



Waggin' Tales

<http://www.fvdtc.org>

waggintales@fvdtc.org

Notes from All Over

Inside this issue:

Braggs	2
Correction Clinics	2
Front & Finish	3
E-Collars	4
Wellness Clinic	4
Paws with a Cause	5
Help Wanted	5
Membership Report	5
Boners	6
Annual Dinner	7
Board Meeting	8

Rosters

2001-2002 Club Rosters will be available for pickup at training on February 7 and 14.

Puppies!

We are in need of instructors for the 7:00 Puppy class. See Trudi Kimm or Carolyn Pearson

Books!

Shelby Marlo books are available. See Taffy Wille

Annual Dinner

Annual Dinner is March 30. RSVP to Alison Rubendall before March 10.

Front & Finish Pictures

Get your Front & Finish photo taken ASAP. See Jean Airey. (Details are on p. 3)

Special points of interest:

- Send in Your Boners! (see p. 6)
- Register for your Front & Finish Pictures (see p. 3)
- Help Wanted (see p. 5)

FVDTC Annual Dinner - March 30

The annual dinner is set for March 30, 2002. Do you have some creative ideas, thoughts, and/or suggestions that we could include in this year's program? If so, please send me an

email and we will incorporate it if we can.

Also, we are in need of an MC. If you have a secret desire to speak in front of a large group of people or

know someone who does, please don't hesitate to contact me.

— *Jacquie Kramer*
dinner@fvdtc.org
 (630) 365-1802

Braggs & Other Good Stuff

On-Line Brags

See three years of electronic brags on the club web site <<http://www.fvdtc.org/news>>. You can also add your dog's accomplishments to the list for all the world to see.

Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

David Lewis
Waggin' Tales
232 Mistwood Lane
North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 897-4267
waggintales@fvdtc.org

2002 Correction Clinics

January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 9
June 20
August 15
September 19
October 24
November 21

OTCH Emerald Isle Razzberi O'Tara NA UDX (Tina Mazza & Jim Comunale)

Many people in Fox Valley don't know Razy, but you may have seen her. We arrive early on training nights, a dark mahogany Shetland sheepdog who loves to heel so much she's usually snorting as she goes, and her five-foot-tall partner who heels as fast as she can.

Razy came to Illinois from California in fall of 2000. Showing against the #1 ranked border collie in the country, Razy only managed 17 points while finishing her UDX in Southern California, blowing many more points with "green-dog" antics, but she did get 2 first places. In the Midwest against the stiffest competition in the country, Razy's enthusiasm continued to be both a benefit and a handicap. A benefit because she's a lot of fun to show, even though she's sometimes singing Frank Sinatra's "Something Stupid" afterwards: "And then I go and spoil it all by doing something stupid like ____" Fill in the blank. But every day she teaches us something new about "training the excitable, high-strung dog."

Razy had a lot of fun showing in six states in 2001. She earned 4 Shetland sheepdog specialty HIT (three of them out of utility B) and a lot of smiles from people who saw her grinning like a maniac (showing all her teeth) and her superman stand signal: "fly in the air and land four-square." Razy is a 3rd generation OTCH. Her grandparents were the first Shetland sheepdog OTCH to OTCH breeding, done by Tina in California, a litter which produced two OTCH's: Razy's father, high-spirited (to put it mildly) with dozens of HIT and a 200, and his sister who earned an OTCH plus three agility championships (AKC, US-DAA and NADAC) and was on the first US World Team in agility.

Razy will continue to have a ball (show in trials) in 2002, but probably not in six states.

Correction Clinic

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club correction clinic will be held on Thursday, February 21. As of right now, there are still a few entries available in open and utility and several in novice.

Suzan Scott
(630) 898-5998
matchentries@fvdtc.org

Dallas and Sandi (Nadine Conner)

1/27/02 Manitowoc Kennel Club

Both dogs earned their UKC CD on the same weekend with both getting scores of over 190 in 2 legs.

