

FVDTC

WAGGIN' TALES

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

I hope you are having a fun-filled Summer as we head into the Dog Days of Summer. I have only a few things to write this month. First, and most importantly, I really want to thank everyone that helped with takedown during the last two weeks at training. Our usual takedown person was unavailable these last two weeks. David Thornell, Phil Nuger, Peggy Sue Sheehafer and her husband, and a few other volunteers took down and put everything away the first week. Last week was quite unexpected, but a few of our members pulled together and got everything taken down and put away. A huge thank you to all that helped and to Ed who supervised it all!!

We do have a few health clinics coming up. The first is the Eye Clinic, which will be held on October 4th during regular training. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Another health clinic coming to FV will be a Heart Clinic. This will be held on Saturday November 17th, during our Fall Obedience and Rally Trials. Again, please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Both of these clinics offer great opportunities to get important health exams for your dogs and at greatly reduced costs.

We are now over half way through the year. Please make sure you are working on getting your work credits finished. You need only 3 work credits to get

CGC Test in August

FVDTC is hosting a Canine Good Citizen Test on August 16th at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Preregistration is necessary to reserve your spot. Only 12 spots are available. No day of test entries.

Please fill out the registration form and send with your check to the address on the form. The form can be found on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org/events.html>), or you can pick one up at the front table on training nights.

half off your annual membership dues and 10 work credits to get a wonderful volunteer or new title award. If you don't know how to help, just ask any committee chair. They will help guide you toward much-needed volunteer opportunities.

One last thing: I want to say thank you to all who sent me get well cards, or signed a get well card at training after my recent spine surgery. I really appreciated them. I also want to thank FVDTC for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent. It really made my day! Things are moving along and I hope to be able to be back at training in the beginning of August. My dogs can't wait!

Thank you to all who volunteer in so many ways at the club, it's fantastic members like you that make FVDTC such a vital, and wonderful organization. All your efforts are greatly appreciated!

See you at training.....hopefully soon, Wendy

Coming in November

Guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Wahlund will visit our November membership meeting to talk to us about a variety of topics. The membership meeting is at the Kane County Extension Center Building at 535 Randall Road, St. Charles, (just south of the Kane County Fairgrounds). Be there at 7pm!

Get more information by contacting Cris Ballenger

For detailed information about the test items and requirements go to <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>

Members: Helpers are needed for the CGC test. Earn your work credits here!

OFA Eye Exam

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your dog's eyes examined at a greatly reduced fee! It is highly recommended that you get your dog's eyes examined yearly. Exams will be performed the evening of October 4th, 2018 at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Exact times will be determined once we know how many dogs sign up.

Denise M Lindley, DVM of Animal Eye Consultants will be performing OFA eye exams. The cost is \$35 per dog.

You must prepay to reserve your spot. Send payment, made payable to FVDTC, to:

Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
St Charles, IL 60175

Please include the preferred time that you would like for your exam/exams.

You need to arrive half an hour before your exam time in order to get eye drops in to dilate your dog's eyes and to fill out paperwork. Please indicate the preferred time that you would like to arrive, I will do my best to fulfill your request. Get your spot reserved early to get your preferred time! *There will be no refunds of examine fees after September 20th.*

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so I can contact you easily!

Any questions, email Wendy at president@fvdtc.org

Calendar

August 2018

02 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Ends (6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm)
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
09 Thu Regular Training
Beginner Begins (6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm)
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
15 Wed Board Meeting
16 Thu Fun Match
CGC Test
23 Thu Regular Training
30 Thu Regular Training

September 2018

06 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
08 Sat Tracking Test Setup
09 Sun Tracking Test
12 Wed Membership Meeting
13 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)
14 Fri Agility Trial Setup
15 Sat Agility Trial
16 Sun Agility Trial
20 Thu Fun Match
27 Thu Regular Training

FVDTC Heart Clinic

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is hosting a heart clinic in conjunction with our fall obedience and rally trials.

