



# Waggin' Tales

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## Thanks to FVDTC

Upon hearing my name announced as recipient of the Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award, it took my brain some time to process the reality. In fact if Rick Cox had not been looking directly at me, I would not have believed my ears. Knowing how much time so many members year after year invest in the "behind the scenes" efforts to administer the club; the agility, obedience, and tracking events; and the training opportunities, being a candidate did not even enter my mind. Thus, my reaction was total surprise! In fact it took quite a while for the reality of the recognition to register.

It is with deep appreciation and honor that the award was accepted. Reflecting, there isn't a place or another manner in which I would most choose to be recognized and remembered by the dog world. I am flattered and honored to have my name among others who donated so much of themselves so that the dog world represented by well-mannered, responsive canines and so that so many of us can enjoy developing our dogs in our chosen dogsports.

Thank you so much for recognizing my efforts. It is especially touching to be recognized for doing that which you enjoy so much and by so many whom you admire so much. I am looking forward to continuing and expanding my involvement with the club which has been such a big part of my life for so many years and which has always held a special place in my heart.

*Cindy Pakenas*

*Editor's Note: Cindy gave this to me for inclusion in the April "Waggin' Tales", but it was inadvertently left out. My apologies to Cindy for this oversight.*

## Membership Renewals are Due!

Membership renewal forms, available on page 5 of this month's *Waggin' Tales* and on the club web site at <http://www.fvdtc.org> are due by June 30. The Board is asking that all members, even if you do not owe any dues, return the form so that the club roster can be updated to accurately reflect your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

**A well-trained dog  
is a happy dog**

## Braggs & Other Good Stuff

### From Will Short:

April 11, 2003, CH Foxvue's Blacksnow Phantom Bear UD AX OAP AXJ OAJP WC CGC earned his Canadian Utility Title at the Kent Kennel Klub Shows in Chatham, Ontario. He was 10 years old on February 14, and this is his 19th title.

### From Penny Breich

"Gracie" (Sheltie) U-CD, U-AG1 Acadia Another Story, CD, NA, PT, JHD, CGC, TDI Winners Bitch and BEST OF BREED!! Over a Special - Clinton, IA Kennel Club Guess who

handled her to this win - ME!! I got to go to the Group Ring, can you believe it! This brings her to 3 points.

"Hannah" (Sheltie) Linden After Midnight, HT Finished her HT (Herding Test) with great style at the Sheltie National show in Lansing, MI. The same day her sire CH Linden Danbie the Blacksmith, HX, NA finished his Herding Championship, making him the first dual champion of the breed.

### Put Your News in the WT

Submit your articles to:

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## Membership Report

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Hampshire, IL 60140  
847-683-9445  
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tonidamsch@lightfirst.com  
Completed Beginner Obedience

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Naperville IL 60540  
(630) 961-9154  
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Keeshond  
Complete Beginner's class

Cindy Masa  
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Elburn IL 60119  
(630) 365-9897  
Golden Retriever  
Completed Beginner's class

New e-mail:  
Brad & Dee Griffin  
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### 2003 Correction Clinics

January 23  
February 20  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15  
June 19  
August 11  
September 18  
October 23  
November 20

## Correction Clinic Info

The next Fox Valley Dog Training Club Correction Clinic will be held on Thursday, May 15. There are still a few spots in Novice. Open and Utility are filled and have waiting lists. If you're entered and know you can't make it, please let me know by Wednesday. I'd be happy to move your entry to a different month.

Northwest Obedience Club, located in Algonquin, will stop its correction clinic immediately, until further notice. They will be moving to Cary, Illinois in July, and will resume the correctional fun matches shortly after that.

## Membership Meeting Highlights

### Membership Meeting Highlights May 7, 2003

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m. The meeting began with a program on Paws with a Cause by club member and local organizational representative, Cindy Pakenas.

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

Carolyn Pearson (Acting Director of Training) addressed some recent complaints about the lack of training ring space between

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## 2003 Obedience Trial Trophy Sponsorship

I am the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial in November. The Committee members and I would like to offer each of you the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of your choice. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$35.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. You may complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail to me or you may contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Last year a significant number of you decided to provide your own trophy. Several members decided that a cash trophy was preferred. Also, the Committee is perfectly willing to purchase a trophy with your cash donation. We are working again this year with Peggy Sue who has a number of beautiful items available for us. It is up to each club member to support our trial in the way that they feel is appropriate. We appreciate the continued support of our trial by our life-time and non-training members.