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

- Bonnie Wilcox
'Old Dogs, Old Friends'



Front and Finish

Please complete the following information (PRINT PLAINLY) EXACTLY as you want it in the AD Send the information to: Jean Airey, 1306 W. Illinois Ave. Aurora, IL 60506-2604. Ad space must be **reserved no later than March 31 (i.e.: this form completed, including indication of any pictures, and sent to Jean). Picture(s) must be received no later than April 10.**

Your Name: _____

1st Dog's Registered Name & Titles (as you want titles listed)_____

Dog's Call Name, Breed and **this year's** honors:

2nd Dog's Registered Name & Titles (as you want titles listed)_____

Dog's Call Name, Breed and **this year's** honors:

3rd Dog's Registered Name & Titles (as you want titles listed)_____

Dog's Call Name, Breed and **this year's** honors:

Your Phone Number: _____

PICTURE?

If you want a picture, you must pay \$10 for each picture to **FVDTC**, sent to Cathy Fleury at 12N287 Muirhead Rd, Elgin, IL 60123. Payment must be received by April 15.

_____ picture(s) .Check here if you want a picture with the ad. Jean Airey will be at the club at the meetings in February and at least one meeting in April to take pictures. The April picture taking will be only for those who have reserved space by March 31. You may also send Jean a favorite picture of yours. The picture will be scanned and the original returned for pickup at the club. You may include a SASE if you want your picture mailed to you. If you want more than one picture (more than one dog), please indicate.



E-Collars

There has been much misunderstanding about E-collars or Radio Controlled Collars. I hope this article will help bring some light to the subject. The E-collar was originally developed for fieldwork, so corrections could be made remotely. The first collars were clunky, the level of stimulation was on the collar, so once the dog was working, it could not be changed. The technology of the collars has come a long way. It's like comparing a 1966 VW Beetle to a 2002 model. There are similarities on the surface, but the "guts" are light years apart.

Today's collars offer a wide variety of options. Many of the collars are adjustable from the controller, many have 30 to 60 levels of correction. There are those that offer a clicker tone, vibrations, audible tones, as well as corrections. Many offer a "nick" – a stimulation that lasts 1/400 of a second.

A dog must be conditioned to the E-collar, just as a dog must be conditioned to a clicker. You don't just put a collar on and hope for the best. It could conceivably take several training sessions to achieve true understanding of the collar for certain dogs.

The E-collar is a valuable tool that can be used in the training process, just as a pinch collar, halter, or metal choke collar is a tool. Not every trainer will use a pinch or a halter, but they are tools that are there to be utilized if needed. Each dog is so different and we all know that "one method trains all" is a myth. What works well for your current dog may be totally different than your next dog will require.

I have many articles about the use of the E-collar in varied situations, that I would be glad to share with any interested club member. We will have a E-Collar at the meeting for any one who would like to examine one. For those of you who are on the Internet, I would highly recommend checking out <<http://www.dobbsdogs.com>>, the website for Jim & Phyllis Dobbs. They developed Tri-Tronics collars before they went on their own & developed the Dogtra collars.

- Trudi Kimm
dot@fvdtc.org
(630) 673-0527

Wellness Clinic at Glenbard

The Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club will be holding their annual Wellness Clinic on Sunday, March 10 and Monday, March 11, with Dr. Patricia L. Meiser, DVM

Sunday, March 10

Arabian Nights Farm
6526 Clarendon Hills Rd
Willowbrook, IL

Monday, March 11

Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club Training Building
DuPage County Fairgrounds
Wheaton, IL

To make an appointment, call Pat at (630) 852-0968.

Leave a message; local calls will be returned

Note: FVDTC will be holding a wellness clinic, tentatively scheduled for March. Details will be will be made available as they are finalized.



