

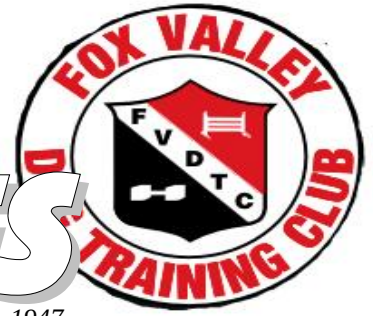
FVDTC

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A Note From the President

Hello All,

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Ed Herdes' much-loved wife of 71 years, Nina Herdes, on July 4th. Nina was an active member of FVDTC for many years. She did many things for the club, such as making her coveted homemade crate mats for our Annual Dinners Raffles, she was also our Christmas Party Hostess and created table centerpieces for our Annual Dinner. We will miss Nina a great deal; she was special member of our club. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 7th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church, 227 East Side Drive, Geneva. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

As you are aware, we have updated our mask policy at FVDTC to align with the current guidelines of the CDC and our Governor. If you are fully vaccinated you may choose to go maskless, although we recommend that everyone wear a mask while in the building. However, if you are not fully vaccinated, you must wear a mask while in the building. Please be considerate and abide by this policy. We will continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and our Governor. If their policy towards masks changes due to the Delta variant, or for any other reason, we will address our current mask policy as needed. Please help us keep everyone at FVDTC safe and follow our COVID policies.

We have several events coming up in August. On August 19th we will hold another Fun Match. After sending in your entry and payment, you can reserve a time slot for this match online on our website, beginning the Saturday before the match. We will also be taking gate entries the night of the match. You can pick a spot the night of the match from any of the available spots that have not been reserved.

There will also be a Canine Good Citizen Test the night of the August Fun Match. You need to pre-register for a spot; no entries will be available on the night of the test. Please contact Cris Ballenger for information, or to reserve your spot for the CGC Test. Thanks to Cris for organizing this event! Terri Vaira will be the evaluator for this test, thanks Terri!

Based on feedback from our members, training spots can once again be reserved via our website for practice spots in the Open, Utility and Rally Rings, as well as run-throughs with an Instructor in Beginner Novice/Novice, Open and Utility. Just as before, this is a weekly sign up. Instructors can sign up beginning Saturdays, Members on Sundays and Guests on Mondays. Everyone needs to complete sign ups by Wednesdays at 10pm. Signup is not mandatory; you can still come the night of training and pick any training spots that have not been reserved.

We will be hosting 2 health clinics soon. The first will be an OFA Eye Clinic, which will be held at the Fairgrounds on a training night in October. This exam will be performed by Dr. Lindley from Animal Eye Consultants. I will have all the information for the OFA Eye Clinic soon. The other clinic will be a Heart Clinic in conjunction with our Fall Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, November 20th. You need to pre-register for this clinic. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Thank you Nancy Lee for organizing this clinic again!

In Fall we will hold our annual Tracking Trial and our Agility Trial, both premium lists are available now on our website. Our Fall Obedience/Rally Trial premium list will be available soon on our website.

Thanks and see you at training,

Wendy

Masks – Changing with the Times

REVISED COVID AND MASK POLICY (JULY 22)

In accordance with the CDC guidelines, the governor's instructions, and our own desire to keep our members and guests safe, FVDTC has revised our guidelines. As of July 22:

- There are no restrictions on the number of trainers in the building
- There is no need to sign up for time slots for drop-in classes, but you can reserve a time slot by logging into the Class Signups on the FV website. People who have signed up online will have priority over drop-in trainers. If you don't sign up online, you can still come the night of training and sign up for any remaining training spots.
- Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginner class members should continue to use the normal registration process
- As before, Instructors can sign up starting on Saturdays, Members on Sundays and Guests on Mondays, each week. All sign-ups for weekly training spots need to be completed by Wednesday evenings at 10:00 p.m.

Masks are optional for those that have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, but recommended for all members and guests. Masks are still required for anyone that is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, while inside the training building. Please be considerate and adhere to these requirements.

Meet the Breeds!

FVDTC has been invited to participate in AKC's "Meet The Breeds" event, 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, Trick 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

Membership Meeting Update

To continue keeping our members safe, our last 2 remaining Membership Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. The dates of these meetings are September 8th & November 10th, starting at 7:30 p.m. You will need to pre-register for each of these meetings on our website in order to attend. Registration will be available about 2 weeks prior to the meeting, registration closes the Tuesday prior to the meeting dates.

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

Send your registration information and check (payable to Heidi Kellihan DVM, DACVIM) to: Nancy Lee
230 Shawnee Circle
Bartlett, IL 60103

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need stewards for our August Fun Match. Please contact Barb Misch at matchsteward@fvdtc.org to sign up. This is a great way to earn a work credit!

SPECIAL AWARDS

Anyone that received one of last year's perpetual special awards plaques, please return them to any of the Awards Committee: Sally Boeke, Jennifer Cornele, Sue MacPherson. You will receive a smaller keeper plaque to acknowledge your special award when the awards are presented to all. Thanks!

ONLINE TRAINING SIGN UPS ARE BACK

Our policies continue to evolve. Based on feedback from our guests and members, who enjoyed the opportunity to sign up for a specific time slot, we have re-introduced the online class sign-up for the following rings:

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

Just as before, instructors can reserve a spot starting on Saturday of each week, members on Sunday and guests on Monday. All signups must be completed before 10:00pm on the Wednesday before training. Signups are not mandatory; you can still come on the night of training and train in any ring that has been reserved.

Calendar

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

August 2021

05 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (8:00pm)
12 Thu Regular Training
16 Mon Board Meeting (via Zoom)
19 Thu Fun Match
CGC Test
26 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

September 2021

02 Thu Regular Training
08 Wed Membership Meeting (via Zoom)
09 Thu Regular Training
11 Sat Tracking Test Setup
12 Sun Tracking Test
16 Thu Fun Match
17 Fri Agility Trial
18 Sat Agility Trial
19 Sun Agility Trial
23 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
30 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (8:00pm)

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. Remember, unless you're sending in a picture of yourself, we will need permission.

CGC Entry Form

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