

Waggin' Tales

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
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From D.O.T.

Special points of interest:

- *Wellness Clinic in April*
- *New Ring Layout for Upcoming New Session*

Thanks to all the instructors who turned out for the February instructors' meeting. Carolyn Pearson graciously hosted the meeting at her lovely home. The comfort & warmth of a residence was much appreciated. Thanks, Carolyn. Highlights from the Diane Bauman seminar were shared as well as one of her videos which the club has purchased. The videos may be checked out from the club library & are excellent guides to teaching the formal retrieve, directed retrieve, & the scent discrimination exercise.

Another seminar has been recently added to the continually growing list in the Chicago area. Louise Meredith will be presenting "Back to the FUN-damentals" on July 23-24, 2005, at Northwest Obedience Club in Cary. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jim Comunale at 630-365-3418 or comunale@mc.net or Lori Waters at BaysideK9@aol.com.

Thanks for your able services in staffing the front table during the month of February, Colleen. Front table help is needed for the month of March. It is excellent way to get to know people as well as learn some things about the club. Your help for even an hour would be very much appreciated.

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It has come to my attention that objections have been raised to the 6 p.m. beginners' class which begins its trial run 3/24/05. Please be assured that your concerns are being taken seriously & will be addressed. Balancing the needs of the public, members who aren't interested in titling their dogs, & members who train & title dogs as well as attracting new people to the world of AKC dog sports is difficult, & its balance continually needs to be assessed.

Cindy Pakenas
Director of Training

Membership Meeting Highlights

March 2, 2005

Meeting brought to order at 7:39 p.m.

Dave introduced the Question and Answer Session program for the meeting. Dave asked our Statistician, Jan Schomer, to explain the work credits system. Jan explained that awards are given by the club to the club members who earn titles and meet the requirement of earning ten work credits during the calendar year. In addition to earning work credits at various club activities, a club member can earn one work credit, to a maximum of three credits, for each membership meeting attended.

Starting in 2005, the December Membership meeting, held during the Christmas party, will not count towards the available membership meetings. Dave stated that we would consider whether that membership meeting might be cancelled, because it is usually only a three-minute meeting. Jan stated that she keeps personal track of anyone who works at the correction clinics, which includes any work reported to her by committee chairs or the individual club members. Jan also explained that all e-mail messages submitted by club members regarding work credits are kept by her. It was also stated that the Director of Training should provide the names of the instructors to the Statistician. Jan also stated that even if a club member has not earned enough work credits, he or she can still purchase the award.

Nadine Conner asked whether it was true that correction clinic judges receive cash and work credits. Taffy stated that in the past, in order to ease the difficulty of obtaining judges, that we offer the judges a \$20.00 stipend and the work credits. Taffy also stated that in the past, many of the correction clinic judges would return the stipend back to the club.

Dave Lewis stated that the club's by-laws will be available shortly on the club's website, in response to Terri Byerly's question. (Secretary's note: The by-laws are now available on the club web site under "Members")

Shasta Newton stated that she loves the newsletter, however asked whether the Waggin' Tales could start to include information about the job descriptions. She would like to volunteer, but was uncertain what was needed and what the different jobs entailed. Carolyn stated that anyone seeking to volunteer could ask any instructor, any board member, use the "Contact us"

webpage, or use the website VIP page.

Sandy Davis reminded club members that all address, phone number and e-mail address updates should go to Sue MacPherson at membership@fvdtc.org. Once Sue updates the membership database, she communicates that information to Sandy.

Shasta also asked about the club's library. Librarian, Georgia Schwender, stated that the large metal rolling cabinet contains all of the club's books. The cabinet is kept locked, but the key is available from the person sitting at the information table.

