

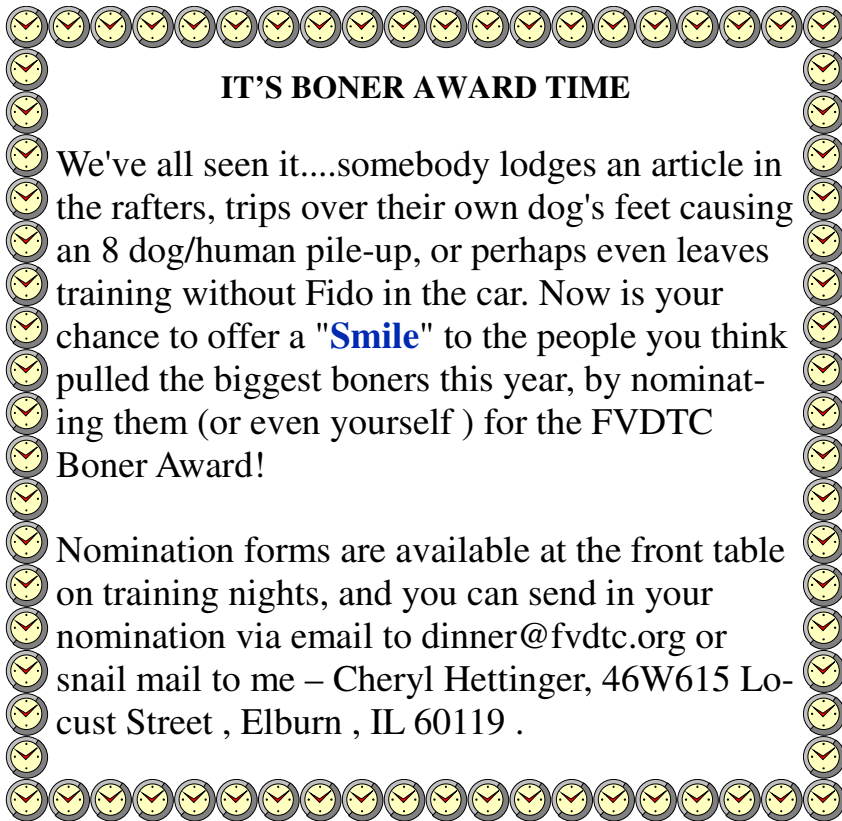
# WAGGIN' TALES

IT'S A **PARTY** AND **YOU** ARE INVITED  
 TURN THOSE WINTER AND ECONOMY  
 FROWNS UPSIDE DOWN AND INTO

## SMILES

YOU ARE AMONG FRIENDS  
 AND DESERVE A NIGHT OF FUN AND  
 LAUGHTER

(DETAILS ARE ON PAGE 2)



### IT'S BONER AWARD TIME

We've all seen it....somebody lodges an article in the rafters, trips over their own dog's feet causing an 8 dog/human pile-up, or perhaps even leaves training without Fido in the car. Now is your chance to offer a "**Smile**" to the people you think pulled the biggest boners this year, by nominating them (or even yourself ) for the FVDTC Boner Award!

Nomination forms are available at the front table on training nights, and you can send in your nomination via email to [dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org) or snail mail to me – Cheryl Hettinger, 46W615 Locust Street , Elburn , IL 60119 .

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### FEEL THE WARMTH

"It is almost impossible to smile on the outside without feeling better on the inside."- Unknown

So what makes you smile? Knowing winter's almost over? Seeing the happy dog at your feet? Sharing laughs with friends?

FVDTC can give you nearly all of these things in one fell swoop at our **Annual Dinner, "SMILES!"** Our members have worked so hard achieving their training goals, we know they've got miles of smiles to share.

Come out to **Old Towne Pub & Eatery on Saturday, April 18th**, and bask in the warmth of these smiles and the fellowship of good friends! We'll acknowledge these great accomplishments, share a gentle ribbing with some Boner Awards, and look happily toward another successful year for everyone!

This year's dinner will feature a buffet of delicious foods. And we really want everyone to be there, so we've been able to plan an event that's more affordable at only **\$15.00 per ticket**.

You deserve a night out and time to relax with your club friends, so please join us and get your **reservation to Cheryl Hettinger by April 2**. Reservations are available online and any training night at the front table. Or just get in touch with her at 630-557-9310 or [dinner@FVDTC.org](mailto:dinner@FVDTC.org).



