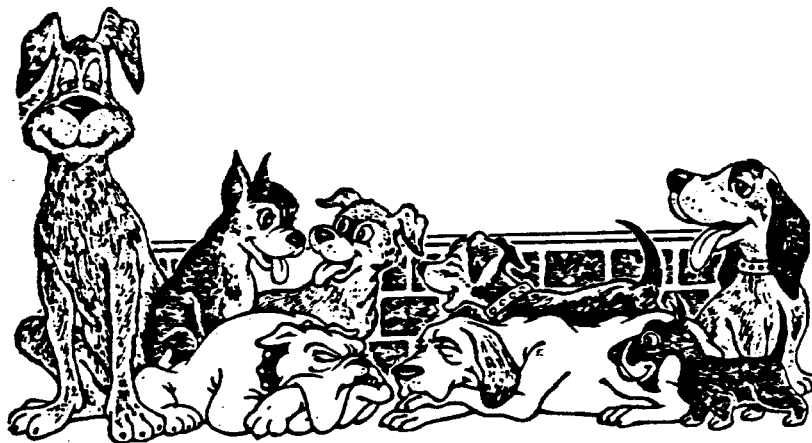
The club will provide ice and meat. In case of rain the  
picnic will be held in the training building.

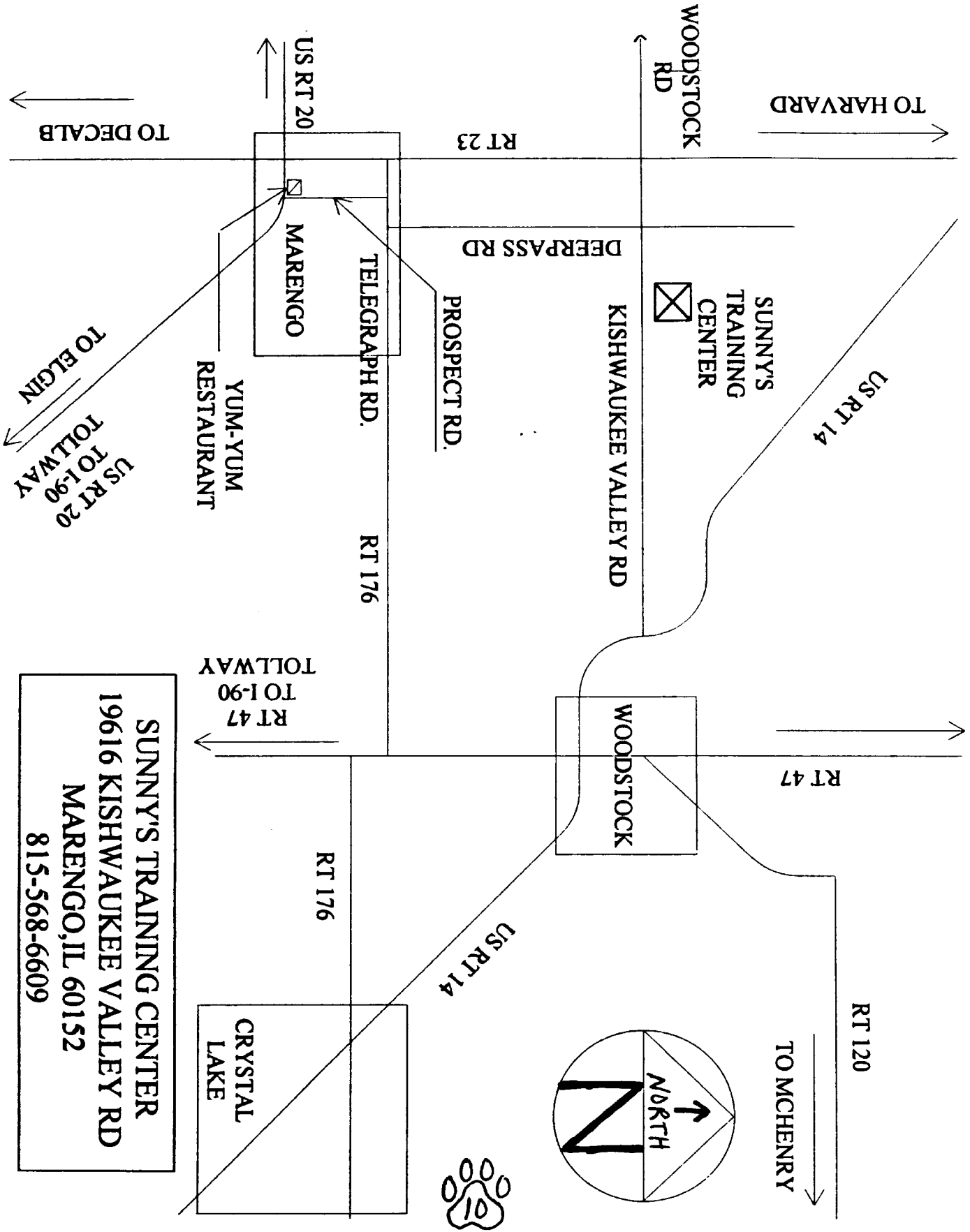
**(Meat will be grilled Roast Beef- Sunny is grilling!!)**