Judy Anderson asked why the club started a 6:00 p.m. Beginner's class. She stated that it is difficult to get solo ring space when fine-tuning the dog's training. She stated that we need to offer existing club members the space that they need for their training needs. Dave stated that the 6:00 p.m. Beginner's class will be offered on a trial basis for two sessions, starting dates are March 24th and June 2nd. Dave asked that any club members with comments regarding the addition of the 6:00 p.m. class to send those comments directly to him, so they can be addressed at the April 6th Board Meeting. Nadine stated that she and the other 4-H Instructors have reduced their ring space requirements from three rings down to two rings. Additionally, Taffy stated the offering of the 6:00 p.m. class occurred because someone had volunteered to teach at that time.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The January Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) stated that the completion of the application forms for the 501(c)3 tax status has begun. There is a \$500.00 application fee that must be submitted with the forms. Amy was told by a lawyer that our chances of being approved for the 501(c)3 tax status is probably slim, but it still may be worth the attempt. According to the information that Amy discovered, the IRS has the following ruling from 1971, Rev Rul 71-421. A "Social club: Dog Club: Reclassification to religious, charitable, etc. organization - A dog club, exempt under section 501 (c)(7) of the Code, formed to promote the ownership and training of purebred dogs and conducting obedience training classes, may NOT be reclassified as an educational organization exempt under section 501(c)3."

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CLUB NEWS

FOX VALLEY MATCHES

If you are a steward or judge at our matches and want a run through, please be there by 6:30. I do a group sits & downs at 6:30. I try and run workers through before the sits & downs and a few after the sits & downs. The rings are turned over to the judges at 6:50 so the match start promptly † 7:00.

Novice Judges, you have timers in your envelope and I will make sure they work..?? Your help to keep the matches running smoothly is very much appreciated.

Jan Schomer, Match Chairperson

HELP NEEDED

Are you looking for work credits? Have we got something for you. Help is needed at the front table between 6:45 & 8:15. By volunteering your time, you can earn work credits. If interested, please see Cindy Pakenas

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Judy Anderson

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ATTENTION CHAIRPERSONS...

Are you looking for help? Why don't you send your requests to Waggin' Tales for publication in the club's newsletter? It's an easy way to get the word out as to what you may need and when.

APRIL WELLNESS CLINIC

The April Wellness Clinic will be sponsored by Elburn Animal Hospital. Dr. Kari Kobus will be available at training on Tuesday, April 5th, to examine your dog and provide the services listed below. I have worked with Dr. Kobus and Dr. Cechner at the Elburn Animal Hospital for the past 6 years. You may schedule your exam by calling Elburn Animal Hospital at **630-365-9599.**

BORDETELLA	\$15.00
LYMES	21.00
DHLPPC	18.00-20.00
RABIES (1 year)	15.00
RABIES (3 year)	25.00
3 YEAR BOOSTER	24.00
CORONA	10.00
LEPTO	10.00
HEARTWORM TEST	15.00
K9 VAX TITER	65.00
FECAL	15.00
AVID CHIP	30.00
1 YEAR RABIES TAG	8.00
3 YEAR RABIES TAG	18.00

If you have any other questions, please contact me, Helen Castellano, at 630-587-5513 or pastatom@aol.com.

CORRECTION CLINIC INFO

If you are interested in participating in this month's correction clinic, please contact Penny Brcich. At press time, Utility was full, Novice was almost full and Open still has plenty of space. Contact Penny at brcichp@diebold.com



What can I do after finishing the Beginner's class?

Totally Positive Advanced Beginners: 7—8 PM

Current Instructor: William Short

This is a class for dogs and handlers who have completed a beginners' class or an equivalent, and who wish to continue elementary obedience work. There are several goals and objectives for this class. They are:

- * Provide instruction in the methods of positive reinforcement to teach, reteach, and practice all of the skills learned at the beginning levels of obedience training.
- * Provided opportunities to learn how to improve one's relationship with his dog so that both parties learn that obedience training is fun and rewarding.
- * Learn additional skills that will enable the dog and handler to move onto higher levels of obedience training.
- * Learn of the six step process by which a dog learns new exercises; i.e., capturing, rewarding, marking, repeating, naming, and using that name.
- * Learn how to break down exercises into simpler parts thereby ensuring the dog's success at each step.
- * Provide the basics of positive reinforcement training using the clicker (marker) approach.

