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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *FVDTC's Obedience Trial is scheduled for November 13th.*

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT...

Dave,

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the help that Carolyn has given me with my foster dog Logan.

I am on the board of Collie Rescue Of Greater IL and foster for the rescue. I have a foster that has behavior problems; he is about a year old and has never had any training (in other words a wild man!)

I emailed Carolyn asking for her advice and if it would be ok to bring him to the club to socialize him. Not only did she respond immediately to my email with a phone call, she invited me to bring him to class and took the time after class to evaluate him. Her support and help with the training of Logan has been overwhelming. She has been an important part of getting him socialized so that we can get him into a home.

Collie Rescue of Greater IL is singing the praises of FVDTC and will be telling our future adopters the place to train is FVDTC. I think sometimes this kind of stuff goes un-noticed and wanted to make sure you knew just how special Carolyn is.

Thanks
Vicki Wilder

UPDATE ON MY "PAWS" FOSTER DOG

I would like to update the club on my first Paws With a Cause foster puppy, Murphy.

Murphy had been placed with a client around the beginning of July. The only thing that I had been told regarding his placement was that he now resided in Louisiana.

When Katrina hit, I began praying that Murphy and his client were not near the disaster area, but if they were, I prayed that they were ok. Murphy is not certified as a service dog yet, and my concerns were that if his client were to leave, he may not be allowed into a place that she would have access to.

I was just advised on September 8 that Murphy and his client were in fact in New Orleans for the hurricane. His client is safe now in a hospital and thankfully he has been allowed to be in the room with her.

There have been people taking him out for walks and exercise, and he has worked his way into everyone's hearts. I'm sure Murphy was a rock for his client during the storm. I am so thankful that I took the time to raise such a wonderful boy and that he has blessed this individual's life during such a traumatic time.



Taffy

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Board Meeting Highlights
September 23, 2005

An instructor was accused by a fellow club member of using abusive training methods in two separate incidents on the evening of September 1. Statements were requested and received from instructors and students present in both rings, as well as from other witnesses. A total of 26 people were interviewed. After a review of all the written statements and a lengthy discussion, the Board finds that the accusation of abuse is unfounded. Some aspects of this investigation, not related to instructional techniques, are still under consideration.

Membership Meeting Highlights

September 7, 2005

Helen Castellano introduced Dr. Susan Cechner who discussed Chinese veterinary medicine. She is just one test short of being certified for animal acupuncture. She is the owner of the Elburn Animal Hospital. She suggested the following websites for more information on the topics of Chinese veterinary medicine: For the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, see www.ivas.org. For the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture, see www.aava.org.

Meeting brought to order at 8:15 p.m. following the program.

Dave opened the meeting with the following comments.

- We have a couple important topics to discuss tonight, issues which ignite a level of passion beyond the ordinary in several of our members. Because of the depth of feeling in these issues, we must be extraordinarily careful to ensure we talk about issues and ideas, and not discuss people and personalities.
- Second, there appears to be a misunderstanding about counting votes, whether it is for a common motion or for a Board member election. According to our rules, all votes are by "members present and voting." This means that a 1-0 vote is considered a unanimous decision. If you do not raise your hand, you are not siding with the majority, and you are not siding with the minority – it is as if you were not even here. If you abstain from a vote, we simply record the fact that you did not vote; it has no bearing on the outcome of the vote. So, if you have a preference, and you want your opinion to count, you must vote *yes* or *no* or you might as be in Timbuktu.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The May Meeting minutes were approved as published. A lot of correspondence was read.

Dean Connolly (First Vice-President) reported that he is in possession of the new agility electronic timer and is learning how to operate them. Dean also stated that we will be cleaning the mats some time on the weekend of October 29th and 30th. The date and time will be confirmed and publicized.

Amy Ford (Treasurer) sent the following report via e-mail: she has obtained the Certificates of Insurance for the three upcoming trials and for the Responsible Dog Ownership Demonstration.

Dave reported that Cindy Pakenas' (Director of Training) report needed some information confirmed prior to sharing it with the membership.

Sandy Davis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the deadline is Sunday, September 11th.

Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that several trial committee chairs met before the membership meeting. He will publish the information in the Waggin' Tales. He also asked that all instructors solicit students for volunteers to work at the Obedience trial. Joe & Cathy Busch also need donations for the fundraising raffle.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Secretary) reported that the Premium list has been sent out via snail mail and e-mail. A link to the premium list has also been added to the club's website. Taffy stated that as of the meeting, no class is full, which is a first for the UDX class.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of eight applications which were all published in Waggin' Tales. Three of the applicants were present at the meeting. Helen Castellano made a motion to accept the list as read and published. Barb seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

Francene Andresen (Tracking Test Chairperson) was at the Giant Schnauzer's National Specialty. But, she reminded the members that the Tracking tests were on September 25th and 26th.

Barb Misch (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the Woofline is up-to-date. Barb also reported that the AKC, ASPCA, Humane Society and Louisiana Search & Rescue Dog Team are all accepting donations. Information on these efforts was available at the meeting, and will be made available at training and posted in Waggin' Tales. Barb made a motion that the club makes a \$50.00 donation to the AKC/CAR rescue efforts. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions. The Responsible Dog Ownership Week events begin on Sunday, September 11th. Barb thanked all who volunteered to help with the main event! Barb encouraged club members to

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IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**Board Updates:**

It is with regret that I announce the resignations of 3 board members. Cindy Pakenas and Priscilla Pisarski have resigned, effective immediately, from their positions as Director of Training and Assistant Director of Training. In addition, Priscilla has resigned from her position as registrar, effective upon the filling of classes for the next session.

Sandy Davis, editor of the Waggin' Tales, has resigned effective upon completion of the September issue.

All three of these ladies have given a lot to the club over the last couple years, and we all appreciate their time and efforts.