PLEASE COMPLETE, DETACH, AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO  
CINDY PAKENAS.

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NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

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dessert                                      other:





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JEWEL FOOD STORES "SHOP & SHARE"

In our quest to boost the old club treasury it was decided that we would take part in Jewel's program which will enable us to reap 5% of those sales that FVDTC participants buy during our scheduled Shop & Share days.

I have scheduled three such "Shop & Share" days for the following:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday      May 22, 23 & 24

Present the Shop & Save slip to the checker and she will do the rest. Hope you find the time to shop at Jewel!!

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday      August 21, 22 & 23

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday      November 6, 7 & 8

You can use these days to pick up the ingredients you will need to put together that kitchen donation you will be making for the Trial.

Shop & Share Identification Slips will be available at the May meeting and will also be available on training nights and May match night to try to reach as many people as possible. Try to arrange your shopping for either of these days - give a slip to a friend or relative who you know shops at Jewel. It is so simple to use...keep it in your wallet along with your shopping list and coupons. Do your shopping and present it to the checker when you pay. All you need do is sign the slip. The checker does the rest. It is simple, painless and our club will benefit.

I would love to see the profit go to upgrade our training equipment. Our need to tighten our belts financially has not negated our need for new mats and jumps. With your help, perhaps we can rectify this situation in a most painfree way.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or ask at meetings or training night.

Jewel Shop & Share Chairperson

Linda Benson



"Would my Maker to grant me a single  
glance through these sightless eyes of  
mine, I would without question or recall,  
choose first to see a child, then a dog."  
-Helen Keller



# What is CERF?

CERF is the Canine Eye Registration Foundation.

CERF was founded by a group of concerned purebred owner/breeders with a goal of eliminating heritable eye diseases in purebred dogs through registration, research, and education.

## Registration

CERF cooperates with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) to maintain a registry of pure-bred dogs that the ACVO Diplomates (members) examine and have found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease.

## Research

CERF also maintains a research data base which consists of information that is generated by all examinations done by ACVO Diplomates. Reports generated from this resource help breeders and ophthalmologists identify trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility.

## Education

CERF is dedicated to educating the public on matters involving canine eye disease. CERF provides a variety of reports, the CERF newsletter and other eye disease materials to help educate the owner/breeder on heritable eye disease questions, healthy breeding stock, and breed-specific eye problems.

## Why should I have my dog's eyes examined by an ACVO Diplomate?

- An ACVO Diplomate is board certified to meet high standards of proficiency in the field of veterinary ophthalmology.
- An ACVO Diplomate can accurately diagnose and treat any eye diseases your dog may have.
- An ACVO Diplomate can offer breeding advice based on research and standards established by the ACVO genetics committee for a particular breed.
- CERF and ACVO are separate, but cooperating entities. The ACVO Diplomates provide their professional services and expertise to ensure uniform standards are upheld in CERF's registration of dogs found to be free of evidence of heritable eye disease.

## Why is it important to get my dog registered with CERF?

- Your dog can be identified as being registered with CERF to other interested dog breeders or buyers. Dogs can be advertised using CERF registration numbers.
- CERF registration shows your support for the mutual goal of eliminating heritable eye disease in purebred canines, and provides your puppy buyers and other breeders with proof of your integrity and commitment to maintaining the highest quality bloodlines.
- CERF registration contributes to the support of your national and local breed clubs, some of which require CERF registration to be in good standing.
- CERF registration supports the American Kennel Club's (AKC) role in promoting responsible breeding and ownership. AKC is incorporating CERF registration numbers on their registration slips and certified pedigrees.