Class activities vary somewhat from week to week, but always with the aim to help handlers improve their obedience skills and their relationships with their dogs. There is an emphasis on heeling, both on lead and off including the figure 8. We work on the static exercises such as sit, stand, and down while paying careful attention to time, distance, and distraction factors. Come on command and all of the canine good citizen exercises are worked on regularly, as well as fronts and finishes. There will be opportunities to explore many of the rally obedience exercises also.

This class stresses the use of operant conditioning, especially the use of positive reinforcement (good behavior = a reward) and negative punishment (incorrect behavior = something the dog likes goes away). There is also emphasis on classical conditioning—rewarding what we want; ignoring what we do not want. Handlers are encouraged to use buckle collars and/or gentle leaders on their dogs and to bring a generous supply of treats.

Advanced Beginners: 8—9 PM

Current Instructor: Carolyn Pearson

This class is for dogs and handlers who have completed a beginners' class or equivalent and who wish to enhance their skills learned in previous classes.

Advance Beginners provides a comfortable environment to continue perfecting the skills taught in the Puppy and Beginning Obedience classes. From this point, advancement to a higher-level class is at each handler/dog team's own pace. The more you train, the faster you improve, the sooner you advance. Class work include:

- * Practice/review heeling, recalls, fronts and finishes.
- * Incorporate more advanced skills including: handler footwork and perfecting the position of dogs and handlers.
- * Practice lengthening time and distances for sits and downs
- * Improve the reliability of the dog's response to command.
- * Improve the trust/bond between owner and dog.
- * Provide interaction between the dog and other handlers.
- * Improve interaction between dogs.

Should you have any concerns about your dog and/or your training, a question and answer session is always available at the end of class. Since this class is ongoing, (i.e. there is no starting or ending date), you do not need to sign up or register for this class. Feel free to drop in anytime.

What is the Novice Ring Ready Class at FVDTC? Simply put, it is the next step in training for you and your dog when you feel you have reached your maximum level of training in our Advance Beginner's class. Novice Ring Ready (or NRR) will provide you with the opportunity to fine-tune your dog before competing in a Novice trial. If you do not plan to compete, NRR provides continual training at a higher level in order for you to have better behaved pets.

Many students in class are working towards their first trial, while some have already earned a leg and are working for a higher score in their next trial. NRR does not require its handlers and dogs to compete. What is a leg? You and your dog must achieve a score of 170 (out of a possible 200) to receive what is called a leg. You must have 3 legs under 3 different judges to earn the Companion Dog title.

The primary method of training used in the NRR class is purely individualized. Dogs are expected to:

- * sit-stay for 1 minute
- * down-stay for 3 minutes
- * stand for exam
- * stay and recall from across the ring
- * heel properly and know the cues for turns, halts, etc.
- * perform the figure 8

We also take the opportunity to play with the jumps, dumbbells, tunnels, and trading dogs while in class. It is not all work; much is in the form of play. Class size is usually small so we can be very flexible. It is important that the learning is fun for both handler and dog. If not, that hideous thing called boredom comes in and undermines any success that has occurred. Some handlers are fresh out of the Advanced Beginner's Class and are strengthening the long sit and downs. We use multiple distractions to accustom the dogs to as many different things as possible. Much of the class is individualized to the specific handler and dog.

In NRR class, you will find handlers using treats to promote positive reinforcement, clicker method, Gentle Leaders and Halties, buckle collars, slips/choke and pinch collars. All methods are acceptable in this class. I encourage the method that works best for you and your dog. Only you can decide what is most affective.

Oatmeal "Cookies"

A quick and easy recipe.

- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1 tablespoon tamari
- 1 tablespoon flour of your choice
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 cups quick cooking oats
- 1 cup vegetable broth

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Allow to stand 15 minutes for oats to expand. Spoon by heaping teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees till crisp.

Fido Fudge

Decadent, yes, but then, we all deserve a little "chocolate" (well, carob) sometimes.

