

Waggin' Tales

"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

Mark Your Calendars! 1999 Banquet Update

You are cordially invited to the 1999 FVDTC Annual Banquet. There are a lot of activities for you to participate in; information is here, sign-up sheets are on page 2. One thing that is important for everybody to know, is this is *not* the "Awards Banquet" any more; it is an "Annual Banquet", a chance for all of us to get together and enjoy each other's company, and the year we've just finished.

From Suzan Scott

If your dog has gotten any titles for which FVDTC awards are not given like herding, hunting, flyball, Nadac agility, breed specific titles, etc., if your dog has gotten AKC or CKC titles and for some reason you may not be eligible for an award, or if you are just proud of your dog for some other reason, let me know. You may not be getting an award but the accomplishments will be recognized in the program for the annual banquet. The deadline for non-award info will be January 29.

You can send it to me at retrievers@worldnet.att.net

or

Suzan Scott
1040 Northfield Drive
Aurora, IL 60505.

From Peggy Sue Seehafer

For the Annual Banquet in March, we're going to put together a yearbook-style program. For this to be a success, we need all members to participate!

Send the questionnaire and pictures to:

Peggy Sue Seehafer
4N115 Trotter Ln
St. Charles, IL 60175
(630) 584-1595

From Linda Benson

You are cordially invited to attend the 1999 FVDTC Annual Banquet. Look for your invitation in the mail some time in February.

Date: Saturday, March 13, 1999

Time: Cocktails from 6:30 - 7:30, Dinner to follow

Cost: \$17~~50~~ per person

Location: Fisherman's Inn (Main St. & Route 47, Elburn)

Deadline: March 3, 1999.

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Banquet Sign-Ups

Non-Award Titles and Other Recognitions

Suzan Scott
1040 Northfield Drive
Aurora, IL 60505.
retrievers@worldnet.att.com

Your Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Title or Other Recognition: _____

FVDTC Annual Banquet Reservations

Return Reservations to:
Linda Benson
PO Box 152
Kaneville, IL 60144

Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount: Enclosed: _____

FVDTC Yearbook

Send this questionnaire and pictures to:
Peggy Sue Seehafer
4N115 Trotter Ln
St. Charles, IL 60175
(630) 584-1595

Your Name: _____

Your Hobbies (other than FVDTC): _____

Your Pets: _____

Got Kids???: _____

Job? (if other than hobby!): _____

From Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

1999 Election Results

Board Members

President Peggy Sue Seehafer
 First Vice-President Michelle Richter
 Second Vice-President..... Cindy Pakenas
 Secretary Carolyn Pearson
 Treasurer Cathy Fleury
 Director of Training (vacant)
 Trial Chairperson Will Short
 Trial Secretary Taffy Wille
 Waggin' Tails Editor..... Dave Lewis
 Graduation Chairperson..... Sandy Walsh
 Membership Chairperson..... Judy Anderson
 Public Education Liaison..... Tracey Mohr
 Tracking Secretary..... Heather King
 Director at Large..... Drew Graham

Committee Members

Match Steward Chairperson Ingrid Hamburger
 Match Chairperson.....Helen Castellano
 Demonstrations (vacant)
 Librarian.....Ginger Romano
 PublicityJean Airey
 HistorianNancy Pederson
 Statistician ChairpersonSuzan Scott
 Awards Dinner Chairperson..Joan Payne
 Sunshine.....Linda Gustafson



We Need Your Help to Fill these Positions:

Director of Training

Demonstrations

Instructors and Assistants

4-H Instructors

See Carolyn Pearson (630/231-5658) if you'd like to volunteer for a board position or committee chair.

See Cheryl Lewis (630/897-4267 or dclewis@inil.com) if you'd like to volunteer to teach or assist.



Braggs

OTCH Cosmo UDX, FCH (Brenda Rivera)

OTCH

Dec 5, 1998 OTC of Greater Lansing 196+++
1st Place

Liza (Tim White)

Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves

Dec 13, 1998 Badger Daschund Club Agility Trial
100
1st Leg

Pippen (Michelle Cufir)

Dec 17, 1998 Pippen graduated from the *Leader Dogs for the Blind* in Rochester, Michigan. Pippen's new owner is Richard Hocking, from Michigan. If Pippen did not make it as a seeing eye dog, U.S. Customs wanted him as a drug dog.

