

FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hello all,

Just a quick note this month. First off, I really want to thank Loretta Lazzara, Marian Lazzara, Shirley Sennebogen and Sharon Shimko for helping me at the OFA eye clinic that was held recently at FV. I could not have done it without their help! It was a long night and each gave up a night of classes and training to help. Due to the efficient way the clinic was run, Dr. Lindley was able to exam the eyes of 50 dogs and we finished right on time at 9:00 pm. Dr Lindley was a very good sport, she ended up doing the exams in the men's restroom because it was the coolest & darkest room at our building. Maybe next year we can move her up to the women's restroom....I have already started to plan for next year's clinic.

Fall Trials and Tests!!!

Agility

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is proud to host the 2016 Fall Agility Trial, September 17-18 at a **new location**:

Players Indoor Sports Center
1740 Quincy Avenue
Naperville, IL 60540

Entries open July 3 with a draw held on August 16. Entries close September 3.
Contact Cathy Fleury to volunteer.

Tracking

It's that time again! FVDTC will hold its annual tracking test at Burnidge Forest Preserve in Elgin on Sunday, September 11. Contact Ingrid Hamburger to volunteer.

Obedience & Rally

FVDTC's Annual Obedience and Rally Trials:
November 19th & 20th, 2016
at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Contact Pat Senne to volunteer.

I also want to thank Ed Herdes for setting up an obedience demo and visit with the seniors at Michelson's Senior Home. We had about 9 handlers and their dogs doing a demo for a very large group of seniors, then the seniors visited with the dogs. Afterwards, they had a dog trivia contest and I was surprised at how many answers they got correct. A fun time was had by all!

One last thing, don't forget to work on completing your needed work credits, please don't wait until the last minute. There are so many ways to volunteer and get your credits. A good way to get them is to help at the upcoming tracking test, agility trials and obedience trial. Plus there are so many other ways to volunteer at FV, just ask any committee chair.

See you at training!

Wendy



Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Work Credits



for Membership and Awards

Effective January 1, 2015

To maintain reduced membership dues, you must:

- Earn one work credit, in your first year of membership
- or**
- Earn three work credits, in each year after your first year of membership

To receive a club award, you must:

- have a minimum of ten work credits for the year, automatically includes the work credits for dues.
- and**
- be listed as a Regular or Lifetime Training Member in the roster

Each available "job" in the club has been assigned the following work credits:

ONE credit:

- Attend a membership meeting
- Steward one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Steward one Correction Clinic
- Work the Information Table/Front Desk for two nights
- Work 1/2 day at the Obedience Trial
- Work 1/2 day at the Agility Trial
- "Substitute" as an Instructor or an Assistant Instructor for two nights
- Instructor for Conformation Class for two nights
- Work at an Event (not on the committee)

TWO credits:

- Judge one Kane County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Judge one Correction Clinic (OR the monetary compensation - NOT both)
- Evaluator for one CGC Test
- Work Full day at the Mat Cleaning
- Work Full day at the Tracking Test
- Work Full day at the Obedience Trial
- Work Full day at the Agility Trial

THREE credits:

- *Primary Instructor or Assistant Instructor for 4-H Class for one year
- Serve on a Committee for one year

FOUR credits:

- *Primary Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- *Assistant Instructor for Advanced Classes for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Conformation Class for one quarter
- *Primary Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- *Assistant Instructor for Puppy or Beginner Class for one session
- Serve as Puppy/Beginner Class coordinator for one year
- Serve as a Board Member for one year
- Chairperson on a Committee for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Coordinator for one year
- Serve as Kane County 4-H Dog Projects Superintendent for one year

* Instructors must be present for at least 75% of the classes to receive the work credit.

Work credits for other services to the club may be awarded by the Board on a per-event basis.



Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc. presents....

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 1st 9:00am to 5pm

Nosework Seminar with Harlan Houska
Working and Auditing Spots will be offered!

At

CarDunAl Obedience Dog Training
10783 Wolf Drive
Huntley, IL 60142



Topnotch K9 trainer Harlan Houska will be presenting Trial Strategies and Problem Solving for Nosework. This is a workshop for sport dog teams trialing in Nosework (Dog must be on at least one odor). Multiple venue competition rules and strategies will be covered in depth along with Pre-trial training, Odor Recognition Test, winning mindset, search plan, using the search environment to your advantage and post trial self-critique.