- 1 cup shortening
- 6 tablespoons molasses
- NRG egg replacer equivalent to 8 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup carob powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream shortening and molasses. Gradually beat in the other ingredients till smooth. Pour into a greased 8x8" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done, but not hard.



From Carolyn Pearson

Skunk!!!!

Such a lovely aroma - as we all know! BUT, thanks to Ginger Romano, I can actually live with Brady (the brat). A couple of weeks ago, he decided to investigate a black and white "cat" while out on our nightly walk and bam!

So I quickly called Ginger and she gave me the following recipe for a "de-skunking" solution. The full article was printed in The Whole Dog Journal and explained how a chemist named Paul Krebaum discovered the solution to neutralize the highly odorous compound in the skunk's spray called Thiol. He discovered that by making oxygen molecules bond with the thiols, the smelly substances were chemically altered into odor-free neutral substances.

Brady was not completely free of the skunk odor, but enough so he was allowed to sleep in our bedroom that very night. I can still smell the skunk a teeny-bit when Brady gets wet. BUT, compared to the initial aroma - this is a "bed of rose". So keep the following things (but not pre-mixed - loses the effectiveness over time) somewhere in your "doggy-supplies" for any accidental future encounters you might have.

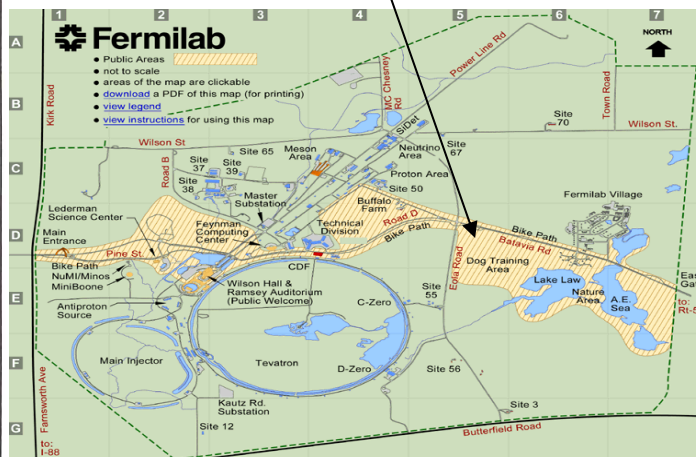
Thanks again Ginger (and Brady thanks you too!!!!)

- 1 quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide
- 1/4 cup Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon Liquid Dish Soap

Mix in a bucket or bowl: it will be fizzy. Don't put it in a sealed bottle, could "explode" the lid off. Thoroughly wet your dog with the solution. Knead it well into the coat, to chemically alter every bit of the thiols on the hair. Be careful to keep the solution out of the eyes, nose and mouth. Use a sponge to wipe it on the face. Follow the solution bath with a thorough rinse of clear water.

Fermi-Lab For Dogs

Looking for an exercise/training area for you and your dog? Check out Fermi-Lab. They've designated an area near Lake Law for dog training. Additional info, check out their web site at www.fnal.gov.



Hours Fermilab's site is open to the public every day of the week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from mid-October to mid-April and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. when daylight hours are longer (mid April to mid October). Fermilab visitors are allowed to go into the Lederman Science Center and the first and ground floor of Wilson Hall.

How to enter Fermilab Visitors may enter Fermilab through the Pine Street or the Batavia Road entrances. After presenting identification, most visitors will simply pass through the security checkpoint after telling the security officer the purpose for their visits. Roadways that are off limits to visiting members of the public are posted with signs, and motorists will be given site maps to guide them to the public areas.

WHAT GOES IN WAGGIN' TALES?