By-Law Updates:

The Board of Directors is recommending to the membership that we revise the club by-laws to streamline the board of directors. In a nutshell, we are suggesting that the Trial Secretary, ADOT and Waggin' Tales Editor be changed from Board positions to committee-level positions. The board is suggesting this change because the "Purposes for which the club exists" indicate that the club is to hold and encourage obedience trials and agility trials, and to promote the training of dogs. We feel that having equal representation for the main activities of the club, along with the officers and the AKC-mandated Public Education Coordinator is the best make-up for the board.

By-laws can be changed by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting, so please come to the October meeting and make your voice heard. These changes are slightly different than the changes presented at the membership meeting.

5.00 The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Club and seven (7) members of the Club who will serve as Directors for a one-year term.

5.1 Directors

5.1.1 The ~~ten~~ **seven** Directors shall consist of: The immediate past President as Director at Large, the Director of Training (if he/she is member of the Club), ~~the Assistant Director of Training, the Waggin' Tales Editor,~~ the Obedience Trial Chairperson, the Membership Chairperson, ~~the Obedience Trial Secretary,~~ the Tracking Test Chairperson, the Public Education Liaison, and the Agility Trial Chairperson.

5.1.2 In the event the President succeeds himself/herself, the Director at Large position on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a duly elected member.

5.1.3 If one person holds more than one of the above named positions on the Board of Directors, an additional member-at-large, or additional members-at-large, shall be elected to bring the Board to its full complement.

5.2 Officers

5.2.1 The Officers shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5.3 Duties

5.3.1 The duties of the Board shall be to determine policies of the Club and to make all necessary decisions not covered by these By-Laws. A quorum shall consist of at least ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** members excluding the President.

5.3.2 The President shall preside at all regular meetings, special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Club.

5.3.3 The First Vice-President shall perform all duties of President in case of his/her absence or disability and shall be responsible for the care and preservation of all Club equipment.

5.3.4 The Second Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairperson.

5.3.5 The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Club and of the correspondence of the Club. The Secretary shall issue notices to members of all meetings. The Secretary's books must be complete and turned over to the new Secretary by January 15.

5.3.6 The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements and report on the financial

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condition of the Club at all meetings; shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all Club monies. The Treasurer's books must be completed, audited and turned over to the new Treasurer by January 15.

- 5.4 The Director of Training shall have complete charge of all trainers and training classes. He/she shall have the right to cause any handler to remove his/her dog from the class if, in his/her judgment, the best interests of the other members shall be assured.
- 5.4.1 If the Director of Training is not a member of the Club, he/she shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 5.4.2 ~~The Assistant Director of Training will serve on the Board of Directors and must be a member of the Club. He/she will be appointed by the Director of Training, subject to ratification by the membership-at-large.~~
- 5.5 Any member of the Board of Directors who misses three (3) consecutive meetings (Club and/or Board) shall be notified by the Secretary and asked to give a justifiable reason for his/her absence or relinquish his/her office.
- 6.0 Election
- 6.1 Election shall be at the annual meeting, at which time the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Training, ~~Waggin' Tales Editor~~, Obedience Trial Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, ~~Obedience Trial Secretary~~, Tracking Test Chairperson, Public Education Liaison, Agility Trial Chairperson and Member or Members-at-large will be elected.
- 6.1.1 Special elections may be held at any regular meeting; provided the membership is notified of such election at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- 6.1.2 Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices, for any reason, during the first three quarters of the year shall be filled at a special election. Vacancies occurring after September 30 shall be filled by Presidential appointment.
- 6.2 A Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of three (3) members of the Club, one who is a member of the present Board of Directors and two from the membership-at-large.
- 6.2.1 A slate, consisting of one or more candidates for each office, shall be submitted and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- 6.2.2 The President shall conduct the election by secret ballot.

CATALOG ADS FOR OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Fox Valley Dog Training Club's annual obedience trial is just around the corner, and I was hoping to entice you into taking out an ad in the trial catalog. The ads are inexpensive and the money raised will help the club – your club

I'm sure that if all of us could make a small donation, in the form of a catalog ad, that we could have a successful year. As I said, the ads are not pricey and the money goes towards a good cause.....to support your club.

Surely one of these will fit your budget. Here are the costs of the ads:

Full page.....\$50.00 Half page.....\$25.00 Business card.....\$15.00

If you take out a full page ad, I could include a photograph at no extra charge. This is a great way to list you and your dogs accomplishments. OR you could take out an ad in memory of a special dog that shared your love and your life. Maybe it could be in honor of the first dog you ever trained. There are lots of ideas. I'd be glad to even help you design it.

I'm hoping that you will please contact me or send me an ad along with your check made out to FVDTC.....But Hurry! Our deadline for placing the ads is October 10th. Please note that only full page ads can include the photograph.....something new we're offering this year!

Thank you.

Julie Dorsey-Oskerka

630-231-5641 allstardobes@aol.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER TRIAL

of you will enter and show your dogs; I am also hoping that many of you will volunteer to help in any way you can to ensure that this trial is as successful as our trials in past

There are several areas and committee chairpersons who would really like to have your help. The following lists each of the committee persons. Please feel free to contact any one (or more) at your earliest convenience. If for any reason you are unable to make the necessary connections, please call me at 6303770810 or email me at Wshort9153@aol.com, and I will pass along your information. I can pretty much guarantee that you will enjoy your volunteer experience.