Saturday, April 18  
Old Towne Pub & Eatery  
40W290 La Fox Road, Wasco  
Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m. (Cash Bar)  
Buffet Dinner at 7:30 p.m.  
**RSVP no later than April 2**  
50-Limited seating  
Questions: Cheryl Hettinger  
[dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:dinner@fvdtc.org) 630-557-9310

YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per person) for reservations for the following people:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name)

Mail to: Cheryl Hettinger, 46W615 Locust Street, Elburn, IL 60119, 630-557-9310

# **FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB WELLNESS CLINIC**

***THURSDAY, March 26, 2009***

Kane County Fairgrounds – Training Building

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Payment, by **CASH / CHECK / CREDIT CARD**, is due at time of service.

Walk-Ins are only allowed by permission of Veterinarian present.

Amber Leaf Animal Hospital

Avid Chip	\$30.00
Bordetella	\$17.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$78.00
Corona	\$15.00
DHLPPC	\$25.00
DHPPC	\$20.00
Fecal Check	\$17.50
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$18.50
Lepto	\$15.00
Lymes Vaccination	\$27.00
Rabies - one year without tag	\$15.00
Rabies - three year without tag	\$25.00

\*tags available for DuPage and Kane County

*We reserve the right to vaccinate or not, depending upon the health of the dog.*

Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 584-1002 to schedule an appointment.

Heartworm Preventative Products will be available for purchase at the Wellness Clinic

**Board Meeting Highlights  
December 05, 2008**

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Sandi Stephenson (Director of Training) said that training and classes are going well. Sandi reported that Information Table Greeter substitutes are needed. Sandi stated that she received many compliments from students in the 8:00 p.m. Beginner's class taught by Kristen Anderson and Ed Herdes.

Sandi stated that Nancy Pederson provided the following information for the Beginner and Puppy classes which begin on January 8th. As of today, she has the following students in each of the classes.

<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Puppy</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
7:00 p.m.	Almost full	Full (15)
8:00 p.m.	Starts February 12th	Full (15)
9:00 p.m.	n/a	Unknown

Sandi reported that she will contact Loretta Lazzara to get a status on hosting a judges seminar.

Sandi also reported that plans are underway to host an AKC Sanctioned Match on June 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the regular A and B Obedience classes for Novice, Open and Utility, the match will include rings for Rally and Conformation. The paperwork will be filed soon with AKC.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Judge</u>
Novice A	Penny Brcich
Novice B	Loretta Lazzara
Open A	Rick Cox
Open B	Candy Heideman
Utility A	unknown
Utility B	unknown
Rally	unknown

Sandi also reported that in addition to teaching the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class, Joan Mazat is teaching the Open class at 8:00 p.m.

Rick Cox (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that he will close the event once he has received the final invoice from Beth Elliot.

Rick reported that contracts have been sent to the following judges.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Judge</u>
Novice A & B	Diane Propst
Open A	Randy Capsel
Open B	Shirlee Jacobson
Utility A	Randy Capsel
Utility B	Wayne Koutsky
Rally	Fred Buroff

Rick reported that he, Cathy Fleury and Ronnie Bizer are the Judges Committee for the 2010 judges.

Rick reported that if the club wished to host the 2009 Obedience and Rally trial in the new 16,000 square foot Kane County Fairground building, that the rent would be \$3,000 per day with a minimum of a 2-day rental. The 2008 cost of the current building was \$2,343.00 for the day. Helen stated that the non-profit rental rate for the 45,000 square foot Aurora's Park District's Vaughn Center, on Orchard and Indian Trail, was \$225.00 per hour. She also stated that the park district did not charge for the Friday night set-up. The facilities food vendor is an on-site caterer.

Peggy Sue reported that she is dispersing the trophies which were not claimed at the trial. Peggy Sue stated that due to the less than kind treatment she received from some awards recipients, she would not volunteer as the Trophy Chair for the 2009 Obedience Trial.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) reported that he anticipates having the website on the new host early next week.

### **Old Business**

Carolyn stated that she is going to place an order for training collars that will be available for sale at training. Per the

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recent policy change, students in the beginners' classes will no longer be given a training collar as a part of their class fee. Therefore the number of collars ordered will be reduced.

