



WAGGIN' TALES

Attention Members:

A special election will take place during our May 6th Membership Meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy of Obedience Trial Chair by Nancy Einwich.

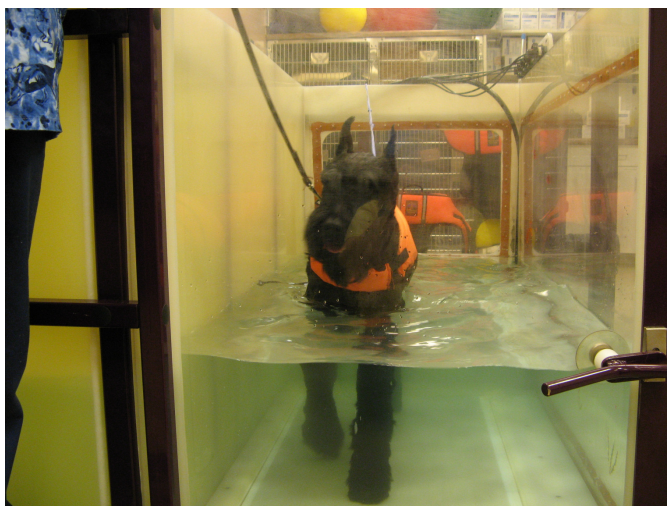
May Membership Meeting Presentation:

CANINE REHABILITATION

There are a lot 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 p.m., 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!

TIME REMINDER: THE PRESENTATION BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

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Krista, a Giant Schnauzer, on a water treadmill for therapy. This photo is not related to the VCA Aurora Animal Hospital but does demonstrate one of the types of therapies available to our working and non-working animals with injuries.

Board Meeting Highlights
April 03, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 p.m. In the absence of Terri Byerly, President, due to attending a dog show, First Vice-President, Ed Herdes asked Dave Lewis to moderate the meeting.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary). The February Meeting minutes were approved as published.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) reported that the program for the May 6th Membership Meeting has been scheduled and will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Center. The program will be presented by Melissa who is a canine physical therapist at the Aurora VCA Animal Hospital and will discuss physical therapy for dogs.

Dana Weller (Treasurer) was not in attendance due to a late night at work. However, she provided a financial report for the first three months of 2009. In response to Dave's question about the lack of an interest amount for January, Carolyn stated that she would contact Dana. *Secretary's Note: The interest for these accounts are earned quarterly, not monthly. Depending on the account, the interest is earned either in the second month or the third month of the quarter.*

Additionally, thanks to Dana's tenaciousness, a mystery has been solved. During her first several months of assigning her name to the club's accounts, she was unable to get financial statements for a long term CD account. It was discovered that the bank's notifications announcing the CD maturity, were never received by the club. According to the law, the bank turned the money to the State of Illinois. The process to have the money returned to the club, has been initiated. It is hoped that it will be returned quickly.

Joan Mazat (Director of Training) reported that all Beginner's classes and the 7:00 p.m. Puppy class are full. She will also contact a club member to expressed interest in assisting for instructors who need substitutes. In response to Peggy Sue's question, she also reported that she received no further interest from her response to an e-mail message she reported about during the February 2009 Board meeting.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) reported that the information table she set up at our Agility Trials on March 28th and 29th generated some interest in the club. She also reported that she will be getting more information about the AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Week.

Nancy Einwich (Obedience Trial Chairperson). Carolyn welcomed Nancy to her first Board meeting as the Obedience Trial Chairperson. Nancy stated that she has all the historical information from Rick Cox and is in the process of completing the applications and getting things moving forward for the 2009 Obedience and Rally Trial.

Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance due to her recent hip replacement surgery. However, she sent the following report that AKC finally approved everything, including the site, for the September 6th Tracking test.

Cathy Fleury and Vera Nyberg (Agility Trial Co-Chairs) were not in attendance, however, Cathy sent the following report: The spring agility trials have now come and gone, along with about 5" of snow and a power outage on Sunday morning, which only delayed the trial start by 30 minutes.

The trial had reached it's maximum entries and went off without a hitch. The only complaint received was the way the judges structured the walk-throughs, which left a few people unaware that they had missed their walk-throughs. The Friday night set-up took approximately 1-1/2 hours and Cathy turned the lights off at the Sportsplex on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Cathy extended her thanks to everyone who helped, especially Helen Castellano (former trial chair), the agility committee, the workers captain, and both ring captains, Kent Hildebrand and Lise Mason, who is a non-member. Cathy also stated that Helen made it easy to take over for her and Vera to be trial co-chairs.

Cathy also reported that she will have the trial income and expenses report prepared shortly.

Dave Lewis (Director at Large) stated that he will update the website e-mail contact page shortly with the addition of Nancy Einwich to the Board.