- * Chief Ring Steward: Jan Shomer. I know that stewards are still needed for some classes. There is a sign-up board at the front table on training nights.
- * Grounds: Barb Misch. This is one of the easiest jobs for the whole trial according to Barb. You not only get to attend the trial and watch others compete, but you get to enjoy the great outdoors on your trips to make sure the grounds are kept free of anything that is not supposed to be left behind.
- * Kitchen: Susan Yee. Breakfast and lunch will be served. If your talent lies here, Susan is the one to contact. By the way, all volunteer workers will be able to eat whatever is necessary to sustain them during their day work.
- * Hospitality: Carolyn Pearson. This group is the one that makes sure that the judges and ring crews are taken care of as far as refreshments are concerned.
- * Raffle: Joe and Kathy Busch. The fund raising committee of the club is setting up and running the raffle this year. Please make any contributions directly to either Joe or Kathy at your earliest convenience. The more items that we get, the more exciting the raffle will be. Either or both of them can be found on training nights.
- * Booths: Carol Cook. At this time about half of the booth spaces have been rented. If any club member wants a booth for the trial, please contact Carol as soon as you can.
- * Set-up and Clean up: Dean Connolly and Ed Herdes. Your help on Saturday night after CarDunAl trial and after our trial on Sunday would be greatly appreciated. The more hands that are available, the quicker both tasks can be completed.
- * Awards: Brenda Rivera and Penny Bricch: All of the awards that will be given at the trial have already been sponsored. These will appear in the trial catalog. If you would like to help set up on Saturday night and help during the trial on Sunday, please call either person.
- * Catalog Ads: Julie Dorsey. If anyone is interested in placing an ad in the trial catalog, please contact Julie. She is working on finalizing this information now.
- * Publicity: Kent Hildebrand. If you have any suggestions that Kent could use, feel free to contact him.
- * Photographer: Tamara Fanter. Tammy will be at our trial again this year to take any photos that any exhibitor would like. Her web site is www.fotopup.photorelect.com

I am very appreciative of all of our members who have volunteered already, and I thank you in advance. I am hoping that more of you will be able to help to make this another great trial. I am honored to again be the club trial chairman.

FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED

The Fundraiser Chair People are looking for volunteers to help with the Candlelight Bowl on Saturday, October 16th and for the Obedience Trials Raffle on Sunday, November 13th. Anyone interested should call Kathy Busch at 630-513-8351 or email her at kathyb333@juno.com. We are also looking for donations for the Raffle from club members. If you would like to contribute a raffle item, please bring the item any Thursday night and see either Kathy or Joe Busch. **The deadline for donations is Thursday, November 10th.** Please help make this a successful event for our club.

Thanks,
Kathy

**NOVEMBER TRIAL STEWARDS NEEDED**

Fox Valley Members:

I am very much in need of stewards for our November Obedience Trial. **Needed:** 2 Stewards for Open A; 1 Steward for Open B; 2 Stewards for Utility A; 2 Stewards for Utility B; Table Steward for Utility B

This Trial is put on by our club and I would appreciate if any of you could help out to contact me or sign up board is at training. I very much appreciate the members that have offered to help.

Jan
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NEW MEMBERS

Kristina Stout
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Sue & Monty Torres
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Sugar Grove, IL 60554
(630)466-7617
Labradoodle

Debby White
842 Aster
Palatine, IL 60074
(847)991-5326
Border Collie mix
Canaan Dog



CGC Recipients:

L—R: Carmella Doyle
(kneeling) with Dillon;
Evaluator Rick Cox; Judy
Mulliken with Ranger; Sandy
Davis with Tucker; Terri Byerly
with Abby; JoAnne Uitto with
Jack; and Susan Theus with Karma .

Joanne Uitto and Jack are currently
students in Terri Byerly's Basic
Obedience Class.

Congratulations Joanne!



A VERY SUCCESSFUL TWO DAY AGILITY TRIAL!

We had beautiful weather for
our outdoor agility trials again

this year. We ran a smooth and efficient trial thanks in great part to Jacquie Kramer for taking on the tremendous task of Trial Secretary, Will Short for setting up on Friday night, and Cathy Fleury for coordinating workers all weekend. My personal thanks to those committee members as well as Cathy Greene and Cindy Pakenas who shared hospitality duties, Vera Nyberg for handling the ribbons and Shirley Short for obtaining our prizes. To all those club members and non-members who volunteered to work with us, you have my sincere appreciation. We could not have put on the show without your help.

I look forward to your continued support at our April indoor agility trials.

With gratitude,
Helen Castellano, Agility Trial Chairperson

**** LOST ****

I was a worker at the FVDTC's agility trial. I left a light blue, zip-up, hooded, sweatshirt jacket by the JWW ring on Sunday. If anyone has seen it, or has it, please let me know.

Thanks, Tracy McMahon
(630) 736-9749 tracy@meiki.com

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attend even if you are not volunteering, especially if you have children. The event is at the Campton Hills Park dog park from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All types of demonstrations will be present. Any of the demonstration coordinators who need help should contact Barb. The new permanent dog park is located on Campton Hills Road just west of Peck Road. There is a sign at the entrance, which was the former RC air field.

Barb also reported that the next CGC test is September 15th. Anyone with questions should contact Colleen Kent, the CGC Test Coordinator. Rick Cox is the evaluator for the test.

Additionally, Barb reported that we are hosting an Open House on Thursday, September 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Barb received several volunteers in her quest for extra help at the front table to answer questions quickly and clearly about various areas of competition.

Barb reported that Margi Stuessy has received a Mayoral Proclamation from the City of St. Charles. It will be presented to us at

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NEW WAGGIN' TALES EDITOR NEEDED

Yep folks – that's right. This is my final newsletter. It was almost 2 years ago when I approached Carolyn Pearson asking if help was needed with the club's newsletter. Seeing that I was able to do such a job, my only reasons for asking was simple: I wanted to give back to the club – a club which helped me train as well as understand my dog. I guess that I wasn't totally aware of what actually came with performing this job.

I tried to show this club in the way I thought it should be shown – members proud of their canine's accomplishments, members proud of each other and members proud of the club that they belong to. I asked for anything anyone had (including photos and personals) but kept the set guidelines in sight as to what could/could not go into the newsletter. I was not prepared for the flack that came due to the photos I put into the September 2004 issue showing a demonstration at a parking lot for an activity that was sponsored by the owners of the shopping complex. They were just photos of our members—doing what they loved doing. Some though didn't like it. But, it seemed to really overwhelm me this past May with the retail pet shop issue. The only reason why I wrote my piece (as a member of this club and not the editor) was to let everyone know what was going on. It was the only fair and correct thing to do and probably would not have received as much attention as I gave it if the originator of the topic informed every club member in the first place. The funny thing about it was that I had stated to a few members last spring that if those photos never appeared, I wouldn't have received the flack that I did nor would the pet shop issue ever surface.