### **New Business**

Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that she needed more volunteers for the All Wrapped Up Event fundraising event at the Barnes and Noble store in Geneva on December 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ingrid volunteered to help wrap presents at the event and stated that she would verify whether Francene Andresen would be able to help as well. Peggy Sue requested a supply of club brochures for the event.

It was decided that the long unclaimed items from the Lost and Found could be sold and would be listed in an upcoming Waggin' Tales.

It was announced that the 2009 Calendar would be available soon but would not include dates for the Health Clinics.

Rick Cox made a motion to purchase trial superintendent software for the club to a maximum of \$300.00. Peggy Sue Seehafer seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



### **Membership Meeting Highlights March 04, 2009**

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m. following a program by Dave from the Lucky Dog store in St. Charles.

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

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) stated that we have new four 4" high jump boards to bring us into compliance with AKC's new rules.

Barb Misch reported for Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) that the program for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting will be about canine physical therapy. She also reminded everyone that these programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. The regular membership business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., or immediately following the conclusion of the program.

Cheryl Hettinger stated that she also sent some contacts to Peggy Sue for possible programs.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) was not in attendance. Class Registrar, Nancy Pederson, sent the following report with Barb Misch for the Beginner and Puppy classes beginning on March 26th.

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Puppy</b>	<b>Beginner</b>
7:00 p.m.	Still openings	Full
8:00 p.m.	Starts April 30th	Full
9:00 p.m.	n/a	Still Available

Terri Byerly also reported that Nancy Pederson's recent foot surgery went well.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of eight new applicants who were published in recent Waggin' Tales. None were present at the meeting. Sue made a motion to approve the list as read. Barb seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present with no one opposed or abstaining.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) reported that our Tracking Test information has FINALLY made it on AKC's website. She stated that she will need more help as it gets closer to the event.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) stated that there will be a table at the Agility Trial with literature for the club and for AKC information. There will also be information about the raffle for the Booster bath.

Vera Nyberg (Agility Trial Co-Chairperson) reported that hotel reservations for the Agility Trial judges for the March and September Agility Trials were made. She stated it appears that the entries are good for the March trial.

Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that there are paid reservations for 18, with an additional ten possible reservations. Additionally, she has invited Jake MacPherson (take-down) and Doug Roush (set-up) to join us for the dinner. She also reported that donations to the raffle are going well. She stated that she is awaiting a list of the new club numbers from Sue. Cheryl said that she will be printing one program per couple and then for the vendors.

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Cheryl stated that she needs nominations for the Boner Award. The Boner Award is given to the club member who was caught doing something embarrassing. Past award winners have been "honored" for the following:

- \* - Hitting the high jump with a dumbbell several times.....
- \* - Heeling with your dog wrapped around your leg.....
- \* - Leaving your dog at training.....

Cheryl reported that Jan Schomer (Awards Chairperson) continues to work on the awards.

Barb Misch (Graduation Chairperson) reported that all is well.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) reported that Barb Misch will substitute for her at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Correction Clinic because her hip replacement surgery is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ingrid stated that stewards are still needed for the March Correction Clinic.

Francene Andresen (Waggin' Tales Editor) was unable to attend the meeting, but Ingrid Hamburger reported that the next deadline is Sunday, March 8th. Terri Byerly reminded club members that the deadline is the date that information must be submitted to the Waggin' Tales Editor, not the date that the newsletter is published.

### **Monthly Dollar Bucket**

...and the winner of \$5.00 is Marian Lazzara as drawn by club member, Sue MacPherson. The remaining \$5.00 was given to the Tracking Committee.

### **Old Business**

#### **AKC Obedience/Rally Judges Seminar**

Loretta Lazzara reported that the only 2009 date available was in October and it was too close to the Obedience Trial. She also reported that the Stone City Kennel Club is hosting a seminar in January 2010. Loretta explained that AKC sets which dates are available for seminars. Loretta volunteered to explore the possibility of hosting a seminar the summer of 2010 or in 2011.

It was reported that the seminars are not only valuable for AKC Judges but also to obedience and rally exhibitors, especially with the recent rule changes that were effective in January 2009 and more changes that will be effective in 2010 and beyond. In response to the question, Loretta stated that typically the seminars average cost is approximately \$60.00 to \$80.00 and are conducted for two days, with one day for obedience and one day for rally.