According to the current FVDTC by-laws, the Waggin' Tales is the "primary means of communication" for the club. As such, the most important articles to be included are those necessary for running the club – such as Board Meeting minutes, Membership Meeting minutes, election slates, membership information and the like. The next level of priority goes to general event notices, match, training nights, dinners, vet visits, etc. Brags have been an integral part of the WT for a long time. We all like to know what everyone else is doing and it's good to congratulate those who are doing well. In general, the brags you give me are reformatted for a consistent look, but I try very hard to include all the information that you give me. Finally, there are "Classified Ads". If there is room, and if the "For Sale" is dog related and for the benefit of club members, they will be included. There is not cost for anything in WT. To ensure your article appears the way you would like it to, and to ensure there are no "translation errors", please provide your article via email, computer diskette, or typewritten. I will handle correct font and spacing. Thanks for your help and understanding.

PLANNING SOME HOME IMPROVEMENTS THIS SPRING? HERE'S HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

from ASPCA News Alert Newsletter

So, your New Year's resolution is to repaint the house when it gets warmer? Or perhaps you've decided to replace that old carpet... Whatever home improvement projects you may be embarking on, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips to keep your pets safe during your do-it-yourself adventures:

- ◆ Keep your animal companions completely out of the areas where renovation and other projects are taking place.
- ◆ Read and follow label directions for safe use and storage of all products used. In some instances, it may be recommended that you board your pets in a kennel or day-care facility to avoid any chance of potential exposure to hazardous substances.
- ◆ Most water-based latex paints are relatively low in toxicity, but could still cause gastrointestinal upset. Should your pet get paint on her skin or coat, steer 100-percent clear of paint thinner or similar solvents to remove it—instead, bathe your dog's skin and fur with a mild pet shampoo or liquid hand dishwashing detergent.
- ◆ Could mold be lurking under your carpet or behind the walls? Certain species of molds can produce mycotoxins, which can cause a variety of gastrointestinal, cardiac and neurological effects in animals. If mold is discovered in your home, contact the EPA for information on safe cleaning and removal.

For additional tips on protecting your pets from potential hazards, please contact your local ASPCA or visit them online at www.aspc.org

DOG DICTIONARY

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

SMIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their persons want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

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Dave stated that he did find a training club in Peoria that had been classified as a 501(c)3. Carolyn Pearson reported that she spoke to Joanne from the club and discovered that they were able to succeed because the attorney that completed the application “knew what to do.” The non-AKC affiliated club also changed their club’s name to include the words “Education and Foundation.” Taffy stated that perhaps we can present the percentage of the students (i.e. community members) versus the training club members who do not need to participate in a formal class with an instructor. Terri Byerly also urged caution when completing our financial statements when selling items for fundraising purposes. She stated that the paperwork can become complicated when selling items. Judy Anderson also expressed concern about the status of accepting non-club-members as guest training. It was agreed that guest trainers would not be an issue if the attempt to achieve an 501(c)3 status continues. Peggy Sue also stated that it might help our attempt if we still can volunteer to train dogs at the future animal control facility at Peck and Keslinger Roads.

Cindy Pakenas (Director of Training) thanked Colleen Kent for working at the information table and asked for any volunteers to help starting in March. Any help would be welcome, even for an hour. The busiest time is between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Cindy reported that currently the classes have the following students: Puppy at 7:00 p.m. has seven, Beginner’s classes at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. are full, and 9:00 p.m. has one. Without any advertising, the trial run of a Beginner’s class at 6:00 p.m. is already half full. Cindy also stated that we are trying to balance all of the needs of a diverse and large group.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next deadline is Sunday, March 6th.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but sent the following report: He is in the process of completing the Trial Committee members. There are still a few positions yet to fill; any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. The Obedience Trial Committee currently consists of the following individuals:

- * Chief Ring Steward - Jan Schomer
- * Grounds - Barb Misch

- * Kitchen - Susan Yee
- * Set up and Break down - Dean Connolly and Ed Herdes
- * Raffle - Barb Raske and hopefully more volunteers from the newly formed Fund Raiser Committee. As Barb does not want to do this job alone, Will is looking for someone to work with her.
- * Publicity - Kent Hildebrand
- * Awards - Penny Brcich is one, and Will is working on a co-chair to work with her.
- * Hospitality - Carolyn Pearson
- * Booth Rental, and Catalog Ads have yet to be filled.