Harlan is a graduate of the Transportation Security Administration Explosives Detection Canine Handler course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Harlan and his canine partner AAdams conducted explosives detection for numerous venues and national security significant events. Some of the areas that AAdams and Harlan worked in were aviation, cargo, bus mass transit, rail mass transit, local transit terminals, regional multi-modal terminals, cargo, sports arenas, VIP sweeps and special events. After AAdams retired Harlan attended and graduated from the rigorous Complete Detector Dog Trainers course at the prestigious Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana. Harlan rehabilitated AAdams and with some intense training not only recertified him as an explosives detection canine but also attained certification in Law enforcement tracking. AAdams and Harlan have recertified through the American Working Dogs Association every year since.

Harlan continues to train with AAdams and assist law enforcement agencies on a volunteer basis. As a team they have competed in three K9 Olympics. The K9 Olympics, also known by the events formal name; the American Working Dog Association Seminar and Certification Trials, is held every year at Vohne Liche Kennels attracting the top law enforcement, security and military dog teams from around the world. Harlan and AAdams placed First Overall in 2014 and First in the Team Competition in 2015.

In addition to working an explosives detection canine Harlan is an American Working Dogs Association Certifying Official for Canine Explosives Detection, Canine Narcotics Detection and Police Canine Tracking.

On the sport side Harlan is National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Odor Recognition Test and Trial Judge, United Kennel Club (UKC) Nosework Trial Certifying Official and Certified Professional Dog Trainer Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA).

Membership Report

Brian & Michelle Seiton

Batavia, IL
 Viszla
 Completed Puppy Class

Gina Torcasso & Jake Anderson

Geneva, IL
 German Shepherd mix
 Completed Puppy class

Reid Root

Bartlett, IL
 Labrador Retriever
 Completed Puppy class

Suzy Gennaro

St Charles, IL
 Labradoodle
 Completed Puppy class

Carla Tisoris

Batavia, IL
 Bullmastiff
 Completed Puppy class

Megan Dysard

Geneva, IL
 Golden Retriever
 Completed Puppy class

Dale Swanson

North Aurora, IL
 Border Collie
 Guest trained 8 times

Kenni Eberlein

Yorkville, IL
 Russell Terrier
 Completed Beginner class

Calendar

September

01 Thu Regular Training
 06 **Tue** Regular Training
 Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
 10 Sat Tracking Test Setup
 11 Sun Tracking Test
 14 **Wed** **Membership Meeting**
 15 Thu No Training – St. Peter's Barn Sale
 16 Fri Fall Agility Trial Setup
 17 Sat Fall Agility Trial
 18 Sun Fall Agility Trial
 20 **Tue** Regular Training
 Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
 29 Thu Correction Clinic
 CGC Test

October

06 Thu Regular Training
 11 **Tue** Regular Training
 19 Wed Board Meeting
 20 Thu Correction Clinic
 27 Thu Regular Training
 Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)
 Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
 Junior Handler Ends (6:00pm)
 Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)

Membership Meeting Highlights – July 20, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

Wendy announced that Lynn Weis is currently undergoing brain surgery. According to Wendy, Lynn had an odd episode at work a couple of weeks ago that caused her doctor to order an MRI which showed a tumor on the surface of her brain. Until the biopsy is concluded, it will not be known if the tumor is malignant or benign.

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

Dave Lewis (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance, but reported that voice messages going to Nancy Pederson about puppy/beginner classes will also now be converted to a text message. Nancy will still receive the audio message. Nancy stated that the feature is working very nicely.

Dave also reported that the fvdtc.com domain was renewed for four years. This enables the club to keep our website in sync with the fvdtc.org domain, which is our primary presence on the web. Any search that attempts to go to fvdtc.com will automatically be redirected to fvdtc.org.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed the financial statement through June 30. He stated that the report statement does NOT include the July 1st rent payment to the Kane County Fairgrounds. Phil also stated that the check received from Mary Bradley has been deposited into its own "Fundraising" category. Wendy thanked Phil for his excellent reporting at each meeting.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that we will be hosting a second session of the "Trick Class", which will meet on August 4th, August 11th, August 25th, September 1st and October 6th. Nancy Pederson reported that the upcoming Beginners classes are filling slower than usual, with three weeks prior to the start date, the 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class has only has two students.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that there are currently two vendors for the November trial. Cheryl Hettinger reported that she will continue to seek more vendors. Donna Bihner stated that she has been contacted by Paw Dukes and she provided them with the dates and contacts for the November trial and the September Agility trials.