#### **Tracking Committee Fundraiser Status**

Cheryl Hettinger stated that she has sold four tickets for the booster bath raffle and has received donations without the purchase of tickets.

### **New Business**

#### **Training Night Reminders**

- \* - Cheryl Hettinger reported that recently she has needed to clear miscellaneous items that clutter the information table. There will be a sign posted on the table reminding trainers **not** to leave items unattended on the Greeters Table.
- \* - Ingrid also reminded trainers not to cover the poster board for the Correction Steward sign-up.
- \* - Carolyn reminded trainers to PICK UP POOP!
- \* - Terri reminded the Board members and Committee Chairs to post important information on the bulletin board and reminded all club members to check out the information.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.



### **EMAIL ADDRESS NOTICE**

**If any member has changed their email address and would still like to be included in the e-mail notices that are sent out, please send me your right e-mail address along with your name. Also if a member does not want to receive the notices just let me know & I will remove your name from the list. (Name & e-mail address please).**

Jan Schomer, [goldenret11@att.net](mailto:goldenret11@att.net)

Editor's Note: The above does not pertain to the Waggin' Tales e-mail list. Please update for that with Sue MacPherson, Membership Chair at: [suemac325@aol.com](mailto:suemac325@aol.com) Thank You.



## Snickers Finds a Sweet Ending to a Bitter Beginning

By Erin Kowalewski, FVDTC member

Keebler, our recently adopted pound puppy, needed a playmate!

Keebler had come from a shelter in NC that euthanizes about 300 dogs a month, yes, a month. I found her in March 2008 when visiting friends there, and having adopted her while staying on with these friends for a few weeks, she lived on a horse farm with two other dogs during that time. To say she loved to play and was happy when in the company of another dog is an understatement. As I packed my bags to return home I began to wonder how she would fair as an "only child".

Not well! She didn't misbehave or destroy the house, but she seemed to have lost a bit of her spark. When friends visited with their dog, she was transformed to her joyful, jubilant former self. As soon as we drove onto the Kane Co Fairgrounds Thursdays nights for her beginner class at FVDTC she was energized with excitement and enthusiasm. I asked my vet and Terri, our dog class instructor about getting her a buddy. Both agreed she was a candidate for membership in the multiple dog club! My husband and I had never owned two dogs simultaneously. In fact, in our 27 years of marriage we'd only had one dog.

Last fall I began browsing Petfind.com. I found a Shepherd mix, named Rebecca at a rescue in Madison, WI. Her story was heartbreaking. She had been found in June 2008 as a month old puppy near death having been buried alive in a garbage dump in northern MN. She was taken to a shelter in that area. At the time she was rescued she was very sick and her odds of survival slim to none. Those circumstances were difficult in and of themselves, but she also had a leg that had been broken in two places.

In August 2008 Rebecca was transferred from MN to the rescue in WI. At this point there was no medical intervention that would restore her broken leg to its natural working ability or length. The bone had healed on its own and during that process had become entangled in the muscle, tendons and ligaments of the leg. These soft tissue components had restricted the growth of the bone. As a result, by the time she was about three and a half months old, the once broken bone was inches shorter than the corresponding bone in her other leg. No amount of surgery would produce a viable long leg. Additionally, surgeries would be painful and stressful reducing any attempt to make an already shy dog secure and outgoing. This dog would always carry her shortened leg up in the air, essentially making her a three legged dog.

As Dan and I discussed possibly adopting her, we worried about her ability to keep up with our high energy, playful pup, Keebler. After all, one of the reasons we were considering adopting a second dog was as a playmate for Keebler. We knew if we did adopt her it would mean a commitment that lasted her lifetime and we wanted to make sure we were doing what was best for both dogs.

Rebecca's foster mom, (who is a member of the board of directors for the WI rescue) was open, honest and realistic in her discussions with me about the dog's ability to play and run with Keebler. She related stories about how 'Bec was able to jump on the couch, (which not only spoke to the dog's ability to enjoy life from the furniture but to the foster mom's "dogs rule" perspective!) run around the yard and was more than able to interact with the four other dogs in the foster home. She assured me 'Bec would be playful and happy as Keebler's friend. But perhaps the best thing the foster mom did was to give us 'Bec for a week on a trial basis. She did so with a stern and emphatic directive, "You have *not* adopted this dog until you have had her a week, we talk at the end of that week and I agree to let you adopt her. And, if at *any* time during the week you realize she is not the dog for you, call me, I will come pick her up." While this may seem harsh and controlling, it was a gift. It allowed us to spend time with the dog without any sense of obligation or pressure. During the trial week if she didn't get along with Keebler, or couldn't keep up with her, there was no guilt in returning her to the rescue. We could spend the week getting to know her and letting her play with Keebler without wondering if we had chosen the correct dog as the newest member of the family.