DR. HEIDI KELLIHAN DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin -Madison will be performing the exams.

Dr. Kellihan will be offering the following heart exams:

- AN AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart

WHEN: In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 17, 2018 from 8:00 am through 3:00 pm

WHERE: At our trial site at the Kane County Fairgrounds

COSTS: Echocardiogram exam, which includes an auscultation exam \$250.00 per dog Auscultation exam only \$50.00 per dog. This is a great opportunity at a greatly reduced costs!

* EXAMS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TRIAL *

To reserve your spot for either exam, send your pre-registration payment, with checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and breed, along with your contact information. Include your email address and phone number. Nancy will set up the time schedule for the exams once the judging schedule is out; she will do her best to work around your ring times. You will need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your exam time to fill out any necessary paperwork.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at nlee483@comcast.net

Send your pre-paid registration information and check to:
Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

Membership Report

Michael Rullman
Mix breed
Completed Beginner class

Stephanie & Brian Grimm
German shepherd
Completed Puppy class

Meet Phil Nuger

Meet Phil Nuger, Treasurer for Fox Valley Dog Training Club. Phil has been a member of FVDTC for about 8 years. His wife, Donna, is a youth educator in the U of I Extension Center next door. She was the one who became interested in training at FV and so Phil joined her. They live in Willowbrook and Phil works in Cicero, so they both travel quite a ways to the club.

Phil has been Treasurer for FVDTC for about 3 years. Again, thanks to his wife, Donna, he has the pleasure of helping the club with our financial needs. He makes deposits, payments, reconciles the accounts, and helps the board analyze its financial position. He also has the income and balance sheets ready for the members to review. So how did Phil become our financial guru? Somebody had approached Donna about the position, and she said she knew the perfect person for the job. Phil has run his own business for about 25 years, with 30 employees. He does all his own accounting work so he said "The FVDTC Treasurer job is a piece of cake by comparison".



So why dog training? Phil told me Donna has been training dog's since she was a girl, but he never had dogs growing up. He acquired his first dog when he married Donna. He actively started training when his kids left for college. His main focus of training is Agility and Obedience. Phil had a dog, Simba, who he titled in CGC, CD, NA, NJ, and NF. His current dog, Pongo has CGC, CA, CD, OA, OAJ, and XF titles, and he has helped his wife title her dog, Herbie, in XA, XAJ, and OF.

Another role Phil has at FVDTC is assisting Vera with her 8 o'clock Puppy Class. He also is an instructor at Lyons Township Dog Training Club as an intermediate agility instructor. Phil and Donna are also members of Lyons Township Dog Training Club, where he also is an intermediate agility instructor. Additionally, he trains Pongo in agility at Lucky Dog Academy..

If you haven't met Pongo, he is a cute Lab Mix. Phil said his mother was a yellow lab and his dad was a wandering spirit. His breed of choice is Labrador Retriever and Golden Retriever.

Donna once had Phil take her beagle, Goofy, to training one night for her. She had gone back to school when her kids were older and had exams that night. So Phil took Goofy that night and they were doing great. Then Phil set Goofy up for the recall exercise. He walked to the end of the ring, turned and called him. Well, Goofy had other things on his mind and started running circles in the ring. Phil and several other members were calling him and trying to catch him. After that it took Phil six years to train another dog. You did name him Goofy, so he had to live up to his name. Goofy did end up with a UD title.

So what does he do on his spare time? Phil trains Pongo 3 days a week and plays tennis 2 or 3 days a week. So far this summer Donna and Phil have been to Disney with their children and five grandsons. And at the end of the summer Donna and Phil will be camping at Rocky Mountain National Park.

Thank you, Phil, for everything you do at Fox Valley Dog Training Club. With all the hard volunteer work you put into the club, it's what makes our club great.