## How do I register my dog with CERF?

- After a painless examination of the dog's eyes, the ACVO Diplomate completes the examination section of the CERF form and indicates any specific disease(s) found.
- Dogs found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease by an ACVO Diplomate can be registered with CERF.
- To initiate registration, the owner/breeder must complete the backside of the owner copy (pink form) of the CERF examination form and forward it, with the appropriate fee, to CERF headquarters.
- CERF registration is good for twelve months from the examination date. Thereafter, the dog must be re-examined by an ACVO Diplomate and re-registered with CERF to maintain an up-to-date CERF number.
- There is NO minimum age for CERF registration.

## How does CERF gather its research data?

- The research copy (white form) of the CERF examination form is sent to CERF headquarters for computer processing for every examination performed by an ACVO Diplomate, regardless of the outcome of the examination.
- At CERF headquarters, the research copy is completed and run through a computer scanner. The computer then merges the data from the form with the data from other animals of the same breed to generate a current research report.
- Only general information about the dog and the health of its eyes are compiled into the CERF research data base. All other information is treated strictly confidentially.





# CATARACTS AND YOUR PET

## Commonly asked questions and answers about cataracts from the ANIMAL EYE CONSULTANTS

**What is a cataract?** The normal lens in the eye is used to focus light on the retina. It is similar in function to a camera. A cataract is an opacity or cloudiness of the lens. It can be very small and not affect vision or involve the entire lens and cause blindness.

**What causes cataracts?** The most common cause of cataracts in dogs and cats is an inherited defect that affects the lens. These cataracts usually occur at a young age and are called juvenile cataracts. In addition, cataracts may develop following an injury to the eye, inflammation within the eye, or a systemic disease such as diabetes. In an older dog, the lens may develop into a cataract as a degenerative aging process. It is normal for the lens to become slightly gray to blue in color when a dog reaches approximately eight years of age and when a cat is about ten years of age. This is called lenticular sclerosis which means hardening of the lens. It will occur in every animal and does not affect vision. It is often mistaken for cataracts by owners.

**Are some breeds of dogs and cats more likely to develop cataracts?** Cataracts are more likely to be found in popular purebred dogs and cats since the breeding of related animals will allow the abnormal genes to be concentrated. However, all animals including birds, reptiles and fish may acquire cataracts.

**Is surgery the only way to cure cataracts?** The only treatment for cataracts is surgical removal. Many claims for non-surgical "cures" have been made by unscrupulous individuals since the beginning of time, but all have proven to be ineffective.

**Is my pet too old for cataract surgery?** Old age is not considered a disease. Therefore, if a pet is healthy and does not have any serious ailments such as heart or kidney failure, then general anesthesia can be recommended and cataract surgery can be performed.

**Describe cataract surgery and the care involved before and after surgery.** Cataract removal is a very delicate surgical procedure. A complete examination of the eyes is necessary to determine if a pet is a good surgical candidate. Sometimes an electroretinogram is required to test the retinal function of the eye. Also important is the pet's general health. Blood and urine are submitted for a laboratory evaluation to make sure that the pet's internal organs are functioning normally. This lab work may be performed at the regular veterinarian's office. Medications are administered two to four weeks prior to surgery. Surgery is usually performed on Friday morning and pets are discharged the same afternoon.

Extracapsular extraction and phacoemulsification are the two most common surgical techniques used to remove cataracts. Phacoemulsification is the preferred technique in veterinary medicine and is the one utilized at the **Animal Eye Consultants**. This is the most modern technology available in both human and veterinary medicine for cataract removal. The "one stitch cataract surgery" advertised on television for human cataract surgery is performed with phacoemulsification. It utilizes ultrasonic vibrations to liquefy the lens which is then removed from the eye through a small incision. This incision is three millimeters in length which is less than half the width of a pencil eraser. A video tape of an actual surgery performed at **Animal Eye Consultants** is available for viewing upon request.

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After surgery, additional medications and complete instructions are sent home with the pet. Follow-up visits are important in order to monitor the healing process. Most patients are seen regularly for the first two months after surgery. The pet will regain his new vision as healing in the eye takes place. Reports are sent to the regular veterinarian to keep him/her informed about the pet's progress.

**Is it necessary for my pet to lose all vision in the affected eye before cataract surgery can be performed?** No. Once the cataract significantly affects vision, even if it is in just one eye, then surgery should be considered in the affected eye. Your veterinarian will be able to tell when vision is impaired. As the cataract matures or "ripens" it will become very hard and more difficult to liquefy and remove through the small incision. Other complications can occur in the eye as the cataract ripens which may make surgery more difficult or impossible in severe cases.