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As it turned out we *had* chosen the correct dog to join our family. The newly named Snickers can and does “keep up” with Keebler and gives as good as she gets. She can navigate the stairs in our home, jump on “her” couch; get in and out of the car and race around the yard with amazing speed. It is as common to see Keebler chasing Snickers as it is to see Snickers in hot pursuit of Keebler. They wrestle, play, run, tumble and roll continuously throughout the day, taking time out to nap before starting the exercise again. Their weights differ by less than two pounds, they stand almost shoulder to shoulder and true to the foster mom’s prediction, Snickers is a fabulous, sweet dog, albeit a bit shy, who is the perfect playmate for Keebler and pet for us.

In tribute to Keebler, when Snickers first arrived at our home, she never stared at Snickers as Snickers stood uneasily on three legs in a strange place and realized she was no longer home in WI. As the frightened puppy ran to the fence line of our property and hid behind bushes, Keebler’s only goal was to draw her out to play. Keebler’s actions have never given any indication that she realizes or cares how different Snickers is or how odd it is that she has one short leg. Dogs in their capacity to love unconditionally give us all a good lesson on differences and acceptance. As the saying goes, “I only hope I can live up to being half the person my dog thinks I am”!

Keebler and Snickers are just two of hundreds of thousands of dogs who are foster or shelter dogs. Many have been cast aside, deliberately abandoned, frequently abused, and most sadly, forgotten. As a result these dogs spend their lives, however long or short they may be, alone and frightened and frequently in pain. There is often a stigma attached to foster or shelter dogs that inhibits their adoption. I believe that if prospective dog owners who seek certain traits in a dog as a household companion, (versus a competition dog), would spend time researching a shelter dog, they would be pleasantly surprised to find those traits in a dog awaiting a home at the shelter. For those seeking a “pure” bred dog, those too are easily found at shelters or rescues, some of whom are devoted to a specific breed. Rescues and shelters when coupled with adoption can be the very lifeline a dog needs to a loving and accepting home. Sometimes “a diamond in the rough” shines as brightly as any other once it is given a chance to sparkle.

When you see Keebler and Snickers at the Fox Valley Dog Club Training classes, please realize all that they have been through and how happy they are to be among friends, both human and canine.





## REGISTRATION

### *IT'S ALL IN THE BREED MIX - 100% OR SHADES OF...*

Chances are that if you're reading this newsletter, your dog is already AKC and/or UKC registered. However, do your family and friends, or if you're an instructor, do your **students** know about American Kennel Club's PAL/ILP program? Did you know that unregistered purebred dogs can compete in AKC Companion events?

If you come to training on a weekly basis, you probably know my Lab, Abby. I babysat Abby for her first owners when she was just a wee little baby and upon their arrival back home they sadly gave me the news that they felt they would have to give Abby up. They decided they couldn't keep her when it was discovered that the impending birth of their child might include serious complications. She was then mine and quickly became my "heart dog". Her original family bought her from a pet shop and she came with papers which were supposedly "registration" papers. It was of course some bogus organization and the pedigree I got looked like something that someone did on their home computer. I wanted to register her with AKC but this pedigree looked so fake to me and after researching the names on that pedigree, I completely disregarded it and decided to ILP her. Now, she can and does compete in AKC companion events (Obedience and Rally) because of her PAL/ILP registration.

If you are convinced that your unpapered dog is a purebred, if his breed is one which is registerable with AKC, you can, through AKC's PAL/ILP, participate and compete in agility, earthdog trials, herding tests and trials, hunt tests, Jr Showmanship, lure coursing, obedience, rally and tracking. You contact AKC with a photo and written description explaining why you believe your dog is a purebred and you're on your way to joining in the fun of AKC Companion Events!