Will reported that he is looking forward to working with all of these members to make this trial as good as the last one. Will is also looking forward to working with the members who are going to serve on the Judges' Selection committee for the 2006 trial.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that our Obedience Trial has not yet been approved because Glenbard’s trial is still listed on the weekend of November 12th and 13th. Taffy stated that we should receive our approval when either Glenbard’s trial is approved for the first weekend in November OR a letter from Glenbard stating that they do not want the weekend. Taffy also reported that the entry fees for the 2005 trial are \$22.00 and \$15.00, which is the same as Car-Dun-Al’s trial.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of eight new applicants which were all published in the January Waggin’ Tales. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all to accept the list as read and published.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) thanked Amy for providing the insurance paperwork for the tracking test. The 4 TD and 4 TDX tracking test was approved by AKC for September 25th at the Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Francene announced that Donna Kircher and Pam German are the judges. The TD fee is \$55.00 and the TDX fee is \$85.00. Francene stated that volunteers are always needed, especially experienced tracklayers. Francene thanked the volunteers who worked at last year’s test who have already volunteered again.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) is sick today, but sent the following report: The WOOF line would be updated as soon as she gets her voice back. The next

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CGC Test will be on May 12th. Advertising of this event will begin promptly after the March 19th Annual Banquet.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the September 17th and 18th Agility Trial's application is in process and should be approved soon.

Cheryl Hettinger/Barb Misch (Annual Dinner Chairs), Cheryl encouraged anyone who had not already signed up for the Annual dinner should do so. Nadine stated that she has received several verbal responses, which still need to be followed up with money. The food will be provided by Food for Thought. Judy Anderson requested that the menu be published in the Waggin' Tales for those individuals with specialized dietary needs. Cheryl stated anyone that falls into that category should contact her directly, because the caterers can work with those special needs. Directions to the dinner are on the website and at the training building; the location is only a couple of minutes south of Fisherman's Inn.

Penny Breich/Jan Schomer/Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairs). Jan apologized to the workers at last month's correction clinic. The stopwatches really did work, but needed to have the tape removed first.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that as of two weeks ago, stewards were still needed.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Ed Herdes as drawn by club member, Shasta Newton.

Old Business

Puppy Adoption

Priscilla stated that she has a student that, as the result of family issues, needs a new home for an eight-month old female Great Pyrenees.

Web Discussion Forum

Dave Lewis stated that per the request of many club members, there is a new discussion forum for the club on the club's website.

Property status

Francene reported that she and her husband, Jeff, have

been doing a lot of brainstorming to try to come up with new ideas for another training facility. Once those ideas have been organized, she will present them to the club members. The following are some of the questions that should be addressed.

- * Is there an alternate way of satisfying the needs of club members and community dog owners?
- * Is there a way that we can use a second day of the week or a second building?
- * Will our rent increase following the buildings renovation?
- * How do we meet all needs, without "dividing" the club IF we have two different locations or nights?

Currently the committee is investigating an 11 acres site on Francis Road and Route 38. Peggy Sue also suggested that we contact the Fairgrounds Board about the property on Route 47. Francene and Peggy Sue will discuss that idea after the meeting.

Merry Lee Hritsuk asked whether the club has considered working with the Car-Dun-Al training club. It was reported that yes we had considered that possibility, when we were considering the Schweitzer property. However, it was decided that there were more cons rather than pros to that scenario.

Helen stated that the Car-Dun-Al training club has found a new place to rent in South Elgin.

Logo Selection

Dave stated that the Board had considered updating the club's logo. Peggy Sue presented an idea board with two logos, the existing logo and the updated logo on the various types of club stationary, such as the letterhead paper, envelopes and business cards.

Judy Anderson asked about demonstrating the tools of training in the logo. Taffy stated that when she spoke to a long time club member, she was asked why we needed a new logo, especially since the club founders had selected the logo and it is identifiable. Peggy Sue stated that when corporations change their logos, they are usually updating the logos. Amy stated that she likes the updated look and thought it was cool.

