

# FVDTC

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **We're Back!**

Training will resume this Thursday, July 9, but it won't be business as usual. In order to keep everybody healthy and safe, FVDTC has instituted guidelines, including masks, social distancing and an online sign up for class sessions. The guidelines are online,

and in this Waggin' Tales. Please read carefully and follow all the instructions. They are for your safety, and for those around you. The part you're really looking for is here; the link to the class sign up:

<https://www.fvdtc.org/class-signup>

## **A Note From the President**

Hello All,

Finally some good news, FVDTC will be open again soon! Illinois has now moved to Phase 4 of the Governor's Reopening Plan, which allows groups of 50 people or fewer to gather. This means FVDTC can reopen as long as we have 50 people or less in the building at any one time. In order to safely reopen, we have created some new guidelines that are based on recommendations from the CDC, and guidelines from our Governor and the AKC. The full details of our new guidelines are published in this newsletter and online. Please make sure to read them fully so you understand them completely before you return to training. Our reopening date is Thursday, July 9th at 5:30, the building will close at 10:00pm sharp.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to return to our normal activities until we reach Phase 5. But we will be able to come back and train our dogs! I want to highlight a few of our new guidelines; everyone that returns to training will need to adhere to all of these changes. Everyone will be required to wear a face covering that fits properly. You will need to supply your own mask. Your mask must cover from the top of your nose to under your chin, meaning your nose and mouth must be covered at all times while in the building and when you are near others in the parking lot. You will also need to maintain social distancing of 6' from each other as much as possible. Another major change involves online sign up for any drop-in class that you want to attend each week. This sign up will be on the FVDTC website shortly. You will need to sign up to reserve a training spot each week, no exceptions. There will be no walk-ins allowed.

Active instructors will be able to reserve a training spot starting the Saturday before our regular Thursday night training. Members will be able to sign up starting the Sunday before our regular Thursday night training. All reserved drop-in training spots must be completed by Wednesday, the night before training. Pre-registering for a drop in training spot will need to be done on a weekly basis and you will not be able to pre-register for more than one week at a time. Each dog/handler team can sign up for only one run per class. No second runs allowed in any class. But handlers that have multiple dogs can pre-register each dog for one spot in the same class.

Due to capacity limits, we will only allow members to sign up for our drop-in training spots. However, guests are allowed in our paid classes and our conformation class. Guests will need to pre-register online for a spot in the conformation class each week. There will be no guest training, nor are guests allowed until we reach Phase 5 of the Governor's plan. Only one handler per dog is allowed in the building.

Also, before you enter the building, or any ring, please apply a generous amount of hand sanitizer to your hands and allow your hands to dry naturally. We will have hand sanitizer at each entrance and at the entrance of each ring.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with our new guidelines. We want to be able to return to training our dogs but, most importantly, we need to keep everyone as safe as possible while we return to the sport we love!

Once again, I want to say a huge thank you to our own "Woofmaster" Dave Lewis for creating our new online sign up system. He has worked very hard to get this program up and running so we can return to training. I would also like to thank Carolyn Pearson and Will Short for working on the logistics for the online sign up so that Dave has all the necessary information. And

thanks again to Phil Nuger, Will Short and Cindy Planko for helping me with our reopening guidelines. All of your hard work and efforts will make it possible to return to training, thank you all!

Welcome back, we can't wait to see you!

Wendy Waddick

## ***FVDTC Re-Opening Guidelines and Rules***

Fox Valley Dog Training Club (FVDTC) will re-open when we have reached Phase 4 of the Governor's Re-Opening Plan. Phase 4 sets a limit of the number of individuals to 50 or under at any one time in our building. In order to comply with the Governor's Orders and the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines, we have outlined the following rules.

All must follow these guidelines in order to return to training. Thank you for your understanding and compliance so we can re-open as safely as possible.

### **Personal Safety**

Anyone exhibiting respiratory symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, loss of taste and or smell, shortness of breath, or any COVID-19 related symptoms, must refrain from attending any FVDTC events. We urge those in the COVID-19 High Risk Group to speak with your physician for guidance as to when it is acceptable to attend FVDTC events.