This is the web address to get more PAL/ILP info: <http://www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm>

By the way, your **mixed breed** dog can participate in companion events in UKC (and more registries) via AMBOR registration. More info at: <http://www.ambor.us/>

Shelter dogs, adopted dogs thru breed specific rescue or all breed rescues... All dogs have the opportunity to participate in the same performance and companion events as our "papered" dogs!

My guys are a good example the opportunities available to all dogs...

"Abby" is AKC ILP'd

"Leena," bought from a breeder, is AKC/UKC registered

"Buddy," bought from a breeder, is AKC/UKC registered

"Daisy," <rescued> from a swap meet, is AMBOR registered

If you know of someone who is looking for "something to do" with their dog, pass along this information to them! Spread the word!

Sincerely,  
Terri Byerly  
President, FVDTTC

Editor's Note: **PAL/ILP** stands for [Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege \(PAL/ILP\)](#) ; **UKC** stands for United Kennel Club, Inc., and **AMBOR** stands for American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration



### May Membership Meeting Presentation:

## ***CANINE REHABILITATION***

**There are lots of active, competitive dogs in our lives and they sometimes become injured. And even if your dog doesn't do sports, we all know that they'll age over time. Learn about the latest options in canine rehabilitation from Melissa Horlock of VCA Aurora Animal Hospital. There are new therapies available to keep our furry friends feeling good. Come to the membership meeting on May 6th, at 7:00 PM at the Kane County Extension Office to learn about your options. The extension office is the first building South of training on Randall Road. We hope to see you at this informative presentation!**

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

On training nights, please grab a chair on your way in to hold your coat, treats, article bags and other personal items. Please don't pile them on the front table. The front table needs to be available to greet guests and provide important club information.

If our Greeters are forced to move your items, we cannot be responsible for anything you might lose track of due to the move.

Thank you,  
The Table Greeter



### DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?

Do you have a large dog? Are you tired of bending over the tub to scrub your little guy? Can you only wash your dog outside with the hose? If any of these fit, we have the solution...Booster Bath! The FVDTC Tracking Test Committee is raffling a NEW, never used Booster Bath. All proceeds are going to help support the Tracking Test.

As you may or may not know, our Tracking Test is one of the few trials held here in Illinois. It is a very labor intensive trial to produce. Only 8 tracks are laid, and only one handler/dog team can run each track. Judges are hard to come by sometimes creating further expense.

The opportunity to win this Booster Bath (valued at \$180) for just \$5.00 a ticket is open to everyone! Tickets will be sold at FVDTC training nights, correction clinics, and other FVDTC events through September 6, 2009. On September 6, 2009 three names will be drawn; winner, 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up. The winner and runners up will be notified via phone call and do not need to be present to win. The prize winner will have until October 15, 2009 to collect their prize. The Booster Bath is available to view any training night if you make arrangements with Cheryl Hettinger, 630-557-9310 or [dinner@FVDTC.org](mailto:dinner@FVDTC.org). Information and pictures will also be available for viewing, and you can also check out [www.boosterbath.com](http://www.boosterbath.com) for bath description.

If you would like to participate in our drawing stop by the front table for a ticket or two. You can purchase as many tickets as you like in hopes of winning this great prize! Please support your Tracking Test...and a cleaner dog, too!

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT by SUE MACPHERSON

**THE NEW MEMBER LIST BELOW WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 6, 2009**

Keith & Julie Phillips  
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630-262-8928  
Dachshund & Mixed breed  
Completed Beginners class  
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630-208-7164  
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Richard & Margaret Johnston  
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Clarendon Hills, IL 60514  
630-325-1312  
Labrador Retriever  
Completed Beginners class