Since I made my announcement during the September Membership Meeting, I've had quite a number of people come up stating that they are sorry to see me quit, asking me to reconsider as well as a few stating that they were not going to accept my resignation. *So if anyone is up to a challenge – and yes at times it is a challenge – Dave is looking for a new Waggin' Tales editor. I can only hope that the next person that steps into my shoes will have an easier task than I have had to endure.*

But, I do want to thank those instructors and club members who helped me with my dog Holly. Ed, Carolyn and Nadine Conner were **great** teachers not only for Holly but for me as well. I have learned a lot about dog training from all of them and would not hesitate to recommend any of them. Barb Misch not only supported my decision with putting Holly through the CGC exam but constantly encouraged me and told me that I didn't need to worry about her separation anxiety problems. She's a great PR person for this club. Bill Clarke opened my eyes to the world of the Brittany (and introduced me to the prong collar, which has helped me tremendously with both my Brittany's). Terri Byerly—my friend, has allowed me to assist her in beginning obedience classes; therefore allowing me to pass on what I've learned to a whole new group of people who walk through our doors. All of these people (each in their own way) have helped me mold Holly into what she's eventually become; part of the public education program for a local fire department teaching and demonstrating to children how to be fire safe as well as being recently recognized not only by the City of Geneva, its mayor and residents but for her recent accomplishment with the AKC's ACE Award nomination. But most of all, I'd like to say "thank you" to Dave for your insight and direction as well as those board and club members who gave me support, allowed me to vent and kept me sane, especially these last 6 months.



"Thanks" from Holly and Tucker

Fox Valley Dog Training Club has some great people who will take the time and talk to you about training problems and offer suggestions and help. These people will allow you to make up your own mind on how you would like to train your dog and will support the decisions that you make regardless if you want to show your dog or not. I am often reminded of the statement on this club's web site when I have to check on dates for the newsletter: *"The Fox Valley Dog Training Club is dedicated to the well-being and happiness of our canine friends through training and discipline. We don't train your dog, we train you to train your dog."*

Sandy Davis
Waggin' Tales Editor

FROM ADOT

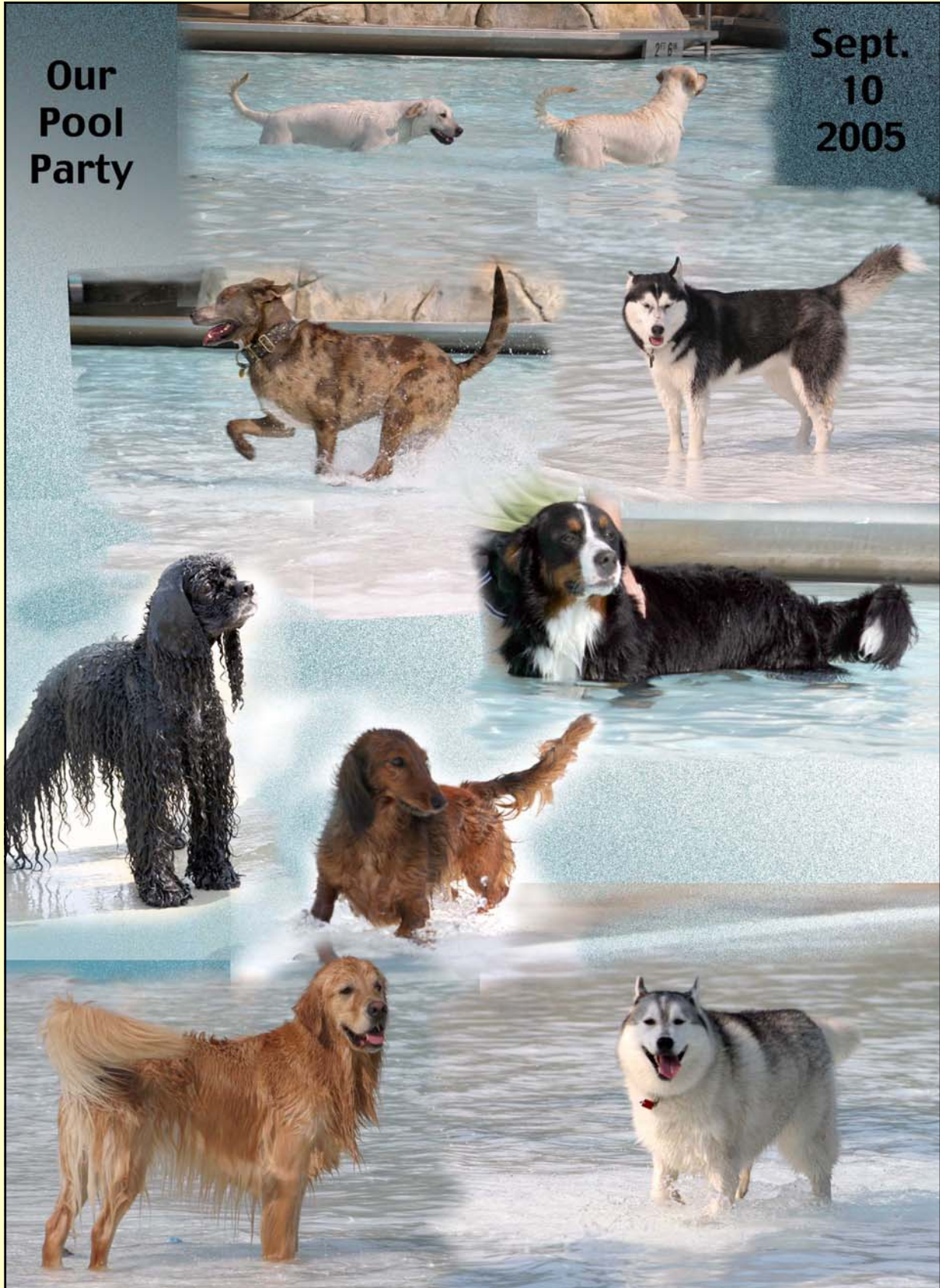
I would like the members of the club who were not in attendance at the September Membership Meeting, that I resigned my position of Assistant Director of Training (ADOT) and Registrar that evening. Over my many years with this club, I have enjoyed my experiences instructing new owners with their puppies as well as working with those in the beginner obedience class. In addition, I have enjoyed the many talks and conversations that I have had with you while sitting at the front table. I can only hope that my discussions and teachings have benefited you and your dog greatly. I have made so many great friends that I know that I will never forget. I also would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the training. You are really special people and the dogs that you worked with are better now because of all of you. Keep me in your prayers, as I will remember you in mine.