If you are providing your own trophy, a description will be needed no later than **JULY 1ST** and we would need to receive the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, please mail the donation to me or give it to one of the Committee members no later than **JUNE 1ST**. Thank you. Helen Castellano, Cheryl Lewis, Cindy Pakenas, and Peggy Sue Seehafer.

**Helen Castellano  
Trial Trophy Chairperson  
35W075 Chillem Drive  
Batavia, IL 60510  
(630) 761-0411**

**Name:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Trophy You Wish to Sponsor (Please Describe):**

**Please Choose One of the Following:**

**A. You will provide trophy**

**B. Cash to purchase Trophy**

**C. Cash as trophy**

**\$**

**\$**



## Membership Meeting Highlights

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6:00 and 7:00 p.m. due to the 4-H program currently in session. First she reminded the club members that we are bound by our by-laws to “provide training to other community organizations, such as 4-H,” etc. Additionally, we have an agreement with the Extension Center to use the meeting room (rent-free) in exchange for providing the instructors and space/equipment for the 4-H dog-training program.

In an effort to provide for club members and 4-H students needs, the following guidelines regarding the amount of ring-space used for the classes. Since the number of students fluctuates from week-to-week, all of the 4-H instructors have agreed to use the following “rule of thumb” for determining how many rings should be used.

- IF there are less than 15 students in the class that night – only one ring should be used.
- IF there are 16 or more students in the class - two rings may be used.

This applies to the beginner's beginners AND the advanced beginners 4-H classes. For example, if the beginner's beginners class has 12 dogs and the advanced beginners class has 20 dogs - the advanced beginners class can spread out to 2 rings and the beginner's beginners class should only use one ring. OR, if the beginner's beginners class has 18 dogs and the advanced beginners class has 14 dogs - the beginner's beginners class gets the 2 rings and the advanced beginners class gets only 1 ring.

Carolyn also reported that there are two confirmed Beginner's class instructors for session #3, which begins on May 29<sup>th</sup>. A primary instructor for the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class and assistant instructors are still needed. Vera Nyberg is the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class primary instructor – there will not be an 8:00 p.m. puppy class this session.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she is still waiting for approval for the trial. AKC stated that they do not have the current list of officers, showing Peggy Sue as President. However, the list that they are requested was submitted in January after the elections. The Judges Panel has been approved. Taffy also reported that she has not received any entries yet. The rental contract was received from the fairgrounds.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, May 11.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) sent the following report via e-mail: The 990-EZ tax form, due May 15<sup>th</sup>, was mailed. Peggy Sue also asked that if anyone has completed or assisted in the completion of the paperwork for a 501(c)(3) tax status, to please contact Peggy Sue.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read the three applications that were published in the last Waggin' Tales, none of the new applicants were present at the meeting. Francene Andresen made a motion to accept the list as read. Sandi Stephenson seconded the motion. The list was approved by all, without any opposed or abstentions.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the WOOF line was updated for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Correction Clinic. She is sending an editorial to the newspapers, for the Dog Bite Prevention Week. She also has requested CGC materials from AKC for the test planned for September.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that she still needs stewards for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Correction Clinic.

Nancianne Jensen (Match Judges Chairperson). Nancianne Jensen introduced herself as the new “judge-liner-upper” She reported that she currently only has a confirmed Novice and an Open Judge for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Correction Clinic. Nanci asked for an up-to-date e-mail list, to contact the members to ask for judging volunteers. When she received the job from Shirley Moline, there was only a list of 10 out of 260 members who are on the judge list. Nanci stated that she though the number was way too low and was wondering why.

Suzan Scott sent the following report: There a still a few spots in Novice. Open and Utility are filled with a waiting list.

Jean Airey (Publicity) was in attendance. However, it was reported that our Front and Finish ad was submitted.

Linda Gustafson (Sunshine) was not in attendance, no report was sent. However Peggy Sue asked that members keep Linda informed of events warranting cards or flowers. The current Sunshine policy is as follows.

In the event of a death,

- of any immediate family member of a club member, flowers shall be sent to club member or to their immediate family.
- of any other family members, a card will be sent.

