

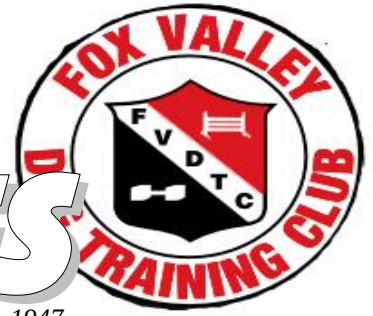
# FVDTC

# WAGGIN' TALES

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## **A Note From the President**

Hello All,

Now that Illinois is in Phase 5, we are able to return to full capacity in the training building. This means the return to our full class sizes and all guests can return as well. It has also meant that our online sign-ups have been removed. However, due to many requests, online sign-ups will be returning for some classes at the end of July. This gives WoofMaster Dave time to get things up and running again. Online sign-ups will be available for practice training spots in Open, Utility and Rally, as well as run throughs with instructors in BN/Novice, Open and Utility. Weekly online sign-ups are optional, but doing so will reserve your weekly spots in advance. If you prefer, you can also come the night of training to sign up for any available spots that remain. For online sign-ups, instructors will be able to sign up each week starting on Saturdays, members on Sundays, guests on Mondays. sign-ups will end at 10:00pm each Wednesday. Until the online sign-ups are running again, we will be using the old system of signing up for slots on clipboards located at each of the ring-side tables.

We will also return the online sign-ups for our Fun Matches, starting with our next Fun Match in August. These online sign-ups will also be optional, and be available for those that want to reserve a time slot in advance. Like before, sign-ups will be available starting the Saturday before each Fun Match date. For those that don't pre-reserve a time slot online, they will be able to sign up for any remaining spots the night of the Match. We will also take gate entries the night of the Fun Match, however, pre-reserved online sign ups will not be available for any gate entries.

I am also working on setting up our annual OFA Eye Clinic again this year. The date for this clinic will either be on October 7th, or October 12th. Once again, the exams will be performed by Dr. Denise Lindley from Animal Eye Consultants. The date will be confirmed in August; stay tuned for further details. Feel free to contact me about this clinic at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org).

FVDTC will also be holding another Heart Clinic in conjunction with our Fall Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, November 20th. Nancy Lee will once again be organizing this clinic. Feel free to contact her [nlee483@comcast.net](mailto:nlee483@comcast.net). Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be performing the exams. The cost for an Echocardiogram will be \$250 per dog, an Auscultation exam is \$50 per dog. You will need to pre-register for these exams. Nancy has stated that if handlers want a CHIC Certification, they should check with the OFA for the required tests for their breed.

The premium lists for our September 12th Tracking Test and our Fall Agility Trial set for September 17th, 18th and 19th are both available on the website. For more information on the Tracking Test, contact Kent Hildebrand. For more information on the Fall Agility Trials, contact Cathy Fluery. FVDTC's Fall Obedience/Rally Trial will be held on November 20th & 21st, check the website for more information as this date gets closer.

Thanks for all you do, see you at training,

Wendy

## **Mask Up!**

The CDC has changed its recommended policy for wearing masks, depending on the vaccination status of the people involved. Since we know we have members and guests that are susceptible to COVID, and we do not track vaccination status for members or guests, we have decided to continue to require facial coverings during our regular activities. Our policy will change as circumstances require; contact the board if you have any questions.

## ***Meet the Breeds!***

FVDTC has been invited to participate in AKC's "Meet The Breeds" show, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday October 16-17, at the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day. Along with the various breed clubs, the event offers lots of vendors, special programs, AKC information booths, and dog sport demonstrations. We are looking for volunteers (and their dogs who love to meet people) to man the FVDTC booth. It would be really nice to assemble a nice variety of dogs to attend. We need volunteers to present performance demos in Obedience, Rally, Tricks and Nose Work. AKC would love for us to have Therapy Dogs represented as well. The cost of parking will be covered by AKC. If you are interested in attending with your dog at the FVDTC booth and/or doing a demo, please contact Gina Post as soon as possible – [education@fvdtc.org](mailto:education@fvdtc.org)

## ***Heart Clinic***

Fox Valley Dog Training Club is happy to host 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 following exams:

- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM ALONG WITH A DOPPLER ECHOCARDIOGRAM, which is an Ultrasound of your dog's heart. This exam has no expiration date for certification needs.
- AUSCULTATIONS EXAM, which is listening to your dogs heart. This exam is good for one year.

**WHEN:** In conjunction with our trial on Saturday November 20th, 2021 starting at 8:00 am

**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 cost!

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

To reserve your spot for either exam; send your pre-registration payment to Nancy Lee; please make checks made payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM. Please include your dog's name and breed, along with your name, address, phone and email. 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 the necessary paperwork.

For further information contact NANCY LEE at [nee483@comcast.net](mailto:nee483@comcast.net)

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

## ***Membership Report***

### **Better McMillan**

West Chicago  
Shelties  
Guest trained 8 times

### **Paul Hipchen**

Elburn  
Yellow Lab  
Guest trained 8 times

## ***Calendar***

The 2021 calendar is very tentative at this time because of the COVID-19 crisis. Watch the club web site ([www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org)), Facebook, and your email for ongoing updates.