E-Waggin' Tales

Save the club a few dollars, receive the Waggin' Tales before anybody else, and get your pictures in color by subscribing to the electronic version of the Waggin' Tales. Send an eMail to waggintales@fvdtc.org



Paws With a Cause

Editor's Note: Lane Phalen recently contacted the Board with this request:

1.) I'm on the Board of Directors of Paws With a Cause and we are actively looking for independent contractors to become field representatives. The trainer would work with the dog and disabled person to make them a working team. Would any trainers in your club be interested? The person sets their own hours. Please see the Paws website at

<<http://www.pawswithacause.org>> or call headquarters in Grand Rapids, MI at (800) 253-PAWS to request more information. You may have known Joan Payne, our former fantastic field rep. We miss her dearly.

2.) My sister's German Shepherd was tragically killed last month and she and her family want to find a breeder of G. Sheps that do not have the "sloped back." They hope to get a puppy in the spring. Anyone have any leads to help? I really appreciate your time

and concern. If anyone wants to speak with me, please call during the day at (630) 365-0069. I'm right here in Elburn! Thanks, Lane

— Lane Phalen
IrishLane@aol.com
(630) 365-0069

Help Wanted

We have an immediate need for several positions to be filled. If you would like more information, or if you can help with any of these, please contact Carolyn Pearson or Trudi Kimm

- Membership Chair
- Public Education Liaison
- Annual Dinner Committee Members
- Front Table Person
- Primary Instructors
 - Beginners
 - Puppy
 - Conformation

- Assistant Instructors
 - Beginners
- Match Stewards

—Carolyn Pearson
(630/231-5658
secretary@fvdtc.org)

—Trudi Kimm
(630/673-0527
dot@fvdtc.org)



Membership Report

Alison Burnidge
2931 Brisbane Drive
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 669-0579
aburnidge@hotmail.com
Belgian Tervuren
Guest trained 5 times

Kevin Kelley
4N373 Ferber Cove
St Charles, IL 60175
(630) 584-1021
kkelley@voyager.net
Standard Schnauzer
Completed Beginner class

Barbara Woodworth
1829 Allen Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
(630) 232-3853
woodworth@core.com
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Completed Beginner class




Do you know something silly or embarrassing that would make one of your friends eligible to win a boner award? If so, send your nomination via email to dinner@fvdtc.org or drop in box.

Nominee: _____

Reason: _____



Date: March 30, 2002


Time: 6:00 PM


FVDIC

Annual Dinner 

Fishermen's Inn
Route 47 & Main Street
Elburn, IL
\$21.50 / person 

Socialize!

Meet other members!

Share in wins!

Laugh with the Boner Recipients!

Door Prizes!

RSVP: No later than 3/10/02

*Contact: Allison Rubendall
1101 Thoroughbred Circle
St. Charles, IL 60174*

(630) 513-0036





Board Meeting Highlights

Board Meeting Highlights February 6, 2002

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). December 2001 Meeting Minutes approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Trudi Kimm (Director of Training) reported that she investigated the possibility of having a Wellness Clinic with Dr. Patricia Meiser, DVM. Dr. Meiser agreed to do the wellness clinic. Trudi reported that based on information received from the Glenbard Wellness Clinic announcement, there has been a significant increase in the prices. The possibility of FVDTC hosting a clinic on either March 21st, a match night, or March 28th, a regular training night was discussed. Trudi will check with Dr. Meiser to determine if the fees for the Glenbard Wellness Clinic are the fees that she charges. If there is a difference between what she charges the club and what the club charges, Trudi suggested that we charge Dr. Meiser's fee and pass the saving on to club members. Appointments are required and will be scheduled by Trudi Kimm and will only be available to current students and club members.

Trudi will not be at training on Thursday, February 28th.

Trudi also reported that she would like to investigate the possibility of hosting a seminar in 2003. She is considering Suzanne Clothier, who is known for her natural jumping training, or Jim and Phyllis Dobbs for radio controlled collar seminar. Trudi has no other information regarding the fees charged by these individuals or places to host the event, etc. Any-

one with other ideas for seminar themes or hosts should contact Trudi.