From Vicky Hagens

Mexican Pinwheels

3 pkgs flour tortillas (2 pkgs if they're large size)
1 can diced black olives
2 cans diced green chiles
1 4-oz. jar pimentos
2 packets Hidden Valley Ranch mix (original flavor)
1 8-oz. container sour cream
2 8-oz. packages cream cheese
salsa

Soften cream cheese. Drain pimentos and green chiles. If desired, run olives, chiles and pimentos through food processor to make it less chunky. Mix everything except the tortillas and the salsa together. Spread the mixture on the tortillas (it helps if you cut off the edges so that they are more or less square). Roll the tortillas tightly, wrap individually in plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight. Slice and serve with salsa.

(Note: If you're worried about "fat grams", I did use reduced-fat sour cream and cream cheese, and that didn't hurt it at all!)

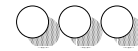
From Sally Compton

Thanks!

Dear Fox Valley Friends,

Thank you for plant(it's still blooming magnificently) and all the cards and phone calls of encouragement. My rehabilitation is moving along well. Thanks again for thinking of me often.

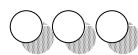
Sally Compton



From Carolyn Pearson

Property Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If I saw it first, it's mine.
8. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
9. If it's broken, it's yours.



From Carolyn Pearson, Secretary

January Membership Meeting

Membership Meeting Highlights January 13, 1999

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) - The November Meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) reported that on Saturday, April 17th, the Anderson Animal Shelter will be hosting their annual Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly the Dog Expo). Cindy stated that she will be needing volunteers to participate in a short demonstration. Any club member who wish to volunteer to man the club's booth should contact Tracey Mohr.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) thanked Cindy Pakenas for once again coordinating the Christmas party games. There were a lot of people there and EVERYONE had a great time.

Cheryl also reported that the first session of 1999 began on January 7th. There are Beginner's classes at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.. There are Puppy classes at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.. Cheryl announced that the CGC test listed in the Waggin' Tales calendar was not correct - that test was from 1998 - not 1999. She also stated that HELP is still needed for several classes. Anyone interested in (or even just considering) acting as a primary or assistant instructor should see Cheryl. All talents are welcome and encouraged.

Cheryl stated that anyone who would like to volunteer to instruct 4-H Club members should contact her or Trudi Kimm. The 4-H program will begin their training some time in March. The 4-H class is conducted between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m..

Cheryl asked for a decision from the club members present, for the dates that training will be held in December. The fairgrounds are available to us during the entire two weeks around the Christmas holiday. Training could be held either December 21st or 23rd - it was decided to conduct training on Tuesday, December 21st. The following week the options were December 28th or 30th - training will be on Thursday, December 30th. The club's calendar of events will be updated with that information.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) announced that the judge's contracts were mailed on Monday, January 11th. Our trial is Sunday, November 14th.

Our judges' panel is as follows:

Class	Judge
Novice A & B	- Sharon Wood
Open A	- Fred Buroff
Open B	- Steve Pool
Utility A	- Dick Wood
Utility B	- Diane Propst

Taffy reported that according to her unofficial tabulations, the 1998 trial showed a profit. Her information did not include the calculations from the kitchen.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, January 17th. The list of participants in the

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January Membership Meeting

Waggin' Tales via e-mail continues to grow. As of this time, the software has paid for itself.

