

# FVDTC

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## **A Note From the President**

Hello All,

I hope this message finds you all healthy and well. During this National Crisis, we at FVDTC have had to make some difficult decisions due to the COVID-19 virus. We recently made the decision to cancel all events at FVDTC until further notice. This includes all classes; our Fun Matches; the Spring Agility Trial, our Health Clinics, and more. At this moment our priority is to protect the health of all our members, students, guests, their families and the community as a whole during this critical junction in time.

Please follow all the necessary guidelines of the Center for Disease Control, The World Health Organization and the governor of our state. Please Shelter in Place, and only go out for necessary business until we are told by our governor that is safe to do otherwise; wash your hands often, especially after coming into contact with surfaces that are frequently touched. This is critical to help stop the spread of this virus. It is also vitally important to practice social distancing measures so we can all stay healthy and so that we don't further overwhelm our already overwhelmed health care workers. As many have already stated before me, "We are all in this together".

Many have asked when classes and training will resume. Unfortunately, we don't have that answer yet. People have also asked what will happen to classes that were canceled and still have weeks left to conclude. At this point, we can't tell you exactly what our schedule will look like when we resume, because we don't know when we will be up and running again. However, we will work hard to accommodate all classes and allow them to finish their full class sessions. I wish I could give you a clearer picture of how this will all look, but at this moment there is too much uncertainty.

We also had to make the difficult decision to cancel our April 19th Annual Dinner. But thanks to talks between Candy Ellis and The Riverside Reception Center, it has been agreed to not cancel our Annual Dinner, but postpone it until Sunday, May 31st. And if the virus is still an issue in May, Riverside Reception will allow us to reschedule this date even further. I am very happy that we don't need to forgo this annual event! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the updated invitation information. I hope that you can attend; it will be a fun event for all our club members; especially after we have all endured so many hardships recently.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented moment in time. Please continue to check the FVDTC Website for further updates. If you haven't signed up to receive our Constant Contact email blasts, please consider doing so now. We have been sending out regular updates thru Constant Contact thanks to Miriam Zarate. To sign up, email Miriam and she will add your name, and email to our list.

Stay safe and healthy everyone and see you all at training, hopefully soon,

*Wendy Waddick*

### **Cancelled Events:**

Regular Training  
Agility Trial  
Fun Matches  
March Health Clinic

**Postponed:**  
Annual Dinner

## ***FVDTC's COVID-19 Response Statement***

FVDTC Members and Guests -

There is a call to action by responsible leaders and health care institutions to work together to stop the spread of the coronavirus now. This is important because of the risk to the community at large, particularly the elderly and persons at high risk for complications from COVID-19. We have a responsibility to all club members, their families and our community to be part of the solution and to not proliferate the problem.

These circumstances are unprecedented. The instructions of the World Health Organization and the CDC are science-based and not media hype or mass hysteria. The Governor of Illinois, all sporting organizations, as well as Illinois schools and many other institutions and community leaders are participating and supporting action at this time.

Because FVDTC is not a vital service, we are compelled to be part of the solution and cooperate with authorities to protect our loved ones. FVDTC has always contributed to the community and this action is part of meeting our responsibility to the community.

For these reasons, FVDTC will join the German Shepherd Club of Chicago, the Northwest Obedience Club, and others, in suspending training and events for 14 days in accordance with guidelines issued by these agencies. At this time, we anticipate resuming training on Thursday, April 2nd, pending further developments or changes in the situation.

Persons with coronavirus may have the virus with minimal or no symptoms, due to this, they can unknowingly transmit the virus to others. Social distancing has been proven to be the only certain way to slow transmission. And while not having classes for two weeks is an inconvenience, the ramifications of possibly contributing to the spread of the virus is irresponsible and must be unacceptable to all club members.

For those that have sent in pre entires to the March Fun Match, your entries will be credited towards the April Fun Match. If you are unable to attend the April Fun Match we will offer refunds. The CGC Test scheduled during the March Fun Match will be rescheduled to future date. Everyone that has enrolled will be refunded the testing fee.