### **Building Protocols**

- The building hours for training are 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM, no exceptions.
- Social distancing of 6' must be maintained inside the building, outside the building and in the parking lot.
- Masks are **REQUIRED** to be worn by everyone in the building, at all times.
  - Individuals are to provide their own mask.
  - Masks must be worn properly – covering the top of your nose and your entire mouth.
- A generous amount of hand sanitizer must be applied before:
  - Entering the building.
  - Touching any other club equipment, such as when adjusting any jumps.

- No touching dogs or belongings of others , e.g.
  - No petting
  - No pass the puppy
  - No touching articles
  - No Conformation inspection
  - No stand for exam
  - Figure-8 to be performed with cones (i.e. not people)
  - Recalls without assistance – i.e. no holding leads of others, nor stepping on leads.
  - No collar fittings
- Crating will not be allowed inside the building, dogs must be crated outdoors or in vehicles.
  - Instructors are allowed to crate one dog in the building, for the duration of their class, near the ring they are teaching, for the purpose of demonstrations.

### **Training Class Protocols**

- Class sizes to be limited - 8 dog/handler teams, 1 instructor and 1 assistant per ring.
- Participation is limited to one trainer with one dog, either registered for a class, or with a reserved spot in a Drop-In Class. Other dogs you are training must remain in the vehicle.
- Only trainers with dogs will be allowed in the building.
  - No additional friends or family members may observe or participate.
  - Absolutely no walk-in trainers will be allowed.
- Please arrive in the building no earlier than 5 minutes before your class, or reserved spot.
- If you are late, you will forfeit your spot.
- Everyone is responsible for keeping track your own time. This is the honor system. Please

don't abuse this or overextend your training time slot!

- We will not have monitors for these purposes.
- Once your class or Drop-In training has completed, please leave the building immediately.
- If you have multiple Drop-In spots, please wait outside of the building until it is your next reserved time.
- Reserving a Drop-In Spot(s)
  - Sign up is done on the club's website, prior to training night each week.
  - Sign up is only available to members at this time. With the exception of the Conformation Class which will accept non-members sign-ups.
  - Instructors may sign up starting on the Saturday before regular training.
  - Members may sign up starting on the Sunday before regular training.

- All Drop-In sign ups must be complete by 10:00 PM on the day before training.
- Beginner Novice/Novice Run-Throughs are limited to 10 minutes each
- Open and Utility will have 15 minute time slots
- Rally will have 5 minute time slots, no walk-throughs.
- Only one Drop-In spot per dog, per class.
- No second run-throughs for the same dog are allowed in any Drop-In class, this includes the Rally Class.
- A map will be provided to let all know which set of doors should be used to enter and exit the building based on which ring you are in.
- Fun Matches will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

**Team Members:**

Wendy Waddick	William Short
Cindy Placko	Phil Nuger

**Calendar**

**July 2020**

02 Thu Modified Regular Training  
 09 Thu Modified Regular Training  
     Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
     Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)  
     Beginner Begins (7:00, 8:00, 9:00pm)  
 15 Wed Membership Meeting **Tentative**  
 23 Thu Modified Regular Training  
 30 Thu Modified Regular Training

**August 2020**

06 Thu Modified Regular Training  
     Puppy Begins (8:00pm)  
 13 Thu Modified Regular Training  
 15 Wed Board Meeting  
 20 Thu Modified Regular Training  
 27 Thu Regular Training  
     Puppy Ends (7:00pm)  
     Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
     Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)

**What's Going On With the Annual Dinner?**

Short answer: We don't know, but we will (soon).

FVDTC's annual dinner is a celebration of our year, where we can enjoy each other's company over a good meal and recognize our accomplishments from the previous year. Unfortunately, due to social distancing requirements and our desire to keep our members healthy and safe, we have had to indefinitely postpone the dinner. We have decided that the dinner will either have a definite date, or will be canceled for 2020. That decision will be made by September 1, and will be announced to the membership soon afterwards.

**Membership Report**  
**Stephen Johns**  
 Oswego, IL  
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 Guest trained 8 times

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