Additionally, the Obedience committee and the Board will discuss adding a veterans rally and/or Rally team (of four) which is timed and scored to our trial. Holly Cass reminded the committee that IF we choose to offer the extra classes, we do not have any placement ribbons. Donna suggested that rather than offering ribbons for the placements, we could offer a prize for the first through fourth place. Pat reported that she verified with Loretta Lazzara, the Sunday Rally judge, that she would be willing to judge an extra Rally event. Offering an extra non-regular Rally class on Saturday will need to be verified with the Saturday judge, Donna Darland.

Pat also reported that the premium list will announce the offering of an OTCH ribbon for an exhibitor who earns the title at our trial.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of nine new applicants who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Cheryl Hettinger made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Candy Ellis seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator) thanked all the volunteers for helping make the past 4-H program successful.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that the September 17th and 18th Agility Trial will be at Players in Naperville, not at the Sportsplex in St. Charles. We are unable to use the Sportsplex facility in St. Charles to host our 2016 Fall Agility Trials, due to their recent replacement of the surface in their field to flooring which is not suitable for dogs to safely participate in agility. The trial will start at 7:30 a.m., not 8:00 a.m.

Cathy also reported that she is looking into the LifeZone 360 facility across from Springhill Mall in West Dundee for next year's trials.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that anyone who has a suggestion for a theme for the next Annual Dinner can contact her at training or via email at dinner@fvdtc.org.

Donna Bihner (Awards Co-Chairperson) announced that the following modifications were made to the Awards for titles earned in 2016; added the new AKC Therapy Dog titles, modified the level for the CH and added the Grand CH.

AKC Level	Titles
Level 2	Therapy Dog
Level 3	Champion Therapy Dog Excellent
Level 4	Grand Champion Therapy Dog Distinguished

The next awards to be reviewed by the committee will be the awards offered for titles earned multiple times, such as UDX-2, RAE-2, etc.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) was not in attendance, however Wendy announced that the next CGC test will be offered on September 29th.

Holly Cass (Graduation Chairperson) reported that she is in possession of all the ribbons for the November Obedience and Rally trials. Additionally, Holly ordered the CGC ribbons for Cris Ballenger. Holly stated that Terri Vaira asked her to provide her with completion certificates for the students participating in the Trick Class. It was agreed that we do not offer any diplomas for classes other than Puppy and Beginners. The Advanced Puppy class students get the Beginners diplomas.

Holly also reported that only one person showed up at the June correction clinic, which was three weeks after Session #2 ended. Holly stated that for the next session completion, she will ask the instructors to provide the number of students who anticipate participating in the Beginner Novice introduction offered to our graduating students. Holly stated that David Thornell is doing an excellent job with the Beginner Novice introduction.

Jan Winters (Therapy Dog Evaluation) was not in attendance, however Wendy announced that the next TDI test is tentatively scheduled for October 20th.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) was not in attendance, but asked that all reports, updates and articles for Waggin' Tales be submitted by Sunday, June 24th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$8.00 is Nancy Lee as drawn by club member, Roger Fick. Ingrid Hamburger received a donation of \$8.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- **CERF Clinic**

Wendy asked the members present at the meeting whether they would be interested in participating in a CERF clinic, to be hosted by Animal Eye Consultants. The appointments will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Wendy asked that all participants be on time. Loretta and Marian have volunteered to help. Shirley Sennebogen also volunteered to help following Wendy's request for additional volunteers.

New Business

- Wendy Waddick announced that the Chicagoland Shetland Sheepdog Club would like to borrow or rent our Rally set-up (signs and stands) for their two-day trial on March 4 and 5, 2017.
- Wendy Waddick reported that the club is donating two certificates to the German Shorthair Pointer rescue for their fundraiser this coming weekend for a free class.
- Barb Runkle stated that she will contact the North Aurora Days coordinator.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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