**How will my pet be able to see without a lens?** Most of the focusing or bending of light rays occurs at the cornea and the lens fine tunes the focus of the image of the retina. The cornea accounts for 75% of the eye's ability to focus and the lens accounts for the remaining 25%. Following lens removal, the pet will be far-sighted which means he will be unable to distinguish small objects such as a small piece of food on the floor in front of him. The vision is not as focused as in a normal eye but is adequate for pets to perform routine functions without difficulty.

**What about an artificial lens?** Intraocular lenses (artificial lenses) are now used in dogs. Like in man, they replace the cataractous lens which has been removed. Animals have different visual requirements than humans, i.e. animals are not required to read or watch television. In animals, the restored vision following cataract surgery enables them to live out a normal life free from dangers and insecurity. If intraocular lenses are implanted, visual acuity is improved. **Animal Eye Consultants** does place intraocular lenses after phacoemulsification of the cataract in most patients that are candidates.

**What about laser surgery?** Lasers have many uses in human and veterinary ophthalmology; however, lasers are never used to actually remove a cataract. This is a common misconception.

**What is an electroretinogram test?** For cataract surgery to be successful, the rest of the eye, except the lens, must be healthy. Sometimes the lens is so cloudy that the retina cannot be examined by the ophthalmologist. The electroretinogram (ERG) is an electronic test which enables the ophthalmologist to determine if the retinal function is normal. This painless test is performed prior to the surgery and can be done without the use of anesthesia. Only if the results are normal will cataract surgery be recommended.

**What is included in the cost of cataract surgery?** The cataract surgery package includes the following: electroretinogram, surgery, anesthesia, medication sent home with the patient at discharge the day to surgery and five follow-up examinations. The owner will be given the option of placement of intraocular lenses. If lenses are implanted, there is an additional cost. Initial eye examination and medication required before surgery are not included. The office staff will be happy to give a fee estimate.

**What are the benefits of cataract surgery?** The eye that is blinded by a cataract will be visual if the cataracts can be removed without complications. Generally, cataract surgery is successful in 90% of the cases, and pets will resume normal activity following successful surgery.

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PENNY BRCICH - Sheltie - Rosie

1st Utility Leg - Rand Park DTC 3rd place! March 12, 1995  
2nd Utility Leg - Kettle Moraine KC 4th place! March 31, 1995

SUNNY INNIS - German Shep. - JOCKO

Jocko earns a DOG WORLD!!!

Rand Park- Nov B - 195½ High GSD in Nov B, 2nd High GSD in Trial  
International KC - Nov B - 196 2nd place

Janesville-Beloit KC - Nov B - 198½ 1st place Nov B

Tie for High in Trial-but I was tired & went home after the  
class. I was just thrilled that he worked so well after I got  
twisted around and lost the car & dog in the parking lot!!

UKC - Liberty All Breed Club Nov B - 194 3/25/95

Nov B - 196½ 3/26/95

MARIETTA HUBER - AKC AGILITY, Agility Ability-McCormick Place 4/1 & 4/2/95

Licorice- Excellent class - 100 - 1st place, 1st leg

Rainbow- Excellent class - 100 - 2nd place, 1st leg

Popcorn- Novice B - 100 - 3rd place, 1st place

Squiggles- Open class - 100 - 2nd place, 1st leg

Open class - 100 - 3rd place, 2nd place

From your Editor....

Although it seems that a Waggin' Tales was delivered not too long ago, we chose to get this issue to you as soon as possible due to the June deadlines. Plus I was limited on time this month due to the fact we are headed to the Mastiff Nationals in Nashville this week. Eli of course is going; but so is Bridger. And HE is not happy with his human mother! Much to his disgust we are practicing OBEDIENCE again!! TALK about S-L-O-W recalls, he's getting more woe-is-me looking the more we practice. You see there is a Veterans Obedience class for 6-8 yr. olds. (Of course there's only a whopping entry of 4 dogs) I figure, if he can still come flying in from the front room at the sound of the ice cream container being lifted from the freezer shelf - he can spend 5 minutes in the ring. We Mastiff owners have a saying about veterans - if you're able to walk - you're going!

The other day I turned to see 180# Bridger laying with his head between his paws and Darcie(all 20# of her) sitting directly in front of him, with her forehead resting on his, telling him "Aaaaaa".