Trudi stated that we currently have all Primary Instructors for the Beginners classes for Session 2, which begins on March 14th. We are currently in need of instructors for the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class, Trudi will contact Vicky Hagens and Paul Grosso. Anyone interested in assisting in a Beginner's class or teaching the Puppy class is asked to contact Trudi at 630-673-0527, at training, or via e-mail at dot@fvdtc.org, or contact Carolyn Pearson at 630-231-5658, at training, or via e-mail at secretary@fvdtc.org.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she has submitted the Judges Panel and Event Application to the AKC. All of the judges have returned their signed contracts.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is Sunday, February 10th. He is still investigating the possibility of moving our website to new Internet Service Provider (ISP). He hopes to reduce costs and/or increase functionality of the website with a new ISP.

Kathy Hubbard (former Membership Chairperson) attended the Board Meeting to distribute the new rosters. She reported that the remaining rosters will be available to pick-up at training on February 7th and 14th. After February 14th, she will mail the rosters not picked-up. All of the rosters will be labeled – please pick-up YOUR roster.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Secretary) sent the following report with Carolyn. She is currently looking for a suitable new location for the Sep-

tember Tracking Test. Recent negative reports on Burnidge and Wichman Forest Preserve prompted this search. Carolyn Pearson will follow-up the week of February 11th with the McHenry County Conservation Department about a possible location called Glacial Park. This location has been recommended by an AKC Tracking judge.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) distributed information she located on the website for Suffolk County SPCA regarding the need for continued donations. Although the consensus at the January Membership Meeting was to search for a local organization, she felt that the Suffolk County SPCA was still worth looking into. Peggy Sue stated that she did not have any luck locating an Illinois based Search and Rescue (SAR) organization. Tracey reported that she just recently read about a Wisconsin/Illinois SAR organization. Tracey will locate the information and pass it on to Peggy Sue for further investigation. Carolyn Pearson will check with Cathy Fleury regarding an amount of money that we have available for a donation.

Peggy Sue also reported that she has not heard from Dan Hristuk regarding assistance in filing for a tax status of 501-c(3).

Old Business

- Taffy reported that she has sold six of the twenty-five Shelby Marlo books recently ordered and received.
- Carolyn Pearson reported that she has not yet contacted the individuals who originally offered the

(Continued on page 9)



Board Meeting Highlights

(Continued from page 8)

two trophies, which are “full”.

New Business

- **Front and Finish Ad** – Jean Airey wanted to know whether the club wished to continue this tradition. Jean Airey reported that Front and Finish has changed the format from a “Chicago Tribune format and size” to a magazine format and size. We can still request two pages, side-by-side, although there is no guarantee the ad it will be in the center of the magazine. The total size is smaller than before, it was 16" by 21" and is now 14" by 19-1/2", but the cost is \$275, compared to \$600 (approximately) for last year's ad.

The Board agreed that we should continue to include brief announcements about our Website and our November Trial. However the rest of the ad layout would be at Jean's discretion – she will be able to determine the size of the photos and font that looks the best with the size limitations and the number of photos and information submitted by club members. Jean will be available at training most nights in February. Anyone wanting to be listed with or without a photo, should contact Jean no later than March 31st to reserve the space.

Taffy stated that as of March 5th, Jean will be out of town. Anyone wishing to have a photo done by Jean for an award MUST be scheduled before then. However, there is still no guarantee that the photo will be complete in time to

distribute at the Annual Dinner.

- **Radio Controlled (RC) Electronic Collar Issue** to address at the March Membership Meeting. Trudi reported that she has been asked by several club members to re-address the current club policy on the use of the RC-Collar. After a lengthy discussion, the Board members still felt there were too many unanswered questions that needed to be addressed.

Although the questions shown below must be addressed, there was consensus among the Board members that *IF* RC-Collars are permitted on the training grounds, the following items would be included in the policy.