Old Business

None

New Business

Software Update for Agility Electronic Timers

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Co-Chairperson) reported that due to an AKC requirement, the software for the agility electronic timers must be upgraded prior to the fall agility trials. The timers must be sent to Signature Gear for the upgrade.

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Carolyn made a motion to enable Cathy Fleury to purchase the new software for \$100.00 and to reimburse her for the shipping of the timers to the vendor. The motion was seconded by Joan Mazat. The motion was approved by all present, without any opposed or any abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Joan Mazat (Director of Training, DOT)

For those who do not know me as the new DOT for 2009, I can be found as the instructor of the 7:00 p.m. Puppy Class, 8:00 p.m. Open Class, and then otherwise attached to my two girls Bonnie Bell CGC, UD, RE and Rodsden's Breezy of Windya CGC, CD, RA (Rottweilers). I'm the lunatic shouting WOO HOO when they sit just right in Brace or what ever other reason for that matter! Bonnie is my Novice A dog. I became involved in dog training as Bonnie was a very unexpected Christmas gift and weighed about 17 pounds at about 7-8 weeks old. I realized I did not have just a surprise puppy but a RESPONSIBILITY as she was going to grow up to be quite large and powerful so we started at the park district for basic training. The instructor saw that we had a knack for the sport and suggested we move on to the area obedience clubs. There we were blessed to meet Sandi Stephenson and her Rottweiler, now retired, UKC CH Abel UD RE (plus many agility titles and more - honored as one of the top UD Rottweilers by the ARC in 2005!). He is and always will be our idol dog - inspired to follow in his paw prints!

I would like to publicly thank all of the instructors who have been doing such a great job this year in volunteering their time and experience instructing others. It has been said many times but without your efforts, we would not be able to do what we do. For anyone who may be interested in instructing/assisting, please don't hesitate to let me know. There is always room for anyone who would like to volunteer no matter what level you are currently training at. Without volunteers, we could not offer classes and train our own dogs-also said many times but very true.

I find teaching/assisting others to be a great way to learn. It is beneficial instructing as by observing others and making suggestions it enhances my performance. I remember the things I have said- "Be consistent in your footwork, watch your shoulder position, reward the correct execution of the exercise for clarity," etc. When I pick up my lead, these statements come back to me. And by watching other handlers successes we can pick up different tricks and tips!

As an instructor, every eight weeks we get to see a different set of pups. We learn so much about all of the different breeds. Seeing what is consistent in their behavior and what is not. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain such knowledge first hand!

There is also a great reward in knowing that you have made a difference in a family's and dog's life. I have had dogs in my classes where the owners have said that they can not handle the dog and thoughts of taking it to the shelter are coming to their minds. One gentleman said to me, "If she does not do well in class, my wife will make me take her to the pound. This is her last chance." A few weeks later and a little consistency- the pup has a home for life! What a great feeling!

So don't be shy, step up and into the ring - an hour of your time and talent goes a long way for you, your dog, and the families who come to FVDTC!

Thank You, Joan & The "B" Girls

Hey, you there!

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

WANTED

We need help at all the Correction Matches. Please check the bulletin board and sign up to help steward or judge at the Correction Matches. If you have any questions please contact Ingrid Hamburger through the FVDTC website.

IS THERE SOME LUCK COMING YOUR WAY?

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, 1st runner-up, and 2nd 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. Information and pictures will also be available for viewing, and you can also check out www.boosterbath.com for the 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 AS WELL AS LAST MONTH'S LIST WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 6, 2009

<p>Nan Muno 40W145 Fabyan Pkwy Elburn, IL 60119 630-772-1025 Australian Cattle Dog Completed Beginners class e-mail: nmuno10@yahoo.com</p> <p>Jane Berse 1114 Thoroughbred St Charles, IL 60174 630-443-3224 Completed Beginners class e-mail: janie8305@aol.com</p> <p>Tom Pauling 505 Millington Way St Charles, IL 60174 630-377-2857</p>	<p>English Springer Spaniel Completed Beginners class e-mail: tom.pauling@bairdwarner.com</p> <p>Cindy Krelle 2S119 Nelson Lake Rd Batavia, IL 60510 630-406-0116 Doberman Pinscher Completed Beginners class e-mail: cindykrelle@aol.com</p> <p>Sharon & Tom Mueller 7N591 Cloverfield Circle St Charles, IL 60175-6836 630-513-1986 Shetland Sheepdogs Completed Beginners class e-mail: smmiller@elnet.com</p>	<p>Kristin Corwin & John Reynolds 702 Edison St Geneva, IL 60134 210-279-0050 Jack Russell Terrier & Fox Hound Completed Beginners class e-mail: kristincorwin@gmail.com</p> <p>Alison Daly 1572 Andover Ave. St Charles, IL 60174 630-513-0571 Lab/ Shepherd mix Completed Beginners class e-mail: daly66@hotmail.com</p> 
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BRAGS AND WAGS

CT Riesenrad's Special Wheel, VCD1, VST, MXP, MJP, RAE, CGC, TDI, Can. CD -

FVDTC's Agility Trial was a very successful weekend for our big boy "Pally". Under the wonderful guidance of his handler and friend, Cathy Fleury, Pally finished his MXP. He got his 9th leg with a 4th place on Saturday, and the 10th leg with a 3rd place on Sunday. Pally will be 10 years old on July 4th and will now enjoy retirement from all official doggie work. Now he can play in agility and on the tracking field whenever he wants to.