Loretta Lazzara, responding to Carolyn's question, stated that the Midwest Training Clubs' Association was an organization that is now defunct. The club's stationary

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identifies FV as a member of the Midwest Training Clubs' Association. When the stationary is replaced, that statement will be removed.

Francene asked whether we should consider waiting to modify the logo until after our attempt to get a 501(c)3 status is completed. However, Amy stated that we have a long process ahead of us to complete the application process. It was agreed that that should not be a factor in the decision.

Merry Lee made a motion to keep the old logo. Cindy Pakenas seconded the motion. The following are results of the voting of the club members present.

YES – KEEP THE EXISTING LOGO	-	16
No – change to the updated logo	-	6
Abstained	-	0

Director at Large Election

Dave stated that following the January board member elections, Peggy Sue Seehafer told him that she was disappointed, although mildly relieved, that she had lost, but still wanted to help out in any way she could. She accepted Dave's invitation to be voted on for the Director at Large. Taffy nominated for Peggy Sue for Director at Large. There were no other nominations from the floor. There was no discussion. Peggy Sue was unanimously elected.

Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award

Dave stated that at the April 3, 2003 Board meeting, Will Short asked the Board to reconsider the method used choose the recipient of the Sally Compton Award. He felt that the members should make the choice. The issue was to have been addressed at the May 2003 Membership meeting to determine whether the members would like the opportunity to determine the winner of the Sally Compton Award. If the members would like to choose the winner, the following method would be the new process.

Nominations must be submitted to the Statistician by September 30th. The nominations would be published, as submitted, in the November Waggin' Tales. Board Members would be eligible to receive the award. Club members would submit ballots for the winner to the Statistician by December 31st.

However, due to other issues, the suggestion never was brought to the membership. Judy Anderson made a

motion that the board continue to determine who would be the recipient of the award. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Cindy Pakenas made a motion that the Sally Compton award be opened to all club member, including current board members, and that the membership would choose the winner by secret ballot at a membership meeting. As is currently done, the winner would not be announced until the annual dinner. The ballots would be collected and counted by the statistician. Cindy amended her motion to make the change effective on January 1, 2005. Taffy Wille seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved by all. All nominations would be published in the Waggin' Tales. The amended motion was approved by all voting members. There were none opposed or abstained.

New Business

Dave announced that the Board members approved a \$100 donation toward the AKC Delegates Meeting to be held in Chicago in June 2005.