Sarah August  
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Frances Shaw  
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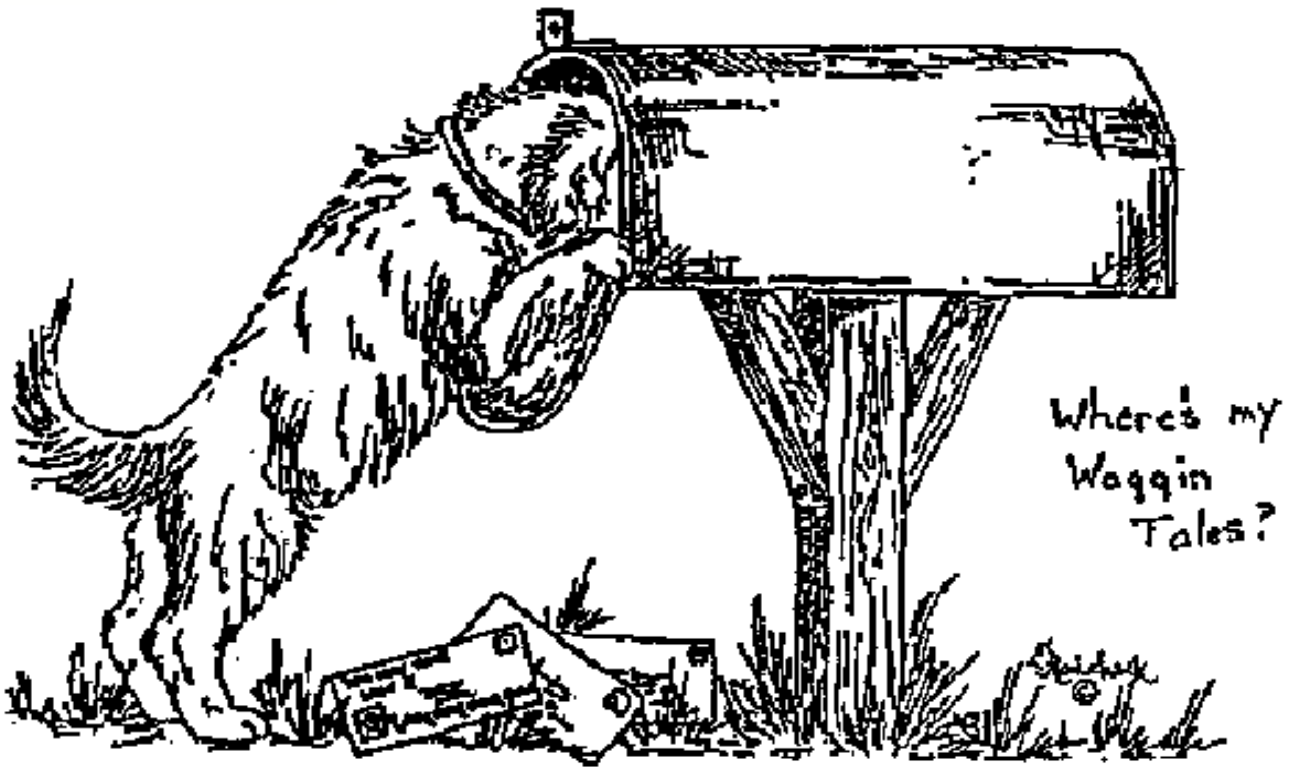
### BRAGS AND WAGS

I was proud of our club volunteers at the IKC. For such a large venue it could have been a little intimidating. The IKC was one of the most friendly events. It was very organized and the judges were sooo nice. It was great to see so many familiar faces at the tables.

Sophia and Sandy received the last leg in obedience for Sophia's CD title and Sophia and I placed third in Rally Excellence. Sophia has been in training 2years and is still smiling. She is such a joy.

Just in case we didn't do well at IKC I entered her in the West Allis show a week later. It was at the Convocation Center and a rather large show. Sophia and I were not nervous and it was early. All I kept thinking was 'we did this at the IKC in front of everyone and now it's just you and me'. We ended up with Rally Excellent 100 and Rally Advanced 100 and we finished 4th. I never thought too much about time, especially when I saw a border collie.

Victoria Abraham (CONGRATS, VICTORIA & SOPHIA, FROM ALL OF US AT FVDTC!!!!)



MARCH		
3	Tuesday	Regular Training Wellness Clinic
4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
8	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
12	Thursday	Regular Training End Session 1-Puppy (7:00) & Beginner
19	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC & TDI Tests
26	Thursday	Regular Training Start Session 2-Puppy (7:00) & Beginner & Wellness Clinic
27	Friday	Spring Agility Trial Set-up
28	Saturday	Spring Agility Trial
29	Sunday	Spring Agility Trial

APRIL		
2	Thursday	Regular Training
3	Friday	Board Meeting
5	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
9	Thursday	Regular Training
14	Tuesday	Regular Training End Puppy (8:00)
18	SATURDAY	ANNUAL DINNER
23	Thursday	Correction Clinic
30	Thursday	Regular Training Start Puppy (8:00)