For any other type of occasion, for example a birth, an illness or surgery, of the death of a club member's dog, a card will be sent. Peggy Sue reported Linda now has a supply of blank note cards and stamps to send to those club members. Linda has a new phone number and can be contacted at 630-232-4991. Please provide Linda with the name and address of the person receiving the card or flowers.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Kathy Hubbard, as drawn by club member and new “correction clinic judge-liner-upper”, Nanci

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# FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS JUNE 1, 2003  
DUES FOR THE 2003-2004 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE DUE BY **JUNE 30, 2003**

Your name will be omitted from the 2003-2004 roster, and your last issue of Waggin' Tales will be the July issue unless your check and this completed form are received by 7-8-03

**Please take a moment to complete this 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.

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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 "Via e-mail" 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     Via e-mail                       Don't want to get it at all

Would you like to volunteer for the Grievance Committee?

Yes                               No

FVDTTC continues to believe 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 CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TYPE**

**REGULAR TRAINING: \$90.00\*\***

**REGULAR NON-TRAINING: \$45.00**

**LIFETIME OR BOARD TRAINING: \$45.00\*\***

**LIFETIME OR BOARD NON-TRAINING: FREE**

INSTRUCTORS: Earn 1/4 Credit Towards Dues Per Quarter Or Class Taught (Max 4)  
Your Teaching Status Must Be Confirmed By The Director Of Training

\*\*If you are planning to apply for an award at next year's banquet, be sure that you select a Training membership.

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

*\*In accordance with our By-laws, a \$5.00 re-instatement fee will be charged for dues not received by 7-8-03*

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

(630) 293-5741

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membership@fvdtc.org



## Membership Meeting Highlights

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Jensen.

### Old Business

- Peggy Sue provided us with the following update for the proposed club owned building investigation. She had visited the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club building in Ixonia, Wisconsin. The kennel club built their own 60' x 124' building. Those club members have offered to assist us as we continue our own investigation and pursuit of a club owned training building. Their building includes a "non-kitchen" area, which has a refrigerator and a clean-up area. They use portable electric cooking containers to prepare hot foods because they do not have a stove or oven.

Peggy Sue stated that during the discussion at a special Board meeting held last week, the Board felt that this is a good time to work with the Kane County Board to determine whether we could be involved in building on a portion of the 40 acres of county property. Currently the property for a county owned animal control facility has not received final approval from the Kane County Executive Committee. However, the Safety Committee is sending their recommendation of Keslinger and Peck Roads property to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> to accept or reject the recommendation to use this property. In addition to the Animal Control facility, it is also reported that a portion of the property may be used by Geneva for a water treatment plant in exchange for city water and sewer to the property. Kathy Hubbard stated that based on her work with DeKalb county, city water and sewer is an important aspect of the facility for cleanliness and sanitation.

Peggy Sue asked the any club member willing to participate in the building committee to contact Barb Misch 630-761-0823, at training, or via e-mail at [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org). Barb reported that currently Francene Andersen, Peggy Sue Seehafer are also building committee members. Peggy Sue also asked members to keep the club in mind regarding the donations of any type of kitchen equipment if they are remodeling in the future. Trudi Kimm also asked that members watch for showcases for displaying/selling items in our new building.

- Peggy Sue also announced that as a result of the discussions at the March Membership meeting and an e-mail communication received. that the board could not fairly police themselves, the Board is forming a new committee. This new committee would act as a fact-finding team for any type of situation deemed as a violation of the "play nice rule". The new committee will consist of one Board member and two club members. The committee would

meet if/when a need arises, on a per incident basis. The Board member would be the Director at Large, to provide a consistent contact person. Peggy Sue stated that as the former President, the Director at Large would be knowledgeable of current issues and club members. Peggy Sue stated that it was thought that the two club members would be selected from a list of volunteers, in a random drawing.

During the discussion of the committee's formation, the primary concern was how to create the list of names from which to draw. Nanci Jensen suggested that all club members should be put in the pool of names. However, others suggested that we limit the pool to local Training members, as it would be difficult for out-of-state club members to actively participate in the investigation phase. Taffy Wille suggested that we first see how many volunteers we receive from the general membership to determine if it is a problem getting a large enough pool from which to choose committee members. Marietta Huber thought that all club members would want to volunteer for this committee.

Will Short stated that he thought that the Board member for the committee would also be a rotating position, not solely the Directory at Large. Barb Misch confirmed that that was the method discussed at the Board meeting. The Director at Large would be the sole contact person, however the Board member on the committee would be drawn as the other committee members are drawn.

In the event that there would be a conflict of interest with a club or Board member selected to form the committee, another name would be drawn, to keep the investigation objective and fair. Trudi Kimm stated that she has seen computer programs set up to perform a random draw from a list of names provided to the program.