Laughing, training and having fun is what training should be all about.

Priscilla Pisarski

**Our
Pool
Party**

**Sept.
10
2005**



Courtesy of Peggy Seehafer [artisticpeggysue@yahoo.com]

BRAG.....*New Title Plus*

***Sonnenschein Dazzlin
Krista, CD, CGC, TDI***

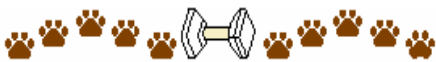
Handler: Francene Andresen

***Giant Schnauzer National Specialty
First Place Novice B
High in Trial***

***Giant Schnauzer Western Specialty
Fourth Place All Breed Novice B
High Scoring Giant Schnauzer***

***Evergreen Colorado Dog Club
Supported Entry
Second Place All Breed Novice B
High Scoring Giant Schnauzer***

***Krista made us extremely proud and
exceeded all our expectations.***

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Years ago, Fox Valley DTC, Inc. was heavily involved in the sport of tracking under the guidance of Aldythe Comstock. In fact, she had donated funds for an annual tracking award, a couple of which my Collies and I have been fortunate enough to earn.

The Club must be made aware that there is STILL a small, hard-core group of tracking aficionados lurking in the membership. To this end, two seldom seen but extremely giving and active gals have handled the annual tracking test, usually every September. This past weekend, Sept. 24th and 25th, Francene Andreson and Ingrid Hamburger, representing FVDTC, treated the tracking community to an excellent demonstration of team work, hosting an extremely well run trial at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin. Betty Winthers, AKC tracking rep was present as were two tracking judge applicants, Donna Wielert and Jerry Lewis. As one of the several entrants who came away with titles that day, I was extremely proud of the face our club put on for the world to see. Several members (I am reluctant to add names as I could easily overlook someone) and also many non members, gave not one but the two days required to put on a tracking test. The weather was dreadful on Saturday, but not a word of complaint did I hear from these people donating their precious time. There was so much food guests and participants one and all were stuffed. Everything went off without a hitch and the AKC rep was MOST impressed.

As one who has acted as secretary for another club, strictly a tracking group, I am fully aware of all the background work this weekend took. In preparation, Ingrid and her husband had made wonderful new tracking poles so plotting was perfect. How many hours that took I can only guess. Francene had everything synchronized so very little "down time" was experienced.

Everyone is to be commended, but most of all, a HUGE thanks to Francene and Ingrid, whose unrequited efforts made the event an unequalled success.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Schultz and new TD, Rosepoint Rave Reviews, HIC.

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7:00 p.m. on September 18th at the St. Charles Board meeting. Margi provided a letter to Dave to sign.

Helen Castellano (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that for our sixth annual agility trial, we will have the following "firsts".

- MACH Bars and New Title Ribbons
- Using the club owned electronic timers

Helen also stated that anyone wishing to volunteer for any of the many open positions should contact Jacquie Kramer at sevenway@mchsi.com. Help is especially needed in the morning. Anyone who is available to help set-up on Friday night should contact Will Short. The entries are as follows: Saturday - 273 and Sunday - 324, for a total of 597 entries. Helen also stated that she has the trial entry stats, which were not included in the acknowledgements that Jacquie sent out, available at the meeting.

Dean Connolly has been in contact with the Kane County Fairgrounds to determine if we could rent the grassy area in the

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Fido Fest September 11, 2005



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Southwest corner for next year's September Agility Trials. This is along the fenced area by the Moose Building. We will continue to pursue that.

In answer to a question about obtaining judges, Helen reported that for the first four years, Suzan Scott, as the Agility Trial Secretary, obtained the judges for the trials. For the past two years, Helen has obtained the judges with input from club members who are actively showing in agility. Helen stated that she was recently told that agility judges are being book up to three years in advance. Currently, there are no judges for the September 2007 trials. Anyone would like to volunteer to help secure judges should contact Helen. The task would include contacting judges for availability, obtaining fee information; contracts, etc.

Helen reported that she has found a location off of Dean Street in St. Charles suitable to host an indoor agility trial. Helen made a motion that FVDTC hold an annual two-day indoor agility trial on April 1 and 2 (week 13) starting in 2006. Dave stated that as the motion came from the board no second is needed. Helen stated that the surface, which is similar to the flooring at Merrillville trial site, and the size is appropriate and the owners seemed excited about hosting the agility trials there. There are no other trials being held that weekend in the local region although Becky stated that there is the Kentucky Cluster that weekend. Helen stated that she used the neighboring state for her search.

Helen distributed the proposed budget for discussion. In response to Brenda Rivera's question, Helen stated that we made \$4,000 at last year's outdoor agility trial. Helen stated that she expects a trial held indoors at a nice location to fill. Helen reported that exhibitors have issues with the Creekwood location and equipment in response to Marietta's question about why asked why we did not fill this year, which is why the committee is investigating other locations. The budget included an increase in the entry fees. This was to eliminate the necessity of hosting the maximum of 660 runs per day, which would be a very long day. Helen stated that a recent trial held in Crystal Lake was not finished until 6:00 p.m.

The budget presented includes the equipment rental. Helen stated that she had one judge confirmed but the other judge had to back out. She would like to use local judges to eliminate travel expenses. Additionally, who the judges are will be considered to draw the handlers. She would like to hire a trial secretary for \$1.00 per run plus expenses. She also stated that some trial secretaries will not work with Mike Bond at Creekwood. Peggy Sue thanked Helen for all the work involved in just starting this process.