Cathy Fleury (Treasurer) reported that the bills have been paid. There is money in the accounts.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) stated that volunteers will be needed to judge the first session of Beginner's classes. That graduation will be Tuesday, March 9th.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of three new applicants. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all to accept the list as read. One applicant, Cathy Barrett, was present at the meeting. WELCOME to our newest members.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) stated that she needs volunteers for the club's booth that will be set-up at the Anderson Animal Shelter which will be hosting their annual Canines, Crafts and Critters show (formerly the Dog Expo). On March 19th through 21st, Arlington Race Track will host the annual pet expedition. If there are enough people interested in helping man the club's booth, we would sign up to rent a booth. Cindy Pakenas stated that in the past, booth workers would be admitted free of charge and receive free parking. Tracey would like any club member who interested in helping at the booth to contact her at (630) 377-7316 before Monday, February 1st. She asked that volunteers plan on working for approximately two hours. The entertainment at this show has been excellent in the past and appears to maintain that caliber for this year.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that Help is needed for the January 21st Correction Clinic. There is a sign-up board at training. Volunteers are asked to PRINT their name and include their phone number.

Helen Castellano (Match Chairperson) announced that there are judges for all classes for the January 21st Correction Clinic. Any club member who wishes to judge at any of the future matches should contact Helen, either at training or via phone or e-mail.

Ginger Romano (Librarian) report was sent with

Carolyn Pearson. Ginger is in the process of assessing the damage to the books on the top shelf of our library cart. Somehow water got into the cart and destroyed just about all of the books on the top shelf. Any club member who might have still have a book from our collection or who might have a book that they would like to donate should see Ginger.

Suzan Scott (Statistician Chairperson) reminded the club members that the deadline for submitting awards applications is Friday, January 15th.

Joan Payne (Awards Dinner Chairperson) stated that the Awards committee has tried to include all club members. This year for the Annual Banquet, the "program" will be a little different. Not only will it include the accomplishments of the club member who have achieved official titles, it will also include the club members who submit the award form with the "Proud Dog" section completed. The reason that we are members of FVDTC is because of our dogs and our love for them. Joan stated that each one of us has a reason to be proud of our dogs, and would encourage everyone to share that reason. The program will be similar to the format of a high school yearbook, with pictures included. The submissions for the program may be made to Suzan Scott or to Peggy Sue Seehafer.

Linda Benson reported that the Annual Banquet will be at the Fisherman's Inn on Saturday, March 13th. All club members will receive a personal invitation to attend the festivities. She will contact Michelle Richter-Farrell for help with those invitations. They will be sent out sometime in February.

Taffy Wille reminded everyone to take a moment to nominate a fellow club member for the Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club award. It was decided to extend that deadline until January 31st. Because the board determines the recipient of the award, no one presently on the board is eligible to receive the award.

Heather King (Tracking Secretary) report was sent. The next tracking test is March 21st. There will be four TD tracks and four TDX tracks. Anyone interested in being a tracklayer should contact Heather King at (847) 426-2319.

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January Membership Meeting

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Taffy Wille as drawn by new club member, Cathy Barrett.

Old Business

none

Voting of 1999 Board Members

The slate of officers were read as published in the Waggin' Tales with the addition of Dave Lewis, who accepted the invitation to once again serve as the Waggin' Tales Editor after the slate was published. Nominations were opened to the floor. No nominations were made from the floor. Joan Payne made a motion accept the slate as published plus Dave Lewis for Waggin' Tales Editor. Bill Clarke seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposition or abstentions. The final outcome is printed in the Waggin' Tales.

Peggy Sue Seehafer, President, conducted the New Business portion of the meeting.

New Business

• Hosting a Sanctioned Agility Match

Helen Castellano made a motion that the FVDTC hold an AKC sanctioned Agility Match in 1999 followed by an AKC Agility trial to be held in the year 2000. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. Taffy Wille asked if there would be any conflict with the club's by-laws which states that we are an obedience club. The majority of the club members present felt it did not because agility did not exist when they were written. Ronnie Bizer stated that our club's name is "dog training club" not just an

obedience club. This concern was raised due to the recent revelation that Car-Dun-Al is being audited. Cheryl Lewis reminded the members that we would probably not be put in that position because we have only recently been showing a small profit for the year. We have in the past donated money to various organizations and can return to that practice at any time in the future. In February, Penny Legner stated that showing a small profit is acceptable even for our non-profit status due to the number of years that

we were losing money. After the discussion, the motion was approved by all club members present without any opposition or abstentions. Any one interested in helping should contact Helen Castellano.