- An individual instructor can disallow collars in his or her class.
- The individual must be appropriately trained in the use of the RC-collar.
- Certification or pre-registry of the individual using the RC-collar is necessary
- Monitoring or supervision of the RC-collar's use is necessary

Although there are a number of questions provided below, all club members are invited to provide ANY additional questions that should be answered prior to considering any modifications to the current RC-collar policy.

- Who would be responsible for monitoring the use of the RC-collar?
- If the individual responsible for monitoring the use of the RC-collar, no longer wishes

to monitor its use, then would the policy change or another person be responsible?

- What if no individual wishes to monitor the use of the RC-collar – how is the policy impacted?
- What would the consequences be for the misuse of the collar?
- Is it possible to SAFELY use multiple collars in the same building, or will the frequencies interfere with other RC-collar?
- What rings (or classes) would it be allowed for use?
- Who would “certify” an individual as appropriately trained in the use of the RC-collar?
- Who would be allowed to use the collar – club-members only, or guest trainers?
- Who will be responsible for addressing any complaints received?
- How will the person responsible for addressing complaints ensure that all needs are met and each party is satisfied?

Please note that at this time the Board has not changed its official position on the issue. But at the request of several members, the Board will re-address the current policy to verify that the needs of the club members and the general community trainers are met.

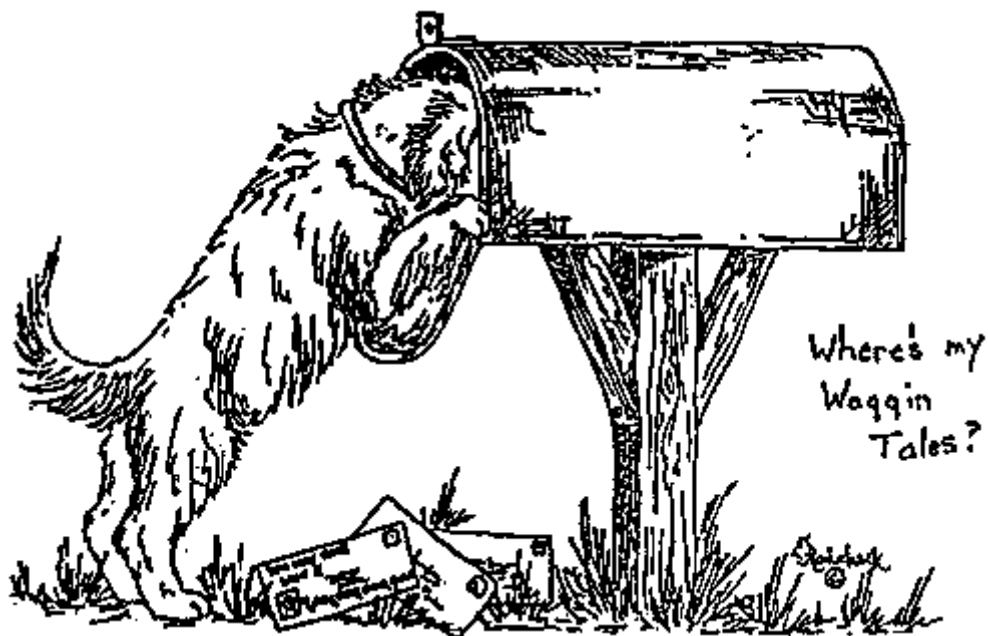
A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

— Carolyn Pearson
secretary@fvdtc.org
(630) 231-5658



**FOX VALLEY DOG
TRAINING CLUB**

David Lewis
232 Mistwood Ln
North Aurora, Illinois 60542
<http://www.fvdtc.org/>



February

6	Wednesday	Board Meeting
7	Thursday	Regular Training
10	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
14	Thursday	Regular Training
21	Thursday	Correction Clinic Beginner Classes
28	Thursday	Regular Training

March

5	Tuesday	Regular Training
10	Sunday	Annual Dinner RSVP Due
13	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
14	Thursday	Regular Training
17	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
21	Thursday	Correction Clinic No Beginner Class
28	Thursday	Regular Training
30	Saturday	Annual Dinner