The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Director at Large) announced that she is donating money and items that are being carried personally down to the relief effort for the Katrina Hurricane. Anyone else who would like to do the same must get it to her before 10:00 a.m. on September 8th.

Annual Dinner Chairperson – **OPEN** Dave Lewis stated that we need a chair before the next membership meeting, or we will not be able to have a dinner.

Cathy and Joe Busch (Fundraising Chairperson). Cathy reported that the Candlelight Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes pizza at 8:00 p.m. and three games of bowling at 9:00 p.m. We must have 20 people or we will lose our \$50.00 deposit. Cathy also stated that they need items to include in the raffle at the Obedience trial. Any new items are welcome. Obedience trial donation items can be brought to her or Joe at training to her or Joe.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) needs stewards for the correction clinics.

Margi Stuessy (Publicity) sent the following report: Press Releases were sent to The Daily Herald, The Sun, The Beacon News and The Kane County Chronicle for the Fido Fest on September 11 and for the Canine Good Citizen Test on September 15. Press Releases will also be sent out this week for the Open House on September 22 and for the Agility Trials to be held on September 17 and 18. If there are additional press releases that need to be submitted, please contact Margi at MStuessy@msn.com.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$7.00 is Cathy Busch as drawn by new club member Kathi Polz.

Proposal to change the agenda

Dave stated that there is an agenda item that belongs under New Business, but we should consider it now, because of its time-sensitive nature. It must be considered at this meeting so it can be resolved before nominations are completed. Helen made a motion to change the agenda. Sue MacPherson seconded the motion. Dave stated that according to Roberts Rules of Order, it requires a 2/3 vote to take up a question out of its proper order. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

Restructuring the Board of Directors

- The By-laws state that the by-laws "*may be amended or appealed or new ones adopted at a meeting of the Club membership by two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Members must be notified of the date(s) of the*

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HURRICANE RESCUE INFO.

I just returned from the near New Orleans area. There were 8 of us that volunteered to go with a woman who received a permit to enter the area. We drove 2 large vehicles & towed a 4-horse trailer and a 2-horse trailer that contained about 2 tons of dog and human food, bottled water and veterinary supplies. We left at 8:00pm and didn't arrive at the LSU Agriculture building until 5:00pm the following day. The traffic and confusion is something that cannot be described. With their help, the trailers were unloaded and they fed us. They asked us to go to a staging area that was supposed to be 25 minutes away and stay there to help. Over an hour later we located the staging area. We drove into the most horrific situation with the most wonderful people trying to help. There were truckloads of animals that had been rescued and were being brought into the staging area. Totals reached over 3,000. There were hundreds of volunteers, not enough though. The organizations that were there to help were in the dozens with their dozens upon dozens of professional people to help. Some of us worked till past midnight that night with no sleep since Wed. night.

Others went to bed earlier and were up at 4:00am to start working. We all watered, fed, walked, and cleaned kennels for 16 and 20 hours at a shift. Everyone worked like that and it was nearly impossible to make in dent. But it did make a difference. By Sunday morning it almost looked controlled. Everyone there is walking around like a zombie. The heat...95+ and humidity are like nothing in Chicago. Fortunately, the bugs were not a problem. Someone did say that they were heavily spraying for us. We were drinking several gallons of water a day and NOT peeing, just sweating it out. No one could really eat because we were so full of water. And everyone just kept going and going. Animals were not being permitted out of the staging area unless leaving with their owners and there were many owners desperately searching thru the thousands to find their one pet. Rescue groups were not permitted to take any animals, because the owners needed to know where they would be able to locate and retrieve them. They "say" that the animals not claimed in 14? 30? days will be allowed to go to other rescues. BUT, many groups, including ours were able to take animals from nearby shelters to free up space for the animals from the staging area. Our group brought back 15 dogs, 1-11 week old puppy and a momma dog and her 4 pups!!!!

These 4 organizations were doing 24/7 shifts non-stop. There were many more, but those 4 seemed most involved, organized and able to lead those of us that were there to volunteer. If you are looking to make a difference by donating to an organization that REALLY is totally involved in helping and planning to stay for the duration, donate to:

IFAW-specify "for disaster relief" HSUS-specify "for disaster relief" Louisiana SPCA Houston SPCA

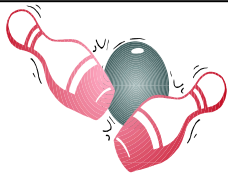
There is a little place called:

Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control, 15487 Club Delux Rd, Hammond, LA 70403

The facility was over capacity for dogs and cats due to the hurricane and still, every animal was well cared for, clean and loved. That is specifically where we rescued the dogs from. They could sure use any donations. They will be at over capacity again within days as the staging area begins sending dogs to the shelters. We plan to return to LA to rescue as many dogs as possible again in mid-October.

This was the most horrible experience and the most wonderful experience I've ever had. I don't know how it possible to have both the feelings at the same time.....

Nadine Conner



FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

CANDLELIGHT BOWL

COME JOIN US FOR PIZZA, BOWLING AND PRIZES. EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED EXCEPT THE CASH BAR. BOWLING BALL, SHOES, THREE GAMES OF BOWLING (2 SCOTCH DOUBLES & 1 GAME OF FUN) AND PIZZA!!!

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005
TIME: PIZZA at 8 p.m.
 BOWLING at 9 p.m.
WHERE: WHEATON BOWL
 2031 N. GARY AVE. CAROL STREAM
COST: \$40 PER COUPLE or \$20 PER PERSON
R.S.V.P BY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

PLEASE SEND THE NUMBER OF BOWLERS, THE BOWLERS NAMES AND A CHECK MADE OUT TO FVDTC TO
 JOE & KATHY BUSCH
 1445 BANBURY AVE. ST. CHARLES, IL 60174
 (630) 513-8351

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meeting and proposed changes in the By-Laws at least (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The distribution of the proposed changes serves as a 10-day notice, but will also be included in the September Waggin' Tales. We will vote on this in October. There will be no further discussion at the October meeting.