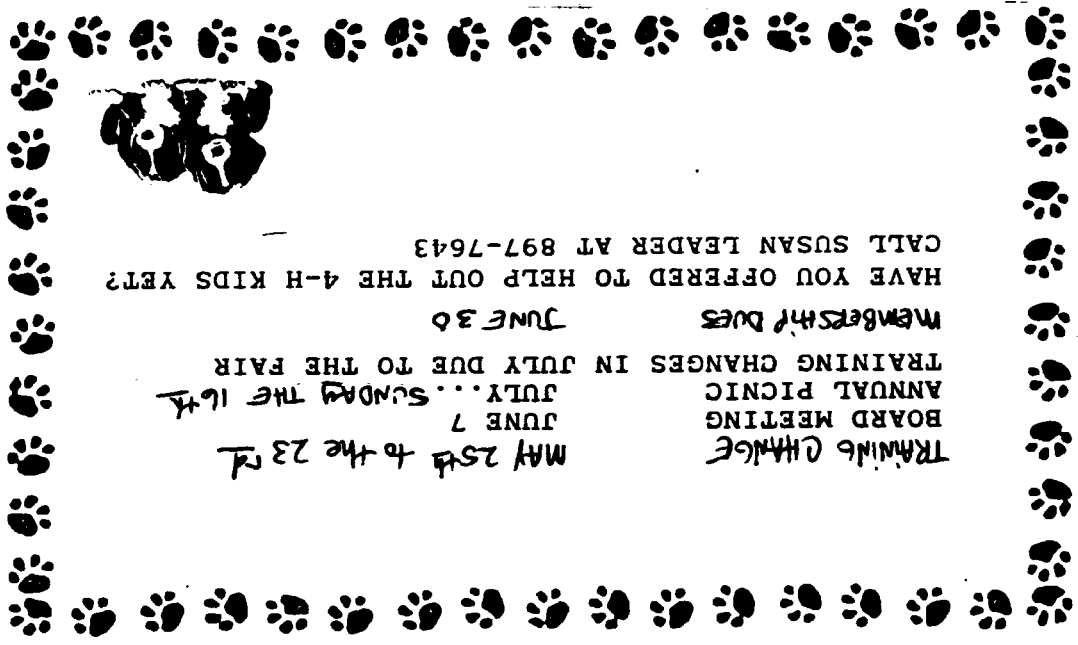
I leave you with a favorite of mine:

I want my kids to have a dog, or maybe two or three.  
They will learn from them much easier than they will from me.  
A dog will teach them how to love, and bear no grudge or hate.  
I'm not so good at that myself but a dog will do it straight.  
I want my kids to have a dog, to be their pal and friend  
So that they will learn that friendship - is faithful to the end.  
There never yet has been a dog that learned to double cross  
Nor catered to you when you won - then dropped you when you lost.

Send me stuff-



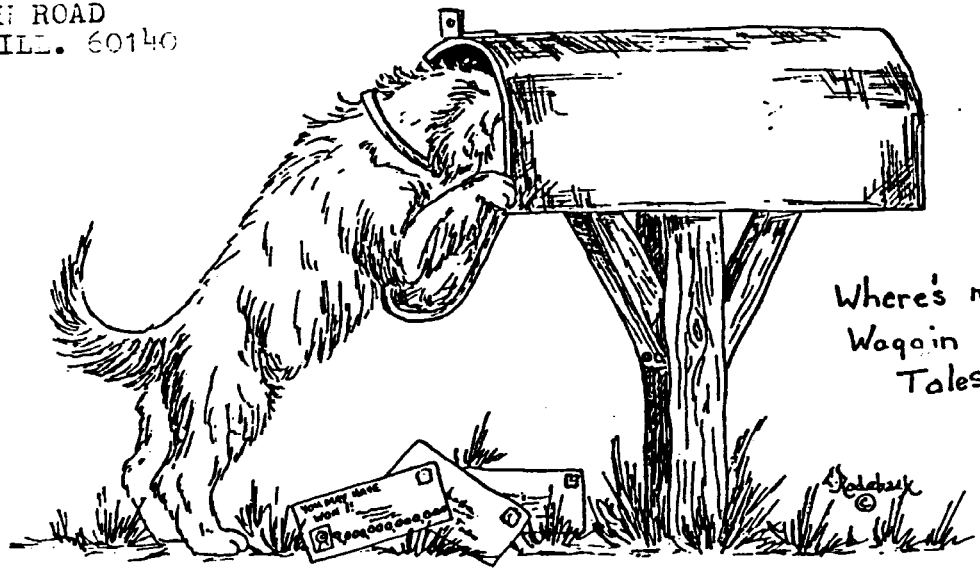
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