A Giant Thank You to Cathy for working with our boy. Hermann & Ingrid Hamburger

Also, we would like to tell everyone, that on April 5, our very special Girl "Heike":

CT Can. Otch. Riesenrad's Heike in Motion, UDX, VCD1, VST, NJP, NAP, RAE, CGC, TDI

celebrated her 12th birthday. Heike is still the happy go lucky girl she has always been, just a little slower. She's still ready to do whatever I ask her to do "like working articles, getting the dumbbell, doing gloves or playing tug" and always with a big smile on her face. We are so blessed to have Heike with us.

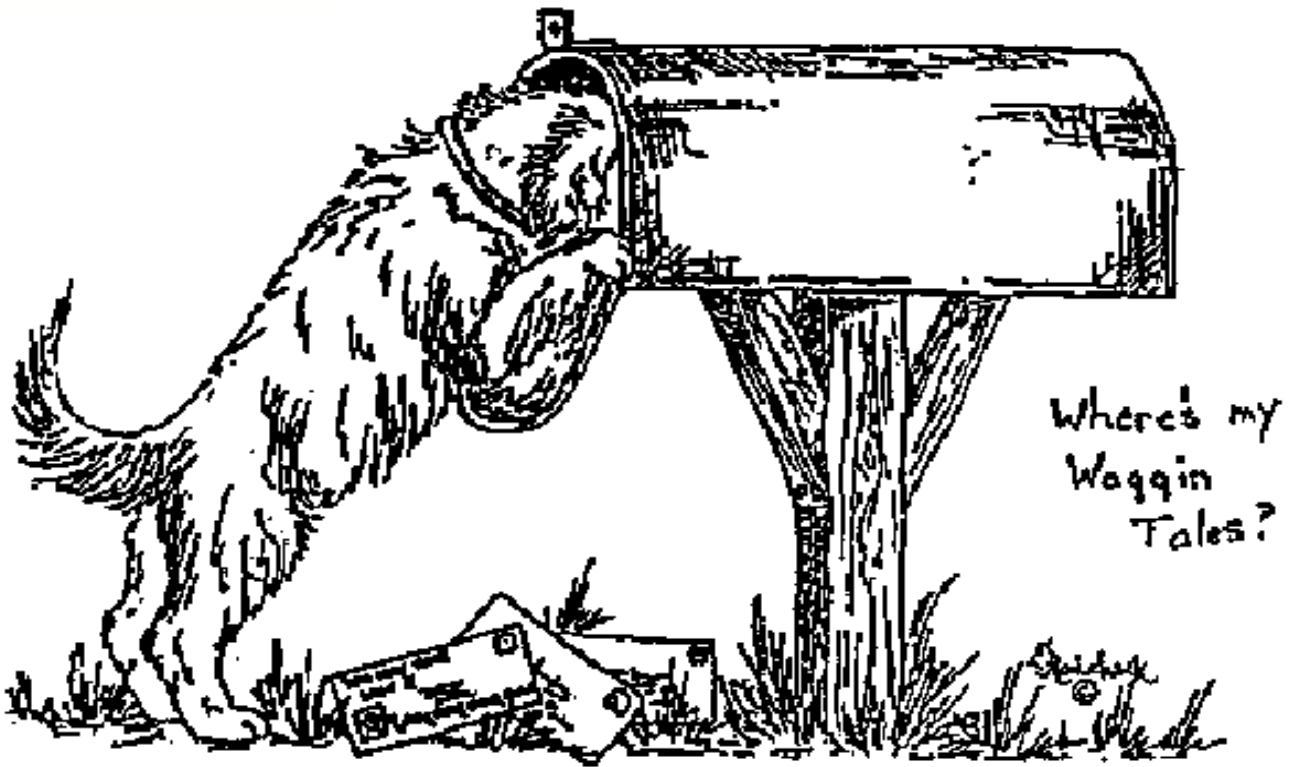
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Hug your Kids every day - they will love you for it.

Hermann & Ingrid Hamburger

Editors Note: MXP is the AKC Masters Excellent Preferred title.



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)

MAY		
6	Wednesday	Membership Meeting
7	Thursday	Regular Training
10	Sunday	Waggin' Tales Deadline
14	Thursday	Correction Clinic CGC & TDI Tests
19	Tuesday	Regular Training
28	Thursday	Regular Training End Session 2-Puppy (7:00) & Beginner