- The board is recommending that the following positions be removed from the FVDTC Board of Directors: Assistant Director of Training (ADOT), the Waggin' Tales Editor and the Obedience Trial Secretary.
 - First the timing for recommending a change now: the Nominating Committee is diligently seeking volunteers to fill board positions and committee chairs. The potential nominees need to have a current job description before we can ask them to fill a particular position.
 - The “purposes for which the club exists”, according to the By-laws includes providing and encouraging obedience training, providing and encouraging obedience trials, and providing and encouraging agility trials. The board, as it currently exists, has one representative for the agility trial, one for the tracking tests, two for obedience training, and two for obedience trials. By making these changes, representation for obedience training and obedience trials would be made more consistent with the other club-hosted AKC Performance Events.
 - Additionally, the ADOT is the only board position not elected by the membership-at-large (although the membership does have the right to approve or disapprove an appointment), so we thought these positions were better positioned as committee-chairs. For the record, Taffy and Priscilla have both approved this recommendation.
- This is a motion by a standing committee, the Board of Directors, so it does not need a second. Kathy stated during the discussion that it appeared to be a good way of streamlining the Board to be more efficient. Those three positions would become Committee Chairs. There was no other discussion.

Old Business

- **Pup & People Pool Party Reminder** – Carolyn Pearson announced that because of the amount of interest and paid participants, the length of the party would be for 3 hours, not two hours as originally planned.

Property Report

- Helen Castellano reported that she has identified a stand-alone building in St. Charles on Randall Road and Dean Street which is available for lease. Helen stated that Dave Lewis, Taffy Wille and her met on August 10th with the

Property Manager and Construction Manager to discuss our needs. Last week, we received a proposal which we are preparing to bring to the Board for discussion. Dave stated that several individuals are coming up with a financial plan. Sandy Davis asked whether the City of St. Charles requires a special use permit. Helen stated that she would have to look into that question.

- **Pet Store Vote** – Kathy Hubbard stated that she was the Chairperson for the ad-hoc committee created at the May Membership meeting to determine the policy that the club should have regarding associations with pet stores which sell dogs and puppies. Kathy stated that after gathering opinions of the committee and club members regarding the issue of a formal policy statement on FVDTC's association with pet stores which sell dogs and cats, there seems to be several strongly held opinions by our club membership.

As a group, we all seem to agree that puppy mills are an abhorrent industry, not to be supported in any manner. There appears to be an assumption by most, although not a consensus, that dogs sold in retail establishments are products of this industry.

One group of people are highly in favor of a written policy stating that the club should have no business association with retail pet stores which sell dogs and cats. This association would include not soliciting, or accepting, donations from such establishments. There is no mention of not accepting dogs purchased from such establishments as class participants. Nor did there seem to be any discussion concerning attempting to control club members' personal buying habits at such establishments.

Another portion of our membership feels that rather than a policy against association with such establishments, that we should educate club members, class participants and the general public to refrain from purchasing dogs from these retail sources. And, that each committee chairman should have the authority to establish what associations the club has with the community for a particular club-sponsored event.

There is strong sentiment that a formal policy would place a stigma on club members and potential class participants who have made purchases from such retail establishments either now or in the past. There also seems to be a great deal of confusion that such a policy would go beyond just the club's formal dealings with such retail establishments to also include regulating club members' buying habits – suggesting that they personally refrain from making purchases at these outlets.

Kathy made a motion to adopt the following policy of Fox Valley Dog Training Club. “This organization does not

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solicit support from any retail pet store, defined as a public retail establishment, which sells dog, puppies, cats or kittens.” Brenda Rivera seconded the motion.

Kathy went on to say that this has been a very volatile issue for the club membership. As committee chairman, she tried to distill the information and opinions that she received from committee members over the summer, as well as comments by individual club members. She hoped that what was previously presented clearly expresses the opinions of the committee and that the issue can be brought to a vote.

Dean read the following statement.

“We are the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. There are two dictionary definitions for club that I read ‘1. a group of people associated for a common purpose or mutual advantage. 2. anything that is used to threaten or coerce.’ I would like to think that our club is described by the former definition rather than the latter.

I thought our club existed for several reasons. One reason is to provide a place for our members to hone their skill as dog trainers and to practice for the show ring. Another reason is to provide all levels of training for all dog owners, seasoned or green, and to promote responsible pet ownership. I’m sure that all of you can think of something about the club that makes you proud of being a member. Maybe you’ve been involved in working a show, volunteering to clean mats with Ed, helping on match night, helping someone whose dog has behavior or medical problems, or just standing around swapping dog stories.

I believe that the motion before us tonight is not an issue for this club. There are organizations such as PETA or the SPCA who exist for exactly this type of issue. If you want to be an avid animal activist, join PETA. We, however, are a dog training club.

On the issue of pet store ads in our trial brochures, I say why not? Does anyone here think that one of the exhibitors is going to read the ad, and run out and buy a dog there? Do you think that by the absence of an ad some uninformed novice won’t look at a pet store for a new pet? If some store owner wants to give us money to help our programs, including public education, take the money!

I have had 7 dogs in my life, and three of them were purchased at pet stores. Two were Border collies; one was my childhood pet, and one was mine and my wife Cyndi’s first dog. The other was a German

Shepard that we rescued. None of these dogs had any special health problems. Our current three dogs were bought from reputable breeders. One has epilepsy and another was diagnosed with hypothyroidism. Then, of course, there’s Shadow. No one is sure if there is a name for what is going on with him! My point is, it doesn’t always matter where you buy the dog. Problems can happen, and our focus should be to help the dog and its owner.

Our knowledge of solutions for canine problems is one of our great strengths. I’ve always told my students that if I don’t know the answer, there is someone here at the club who does. Let’s stop howling at the moon and get back to what we do best. We are a dog training club!”