Per The University of Illinois, many 4H activities have been suspended for the time being, including the 4H dog classes at FVDTC. Classes hosted by FVDTC have been cancelled for March 26, April 2, and April 9, at which time the topic will be revisited and reviewed with the hopes of possibly resuming the youth classes on April 23. Extra classes at the end of the current 4H session will not be added

For further updates look to the FVDTC website, Facebook and/or Constant Contact communications.

Thank you for your understanding,

Wendy Waddick

## Calendar

**Please note:** Everything on the calendar is tentative until we have permission to begin meeting again

### April 2020

02	Thu	Regular Training	<b>Canceled</b>
08	Wed	Board Meeting	<b>TBD</b>
09	Thu	Regular Training	<b>Canceled</b>
		End Puppy (8:00pm)	
16	Thu	Fun Match	<b>Canceled</b>
19	Sun	Annual Dinner	<b>Postponed</b>
23	Thu	Regular Training	
		Start Puppy (8:00pm)	
30	Thu	Regular Training	
		Health Clinic	

### May 2020

07	Thu	Regular Training	
13	Wed	Membership Meeting	
14	Thu	Regular Training	
		End Puppy (7:00pm)	
		End Advanced Puppy (6:00pm)	
		End Beginner (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)	
21	Thu	Fun Match	
28	Thu	Regular Training	
		Begin Puppy (7:00pm)	
		Begin Advanced Puppy (6:00pm)	
		Begin Beginner (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)	
31	Sun	Annual Dinner	

## From the AKC

Event Cancellation Status: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>

AKC Office Closure Status: <https://www.akc.org/press-center/akc-office-closure-information/>

### Can Dogs Get COVID-19?

Dogs can get certain types of coronaviruses, but the specific novel coronavirus, aka COVID-19, is believed to not be a health threat to dogs. The World Health Organization has stated "There is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19."

### Can I walk my dog?

Before taking a walk, check your local regulations. As long as the area where you reside remains safe enough to venture outside, dog owners feeling healthy and well should plan to continue walking their dogs daily, albeit with added safety measures.

*Excerpted from: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/can-dogs-get-coronavirus/>*



# LEAP of Faith



## Join us to Celebrate the Journey! Fox Valley Dog Training Club Annual Dinner RIVERSIDE RECEPTIONS Geneva, IL Sunday, May 31 2020

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p. m.

**RSVP no later than May 21 2020**

### ***Tapestry Buffet***

*Spinach Salad with Seasonal Accompaniments, Roast Sirloin of Beef with Woodsman Sauce,  
Herb Roasted Chicken, Green Beans Almandine, Red Roasted Potatoes,  
Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Fresh Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea  
Homemade Desserts compliments of the Dinner Committee!*

**Cash Bar**

Submit your completed form  
and check (made out to FVDTC)

by: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

- Leaving them at the information table on training nights

or

- Mailing them to:

**Candy Ellis**

**27W359 Beecher Ave**

**Winfield, IL 60190**

Questions? Contact Candy at

[Dinner@fvdtc.org](mailto:Dinner@fvdtc.org) or 630-750-

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YES, I (we) will attend

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 (per person) for reservations for the following people. Please list names as you would want them on the name tag.

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**FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB  
WELLNESS CLINIC**

**THURSDAY, March 26, 2020**

**and**

**THURSDAY, April 30, 2020**

**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**

HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$45.00
Bordetella	\$21.00
Blood Panel I	\$63.00
Blood Panel II	\$84.00
Canine Influenza Vaccine	\$38.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$86.00
DHLPP	\$27.00
DHPP (3 year)	\$22.00
Fecal Check	\$18.00
Heartworm Test (antigen test)	\$24.00
Heartworm Test with Tick Borne test	\$31.00
Lepto	\$22.00
Lymes Vaccination	\$30.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$18.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$28.00

\*tags available for DuPage and Kane County

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

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

Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039 to schedule an appointment.

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