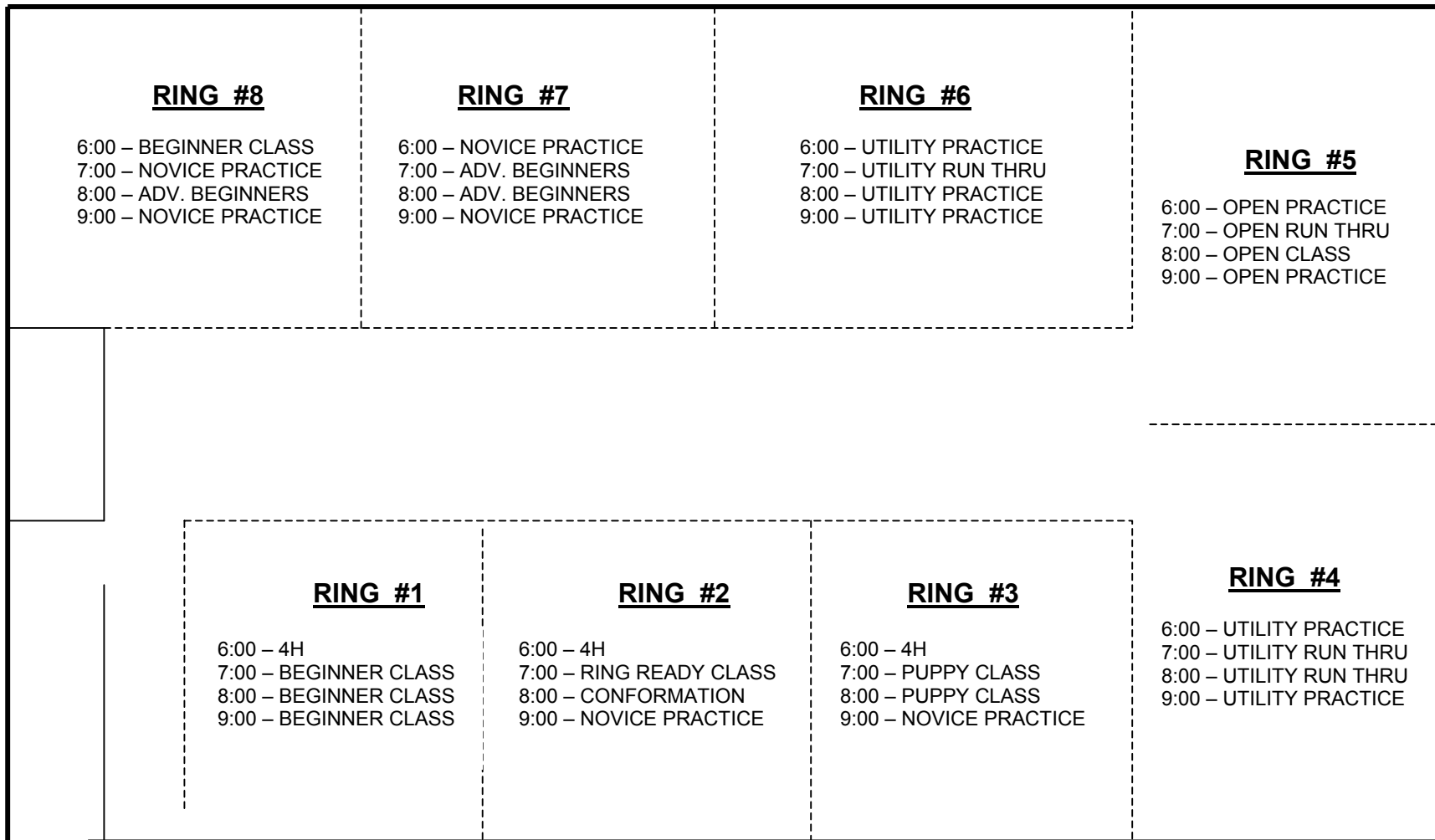
Dave asked for more volunteers for the "Collect the Paperwork" committee. Currently, the committee consists of Dave, Carolyn and Priscilla Pisarski. This committee will update the General Policy, so that it is more than just a list of job descriptions. It should also be a manual of how the club runs and include policies that have been developed over the years. Taffy Wille and Terri Byerly also volunteered.

Ed Herdes announced that help would be needed to set up on Thursday, March 17th. Ed stated that the fairgrounds building will host a circus on Wednesday, March 16th. The impact to the club is that we will not be able to set-up until Thursday afternoon, following the building's clean-up, and that the time will not be known until Thursday. Ed asked that anyone available to help should be at the training building by 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.



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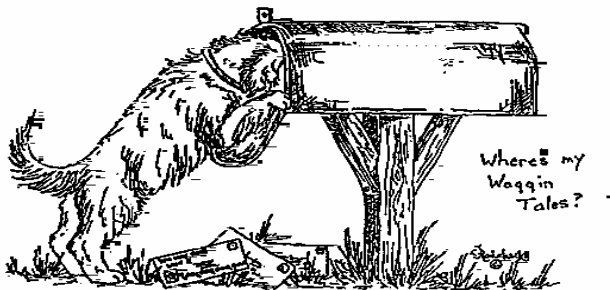
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2	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
3	Thursday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
6	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
8	Tuesday	Regular Training Graduation Night
17	Thursday	Correction Clinic
19	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Annual Banquet</u>
24	Thursday	Regular Training New Session Starts
31	Thursday	Regular Training

April 2005

5	Tuesday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
6	Wednesday	Board Meeting
10	Sunday	Waggin Tales Deadline
14	Thursday	Regular Training
21	Thursday	Correction Clinic
28	Thursday	Regular Training