A checkbox will be added to the Membership Renewal form to solicit names of volunteers for the committee.

Following a brief discussion of what to call this new committee, Sandi Stephenson made a motion to call the committee the Grievance Committee, Trudi Kimm seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, without any opposed or abstentions.

Will Short made a motion to create a new committee to investigate situations in the club. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present, without any opposed or abstentions.

- As published in the Waggin' Tales, the approval of a Club Value Statement was discussed. A copy of the statement as published and a modified version of the statement was distributed to all club members present at the meeting, to

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## Membership Meeting Highlights

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read prior to the discussion. Peggy Sue explained that in light of the formation of the Grievance Committee, it was felt that the wording of the Value Statement could be modified and still reflect the wishes of the members present at the March Membership meeting to provide a way of protecting our club members. The following is the wording as distributed.

### Exhibit A

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 uphold the Club's commitment to good sportsmanship, community support, and the welfare of the dogs with which we work. I will refuse to malign others by making libelous, slanderous, or malicious criticism regarding other persons, their dogs, or their training methods. 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. If I fail to abide by these values, I understand that my actions will have consequences, perhaps as severe as termination of my membership, as stated in our By-laws, item 4.2.2.

### Exhibit B

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.

Kathy Hubbard made a motion to accept Exhibit A as presented. There was no second to the motion, therefore the motion was not discussed or continued. Will Short made a motion to use Exhibit B, the motion was seconded by Tom Stephenson. During the discussion, Will explained why was the changes to the Value Statement were made and presented to the membership. The motion was ap-

proved by 26 members, without any opposed or any abstentions. The wording from the "exhibit B" Value Statement will be added to the Membership Application and the Membership Renewal Application.

### New Business

- Bill Clarke stated that during his quest for catalog ads, he discovered that the Mid America Bank offers fundraising program. The exact details were not available prior to the meeting. However, the program was described as an organization receiving a percentage of money kept in the bank by the club and/or club members. Some of the questions that arose during the discussion were the following:
  - Was the organization required to have an account at the bank?
  - Did the organization have to have a specific tax status?
  - Is Mid America Bank the only bank with such a program?
 Francene suggested that since we just switched banks, perhaps Amy Ford can find out whether our new bank has a similar type of program.
- Bill Clarke also provided the following news story as published in the Aurora Beacon. "The Fox Valley Animal Welfare League is seeking donations for a "Pet Days" fund-raiser to be held Sunday, May 10 (sic), coinciding with "Be Kind to Animals Week." This fundraiser replaces the annual Candy Days. The Fox Valley Animal Welfare league is a nonprofit, self-funded group that receives no financial assistance from the government or local municipalities. Donations may be to the league at 600 S. River St, Aurora, IL 60506. Call (630) 892-9445. Funds will go to the league's educational program, the spay / neuter program and veterinary services at Aurora Animal Control." Bill stated that we should keep this organization's information in the event that the club is seeking to make any future financial donations.
- Trudi Kimm and Carolyn Pearson announced that they are in the process of organizing a Health Clinic for 2004. There will be two done next year – one in March and one in April. The dates will be confirmed and announced as soon as the training calendar is confirmed with the Fairgrounds. It was also suggested that perhaps we use the Health Clinic as fund-raiser, by charging non-club-members a slightly higher fee. Trudi stated that typically we have chosen to host the clinic as a community service. Details will be announced as they become known.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.



## Correction Clinic Judges Needed

As the newly appointed Match Judge Chairman, Nancianne Jenson is having difficulty finding judges for our monthly matches. We have over 260 members in our club and she has a list of only about 10 willing possible judges. You may incorrectly believe that there are stiff requirements for being a judge. Here's some enlightening facts:

Did you know that.....

- The only requirement to be a judge is that you know how to call the exercises?
- Judges get PAID \$15.00 for their services?
- One point is earned per match judged?
- If you volunteer to judge, you gain helpful insight on training/showing techniques?