### **July 2021**

01 Thu Regular Training  
06 **Tue** Regular Training  
15 Thu No Training  
21 Wed Membership Meeting  
22 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)  
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)  
29 Thu Regular Training

### **August 2021**

05 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)  
12 Thu Regular Training  
16 Wed Board Meeting  
19 Thu Fun Match  
26 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

## ***Tracking in September***

FVDTC will be hosting its annual Tracking at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore on Sunday, September 21. It's not too early to volunteer; we need track layers and drivers. See Kent Hildebrand for more information. The Premium List is on the club web site: [www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org)

## ***You Ought To Be In Pictures!***

It's time to update some of the images on the club web site. If you'd like to contribute pictures of dogs and trainers having a good time at training, matches, or trials, send them to Dave Lewis at [director@fvdtc.org](mailto:director@fvdtc.org). Remember, unless you're sending in a picture of yourself, we will need permission.

## ***Board Meeting Highlights - June 21, 2021***

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

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The April Meeting minutes were approved as published. Carolyn gave a summary of the two email messages from AKC regarding the temporary suspension of the importation of dogs from countries classified as high risk for canine rabies.

**Will Short (Director of Training)** briefly discussed the calendar of the regular training and class sessions.

**Gina Post (Public Education Coordinator)** presented an invitation from the AKC to participate in the upcoming "Meet the Breeds" event at the Donald E. Stephens Center in Rosemont on October 16 and 17. AKC is seeking demonstration of Competition Obedience, Rally, Tricks, a scent-related activity such as nosework or tracking, and a talk about therapy dog work.

Each demo club gets a complimentary fully decorated booth to promote their club, including skirted tables, chairs, and a background drape, along with a crating area. The event runs 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, with Friday being the set-up day.

AKC is providing a stipend of \$600 to each club to help with expenses incurred with participating in the event. Penny, from the AKC, stated that she is trying to recruit dog obedience training clubs from the Chicago area, but does not currently have any confirmed, only a disc dog group and a Police dog demo.

In response to Dave's question, Gina will verify whether we would need to bring our own equipment for the demonstration. After it was agreed that we would participate, Taffy suggested that Gina write an article for the Waggin' Tales seeking volunteers.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that we are attempting to organize a heart clinic for the November trials. Dr. Heidi Kellihan from Madison WI would perform heart exams on Saturday and, if necessary, would come back on Sunday. Nancy Lee has volunteered to be coordinator of the event.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** stated that the Fall Agility Premium list will be posted to our website shortly. She is currently working on getting judges lined up through the Fall 2024 trials. Currently, she is in need judges for Fall 2022 and 2023. She has judges for the Spring trials for 2022, 2023 and 2024 and for the Fall 2024 trials.

**Dave Lewis (Director at Large)** reported that all the class timeslot signups have been removed, per the club's most recent COVID guidelines.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- **On-Line Scheduling** Wendy reported that during last week's fun match, the committee polled the attendees to determine whether they liked or did not like signing-up for a specific time during the match. The results were that the attendees liked being able to know when they were going to be showing. Wendy will confirm with the Match committee chairs whether the existing match online process needs to be modified and also

how the entry form should be updated.

Additionally, Wendy stated that she has been approached by club members who also liked to be able to sign-up for a specific timeslot for the following:

- Beginner / Beginner Novice Run-Throughs
- Open Practice and Run-Throughs
- Utility Practice and Run-Throughs
- Rally

Dave stated that he would once again support the class sign-up process for those rings starting on July 22nd and he would remove the Covid Agreement page; the mask requirement continues to be in place. The Advanced Beginners classes, the Conformation ring and the Ring-Ready class would no longer be included in the sign-up process.

The Board members agreed that the following rules would apply.

- Signing up for the ring time is optional.
- As done previously, starting on the:
  - Saturday before the training night, instructors are able to sign-up for their personal training times.
  - Sunday before the training night, any club member is able to sign up for their personal training times.
  - Monday before the training night, any guest trainer is able to sign up for their personal training times.
- Priority will be given to those who sign-up. Anyone who has not signed up but drops in to train, may use a ring that is not reserved by the sign-up list. However, at the start time of the reservation, must clear the ring immediately for the individual who signed up.
- **Mat Cleaning** It was agreed that Carolyn will contact the fairgrounds to determine what Saturday dates are available between now and mid-October to accommodate our Annual Mat Cleaning Fun Fest. Once those dates are obtained, a sign-up sheet will be made available to determine which date would garner the most help. Additionally, Bob will contact his children to determine their availability to "volunteer".
- **Eye Clinic** Wendy reported that the annual eye clinic with Dr. Lindley is being scheduled for either October 7th (Thursday) or October 12th (Tuesday). Once Dr. Lindley can commit to the date, information will be communicated to club members.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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