• Web Page Information

During the December Board meeting, motion was made and approved by all board members to re-direct some of our advertising budget to set-up a club web-site.

Dave Lewis gave a brief presentation describing the different Internet providers and their costs. At the December meeting, the service described as "Basic Service" was chosen. After the

Web Options

Page Type Available

Static & Interactive

- Static - There are no fill-in-the-blank forms. There are no interactive pages.
- Interactive - There are fill-in-the-blank forms to allow an individual to "talk" to the web-site (i.e. sign-up for a class, request more information, request a premium list for the trial or tracking tests).

Number of E-Mail ID's Included

50 - Virtual e-mail's mean we have an address, but the mail gets forwarded somewhere else, like a club member's personal e-mail account.

Disk Space Available for Use

25 megabytes

Cost

Year 1 - \$249.40 (includes name registration - NO set-up fee charged)
 Year 2 - \$179.40
 Year 3 - \$214.40

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December meeting, Dave Lewis, found another Internet provider that offered service at a lower cost than the Basic Service approved at the

Additionally, there would be a place to have Waggin' Tales posted and could possibly have a place for "want ads" for club members. Rick Cox asked who would be designing and maintaining the web-site, Dave Lewis would be the "webmaster". Ronnie Bizer made a motion that the new Internet provider be utilized for the club's website. Trudi Kimm seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

• Julie Brandon Memorial Fund

Carolyn Pearson reported that in December, Sally Compton notified her that Julie Brandon had recently died. Julie was a long-time member, although not active in recent years. The Board recommended to the membership, that a memorial of \$50.00 be donated to the Anderson Animal Shelter in her memory. Trudi Kimm made a motion that the Board's recommendation be approved. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions. A collection will also be done during the next two training nights for any club member who wishes to contribute to the fund.

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

Got Something for *Waggin' Tales*

Rent This Space !!!

If you have something you'd like to see in the *Waggin' Tales*, send the complete text and/or pictures to:

David Lewis
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267
dclewis@inil.com

Please - No copyrighted material without permission

You can save the club some money, save a couple trees, and get your Waggin' Tales through e-mail. Contact David Lewis if you're interested.

From Kay Weber

Goodbye to a Friend

WhipperSnapper, C.D., Can. C.D., CGC, TDI
5/31/86 - 12/23/98

From Carolyn Pearson

1999 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
January	7	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #1 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class Membership Meeting
	13	Wednesday			
	14	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
28	Thursday	Regular Training			
February	3	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
25	Thursday	Regular Training			
March	3	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #1 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	13	Saturday			Annual Dinner
18	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #2 - B	Beginner Class	
21	Sunday			Tracking Test	
April	25	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #2 - P	Puppy Class
	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Tuesday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits tentative
	7	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	11	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
May	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	22	Thursday	Regular Training		
	29	Thursday	Regular Training		
	5	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
June	9	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #2 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	25	Tuesday	Correction Clinic		Beginner Class
	2	Wednesday		Start #3 - B	Board Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training	Puppy Class		
6	Sunday		Start #3 - P	Waggin' Tales Deadline	
10	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits	
17	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes		
24	Thursday	Regular Training			

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1999 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
July	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	11	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	15	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	TBD	Sunday		Annual Picnic	Membership Meeting
	22	Thursday	Regular Training		
August	29	Thursday	Regular Training		Dr. Sig Hansen Visits
	5	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation #3 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	8	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start #4 - P & B	Puppy & Beginner Class
	19	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
		Friday			Board Meeting/Dinner
September	26	Thursday	Regular Training		
	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		
	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	12	Sunday			Tracking Test
October	16	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Only Beginner Classes	
	23	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
	6	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
November	12	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #4 - P & B	
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #5 - B	Beginner Class
	28	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #5 - P	Puppy Class
	3	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
December	9	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	14	Sunday			Obedience Trial
	18	Thursday	Regular Training		
	23	Tuesday	Regular Training		NO Correction Clinic
	1	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		
December	5	Sunday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	16	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation #5 - P	NO Correction Clinic
					Puppy Class
	21	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #5 - B	Beginner Class
	30	Thursday	Christmas Party		

A Little of This & A Little of That

1999 Fitness Program

Your dog is not just a wonderful companion. Your canine friend is also a valuable fitness tool. You've seen those ads on TV promising amazing results from all sorts of contraptions. Well there's no need to invest in fancy equipment. If you have (or can borrow) a dog, you have everything you need.