Last month, due to a lack of volunteers, Nancianne was forced to fill in as judge in the Open A ring for the first time. She says she was uncomfortable going into it, but found the competitors were just interested in having a strange person give them an informal run-through. If you have ever been in the ring, or watched a show, and know the exercises, you can be a judge. You do NOT need to have put any titles on your dogs. This is really a fun experience and if you are showing a dog, could also be helpful by learning new training techniques and getting a new 'judges perspective.' So take a chance, think out-of-the-box, and give Nancianne a call! She is now taking volunteers for the June match, hurry and call to get your spot before they are all taken! ;-)



## AKC Rules Changes

*Excerpted from the AKC web site at <<http://www.akc.org/>>*

The American Kennel Club's Obedience Advisory Board met on April 26 and 27 to discuss a set of 1344 received from obedience exhibitors. The Board made a set of recommendations, in general language, for changes to the Obedience Regulations and Guidelines for Judges. Specific language for rules changes will be developed by the Obedience Department staff, with no changes being finalized until they are approved by the AKC Board of Directors.



Among the changes:

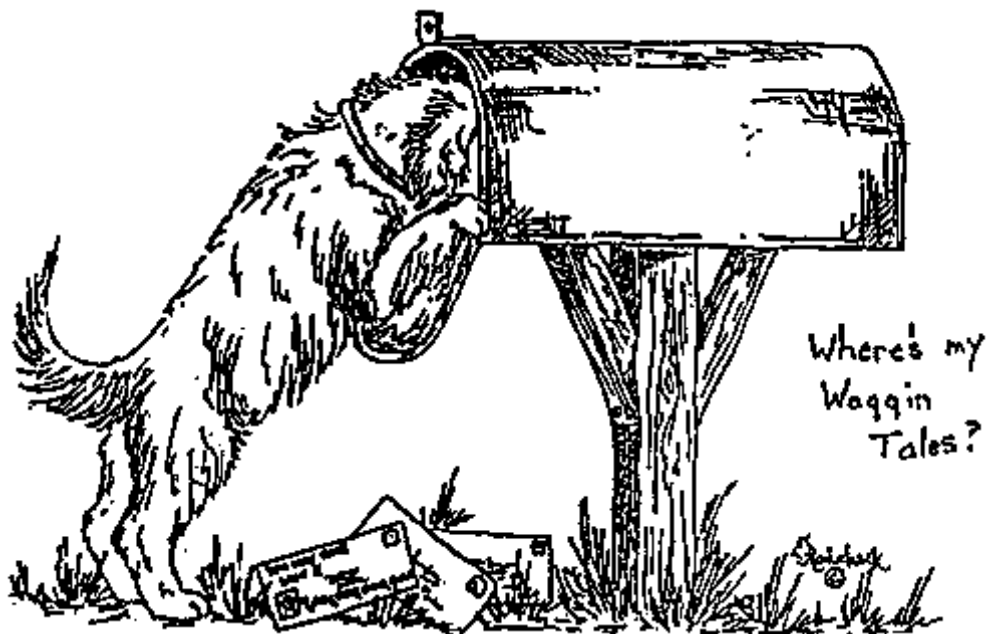
- Within certain time restrictions, clubs may hold two trials in one day.
- No dog can be shown under a judge if that dog has been owned, sold, held under lease or handled in the ring, boarded, or has been regularly trained or instructed, within one year prior to the date of the obedience trial, by the judge or any person residing in the same household as the judge.
- The date of the trial may appear on the front or the back of an obedience ribbon.
- The judging program will be based on the judging schedule of 8 Novice entries, 7 Open entries or 6 Utility entries per hour.
- The Pre-Novice class shall be for dogs that have not received a third qualifying score in a Novice Class prior to the closing of the trial. Dogs will be scored "pass" or "fail." All exercises, except the recall, will be performed on a 6-foot leash. The exercises shall be: Heel on Leash, Sit for Examination, Recall, Long Sit (1 minute), Long Down (1 minute)

The complete list of recommendations is available at the AKC web site <<http://www.akc.org/>>, and comments are welcome. Send your comments to the AKC via email at [obadv@akc.org](mailto:obadv@akc.org) before July 1, 2003.



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**May**

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| 1  | Thursday       | Regular Training       |
| 7  | Wednesday      | Membership Meeting     |
| 8  | Thursday       | Regular Training       |
| 11 | Sunday         | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 15 | Thursday       | Correction Clinic      |
| 20 | <b>Tuesday</b> | Regular Training       |
| 29 | Thursday       | Regular Training       |
|    |                | Start Session 3        |

**June**

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|----|-----------|------------------------|
| 4  | Wednesday | Board Meeting          |
| 5  | Thursday  | Regular Training       |
| 8  | Sunday    | Waggin' Tales Deadline |
| 12 | Thursday  | Regular Training       |
| 19 | Thursday  | Correction Clinic      |
| 26 | Thursday  | Regular Training       |