Bev Nicholson agreed completely that we should not turn away money. She asked how we would differentiate between whether the money from the store or from the people purchasing the dogs at the stores. Brenda said we must take a stand. She asked how we could denounce puppy mills but take money from stores that sell puppies. In response to Karen Bormann’s question, Alison Rubendall stated that we get a significant amount of donations from local pet stores.

Helen made a motion to limit the discussion to end at 9:55 p.m. Priscilla Pisarski seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all, without any opposition or abstentions.

Ed Herdes asked how this policy helps to eliminate the puppy mills. Kathy replied that we need to educate the public. Terri asked how do we state that buying a dog from a pet store is bad but that buying from a back-yard breeder is Ok? That doesn’t seem balanced. Terri also asked whether we would we take money from a back-yard breeder? This motion does not address back-yard breeder – pet store only. Karen stated that we are not trying to be a radical group by this policy, but just trying to take a stand. Taffy stated that AKC allows dogs purchases at pet stores to be registered, therefore how could we as an AKC affiliated club take such a stand against pet stores. Taffy Wille stated that she frequently tells people not to buy dogs or puppies from pet store, however they still do. Karen Bormann stated that we could have a small impact and does not feel that it would be a problem with AKC. Barb Bonner stated that AKC repeatedly speaks out against puppy mills.

Peggy Sue said that she is saddened that such a simple issue has caused such fighting. She asked why we are fighting each other for an issue that we essentially agree on. Kathy Hubbard stated that as part of a rescue organization, that most of the dogs that she receives are not AKC registered. Dean Connolly stated that this issue is driving a wedge between club member and not eliminating the puppy mills. That can be achieved by fighting it with PETA or ASPCA, not here.

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Barb Misch stated that she is also upset to see the division that the issue has caused. The committee chairs who do solicit are gun shy right now.

At 9:55 p.m., Dave announced that the vote would be as such:

- A Yes Vote means that the policy becomes a part of the club's General Policy.
- A No Vote means that there is no change to the current policy of the individual chairs deciding who can be solicited for donations.

The motion was failed with the following votes: Yes = 12, No = 18, Abstained = 0

- Ed Herdes announced that we will need to break down the building on September 15th. Tom Stephenson volunteered.

New Business

- **Membership Review** (Dave Lewis / Peggy Sue Seehafer)
According to Sue, there has been a significant drop in membership, more than the usual attrition and "I forgot to send in my money". Dave stated that he asked Peggy Sue, as Director at Large, to contact these members to find out why they are not renewing their membership. If we discover a pattern in these reasons, we can reasonably deduce that we are not effectively meeting the needs of our members. The Board will probably then come back to you with a request for ideas on how to address those issues.

Alison Rubendall stated that she seriously considered not rejoining because this is not a happy place. Peggy Sue stated that as of the feedback received up until now, that appears to be the consensus.

- **Resignations**
- Sandy Davis stated that following the publication of the September Waggin' Tales she is resigning. She said that she volunteered to do the Waggin' Tales because she wanted to give back to the club. But with everything that has been going on this year, she feels that she had had enough. She thanked her instructors for the help she received with Holly: Nadine Conner, Barb Misch, Bill Clarke and Carolyn Pearson. Sandy announced that Holly had recently been recognized by AKC for her nomination for the ACE Award.

Dave thanked Sandy for her hard work as a Board member and as the Waggin' Tales Editor.

- Priscilla Pisarski stated that she is resigning as an Instructor (effective at the conclusion of this session), as the ADOT (effective immediately) and as the Class Registrar (effective at the start of the next session)

Nominating Committee Report

- Peggy Sue stated that as the Nominating Committee Chair, she believes that this is the saddest year endured by the board. The board is a wonderful group that tries extremely hard, Dave in particular has the patience of a saint. The club needs to learn how to play nice with each other again.
- Taffy stated that on September 17th there is 5k dog walk to raise money for the Paws with a Cause organization. Flyers are available at the club; she also asked that individuals consider sponsoring her.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

DOG RECIPIES FOR OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN STEW

- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 cup rice milk
- 1/2 cup millet
- 3 cups mixed fall veggies of your choice, chopped (carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes, etc.)
- 1/2 cup quinoa
- 1 cup tempeh, cubed
- 2 tablespoons liquid soy lecithin
- 1 pinch cumin
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- vegetable stock, water, or rice milk to cover

In a frying pan, sauté tempeh in a bit of oil till browned. In a large pot, combine all ingredients except tempeh. Cook over medium heat till vegetables are tender (time will vary depending on your choice of vegetables.) Stir frequently to prevent burning. When vegetables are done, stir in the tempeh. Serve with Canine Corn Bread if desired (recipe below), or over rice .

CANINE CORN BREAD

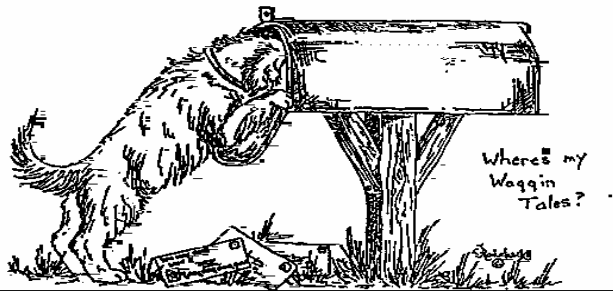
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup rice milk
- 1/2 cup corn oil

Combine cornmeal, flour, and baking powder. In a separate bowl or measuring cup combine rice milk and oil. Beat until smooth. Pour the content into a greased 8" square pan and bake at 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Serve by itself for a snack, or with soup ladled over the top for a cozy meal.



FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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September 2005

1	Thursday	Regular Training
7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
8	Thursday	Regular Training
11	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
15	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC Test
17-18	Saturday/ Sunday	Agility Trail
22	Thursday	Regular Training
25	Sunday	Track Testing
29	Thursday	Regular Training

October 2005

5	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
6	Thursday	Regular Training
9	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
11	Tuesday	Regular Training End of Session 4
20	Thursday	Correction Clinic
27	Thursday	Regular Training Begin Session 5