Membership Meeting Highlights - July 11, 2018

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Senne (Acting Secretary). The May 17 Meeting minutes were approved as published, following a motion by Joyce Conway and seconded by Barb Runkle. A thank-you note from Kathy Bianchetti was read regarding a memorial gift sent on behalf of her father that passed.

Ed Herdes (First Vice-President) reported that the break-down people had not shown up the past two weeks.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Second Vice-President) reported that she is planning a program for the November 7th Membership meeting. Details will be provided when all the plans have been confirmed.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, however he reported that there were no significant changes from the financial reports reviewed at the June Board meeting.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that the A/C was requested for fairgrounds for the training night. Will reported that the training mat safety issue was discussed during the June Board meeting and will be re-addressed at the August 15th Board, with ideas from Peggy Sue Seehafer. Will said that all classes which start on August 9th have instructors.

Pat Senne (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that we have the 2018 Judge's slate is set and the slate for 2019 is almost set. Unfortunately, Julianne Cepulis cancelled her contract, but she has been replaced with Richard Wood.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of six new applicants who were published in recent Waggin' Tales. Barb Runkle made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that, by popular demand, the Annual Dinner will again be held at Riverside Receptions in Geneva in April of 2019.

Awards Chairperson – Wendy announced that Cheryl Hettinger has volunteered to be the 2018 Awards chair.

Cris Ballenger (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that the next CGC Test will be on August 16th and there no entries as of today. Terry Vaira will be the evaluator. We need to talk it up and announce it in the email blast to encourage individuals to sign up.

Lori Delk/Pat Senne/Sandi Stephenson (Match Co-Chairs). The Match Committee is considering having a separate Beginner Novice ring for future fun matches.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Judges Chair) stated that the following individuals judged at the June fun match.

- Rally.....Bill Abraham
- Novice and Beginner Novice.....Candy Ellis
- Open 1 and Graduate Novice....Loretta Lazzara
- Open 2.....Sandi Stephenson
- Utility 1 and Graduate Open.....Will Short
- Utility 2.....Taffy Wille

Jennifer Cornele (Publicity) announced that Will Short will be the next Board Member highlighted in the Waggin' Tales.

Sue MacPherson (Statistician) reminded all committee chairs to please send names of the volunteers to her.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the next deadline is Sunday, July 22nd.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$6.50 is Nada Johnson. Nada donated her winnings to the Tracking Test. Therefore, Ingrid Hamburger will receive a donation of \$11.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- 2018 Eye Clinic
Wendy reported that the eye clinic is scheduled for October 4th at the fairgrounds. Dr. Lindley from Wisconsin will be the examiner. The cost is \$35.00 per dog and the fee is required to be paid in full to Wendy Waddick at the time of sign-up. Cash or Checks (made payable to FVDTC) are accepted. The club will issue a single check to Dr. Lindley that night.

New Business

- Barb Runkle volunteered to represent FVDTC at the Chicagoland Pet Show this November.
- Loretta asked for a written roster of our members with phone and email. Sue MacPherson said she would make one available.
- Wendy reported that we will again offer a Heart Clinic on Saturday during the November 17th Trials. The cost is \$250.00 for an Echocardiogram exam and \$50.00 for listening (Auscultation exam) to the heart. Dr. Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM a Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiology, Board Certified Cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be performing the exams. Contact Nancy Lee to pre-register for this event. A minimum of ten examinations are required before Dr. Kellihan can be confirmed.
- Cris Ballenger suggested that we consider a donation opportunity for a non-profit at one of our Fun Match's for a canine-related charity. It was determined that this would be discussed at the next Board meeting. Following the meeting, Joan Lester provided the following suggestions:
- Disaster Trailers Program (to be used in our local area)
- Canine Health Foundation
Mr. David Hopkins lives locally and is a Delegate to the American Kennel Club. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Canine Health Foundation and is also very familiar with the Disaster Trailers. He would be willing to attend one of the Club's meetings to discuss either of these two programs, if the Club would be interested

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



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.

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