Inner thighs:

Place the dog's favorite toy between thighs. Press tighter than the dog can pull. Do not attempt barelegged - dogs who favor shortcuts to success will just dig the toy out. You could be damaged.

Upper body strength:

Lift the dog - off the couch, off the bed. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. As the dog ages, the process is reversed - onto the couch, onto the bed and so on...

Balance and coordination:

Exercise 1. Remove your puppy from unsuitable tight places. If they're too small for him, they're certainly too small for you. Do it anyway. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

Exercise 2. Practice not falling when your dog bounds across the full length of the room, sails through the air and slams both paws into the back of your knees.

Upper arms:

Throw the ball.

Throw the squeaky toy.

Throw the Frisbee.

Repeat till nauseous.

Hand coordination:

Remove foreign object from locked jaw. This exercise is especially popular with puppy owners. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. Remember, this is a timed exercise. Movements must be quick and precise (think concert pianist) to prevent trips to the vet which only offer the minimal exercise benefit of jaw firming clenches.

Calves:

After the dog has worn out the rest of your body, hang a circular toy on your ankle and let the dog tug while you tug back. Warning: this is feasible only for those with strong bones and small dogs. Have you taken your calcium supplement today?

Calves - Alternate:

Run after the dog - pick any reason, there are plenty.

Dogs of any size can be used for this exercise.

Greyhounds are inadvisable.

Neck Muscles:

Attempt to outmaneuver the canine tongue headed for your ear, mouth or eyeball. This is a lifelong fitness program. A dog is never too old or feeble to lick the inside of your nostril when you least expect it.

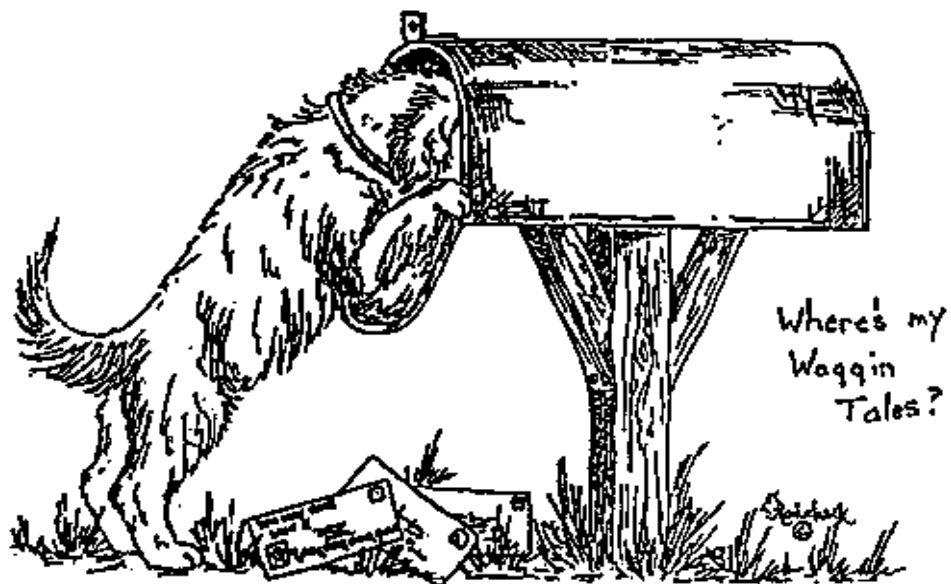
10 Commandments for Having/Loving a Dog

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me -- it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.

Remember, I love you.

Author Unknown

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 North Aurora, IL 60542



January / February Calendar

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	14	Thursday	Regular Training		7	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
	17	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline		11	Thursday	Regular Training
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