

FVDTC

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WAGGIN' TALES

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Class Schedule Changes

The 6:00pm Puppy class will be taking a hiatus in December of 2024. The next session (September 12 to November 21) will follow the current schedule. The next session will then start again on January 2.

Also, effective October 3, the 8:30pm Advanced Beginner class will become the 8:15pm Advanced Beginner class.

See Will Short (dot@fvdtc.org) if you have questions.

It's time for the Fall Trials!

Next up: FVDTC's Obedience and Rally Trials will be held at the Kane County Fairgrounds on November 16-17. The premium list is available on the club website (www.fvdtc.org). Volunteer by going to <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/hwktj>. Each trial on Saturday is a half day credit. Signing up on Sunday is a full day credit. If you have any questions you can talk to Taffy Wille (obedience@fvdtc.org), Loretta Lazzara or Cathy Fleury. Annd ... don't forget that we can use donations for the raffle at Saturday's obedience trials.

Tracking Thanks

From Kent Hildebrand: Thank you to all the FVDTC members that worked at the September 7th and 8th Tracking Test. We had a wonderful weekend which would not have worked as smoothly as it did without your help.

We had seven out of eight dogs pass their tracks.

Are You Getting the Club Email News?

The Waggin' Tales is published on a monthly basis, and is the "primary method of communicating club news to the general membership," according to the club policy statement. If you want more timely news, make sure you sign up for the club's email news. Compiled by Pat Senne, and published on a weekly basis, it will provide you with the latest updates from the club. Contact Dave Lewis (president@fvdtc.org) to sign up. For all you social media devotees, make sure you like and follow FVDTC on Facebook, as well. (<https://www.facebook.com/FVDTC>).

CERF Eye Clinic

As of September 27, the eye clinic has filled. No more appointments will be accepted.

FVDTC will host a CERF eye clinic during regular training on Thursday, October 3, at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024

Location: Kane County Fairgrounds
525 Randall Rd, St Charles, IL
Robertson Building

Test performed by: Denise M. Lindley of Animal Eye Consultants

The exam will take place approximately a half hour after your arrival time. Upon arrival, dilation drops will be placed in your dog's eyes to ensure a thorough examination. On the night of the exam, please bring your AKC registration information, if your dog is registered with the AKC.

There will be no refunds of pre-registered examinations fees 2 weeks prior to the clinic date, if you are not able to attend for any reason.

If you are bringing more than 1 dog, please try to bring a helper to hold your dogs during the examinations.

Contact Wendy Waddick (director@fvdtc.org) if you have questions.

Calendar

October 2024

03	Thu	Regular Training CERF Eye Clinic Rally Workshop 4H Classes
08	Tue	Regular Training 4H Classes Rally Workshop Puppy Ends (8:00pm) Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm) Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
13	Sun	Board Meeting (Zoom)
17	Thu	Fun Match 4H Meeting
24	Thu	Regular Training 4H Classes Rally Workshop Puppy Begins (8:00pm) Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm) Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00, 8:00pm)
31	Thu	Regular Training

November 2024

07	Thu	Regular Training 4H Classes
13	Wed	Membership Meeting (Zoom)
14	Thu	Fun Match 4H Classes
15	Fri	Obedience Trial Setup
16	Sat	Obedience/Rally Trials
17	Sun	Obedience/Rally Trials
21	Thu	Regular Training Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
26	Tue	Puppy Begins (6:00pm)

Membership Report

Mark & Julie Bradbury

Elburn, IL

Aust. Shepherd & Labrador Retriever

Completed Puppy class

Board Meeting Highlights - August 11, 2024

Meeting brought to order at 7:15 p.m.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) reported that there was a recent update to CDC rules pertaining to dogs crossing national borders. She will send the information to Dave Lewis to post on our website for club members to review and perhaps on which to take action.

Laura Lagger (Second Vice-President) stated that she is in the process of setting up a program of drug and ammunition detecting dogs for the September membership meeting. Laura will find out whether the presentation is better in-person or is possible to do via a virtual meeting.

Phil reported that Donna Nuger is in the process of training to be a Fit Dog instructor. Once she is certified she would like to host a program at a future membership meeting.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) stated that the recent lack of students is starting to show in our net income compared to last year numbers. Currently we have enough assets; although membership is down and class registrations are very low. To increase our income from training classes, Phil suggested that we consider offering classes for which members would pay an additional fee.

Will Short (Director of Training) announced the following:

- Starting on October 24th, the Puppy class being held at 8:00 p.m. will be moved to 7:00 p.m. The ring space will be achieved by hosting the 7:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner class only in Ring 7; not in Rings 7 and 8. The maximum number of students allowed in the

Advanced Beginner class will be 16.

Laura Lagger stated that as the Advanced Beginner class assistant instructor, she has seen between 12 and 16 weekly students. Additionally, Taffy Wille (Ring Ready Instructor) is discussing with Donna Nuger (Advanced Beginner Instructor) whether any Advanced Beginner students are ready to move to the Ring Ready class.

Carolyn Pearson will work with Will Short to create an updated ring layout with the current roster of classes, time and ring locations. Once that is completed, Dave will update all appropriate website information. And make sure the updated schedule is well publicized.

- Until the number of registered students increase, the 8:00 p.m. Beginner class will be put on hold.
- Dave stated that he will talk to Sally Boeke (Class Registrar) to her feedback regarding trends to determine whether we continue hosting the offset Puppy classes.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that the premium list is available.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Membership Meeting Highlights - September 11, 2024

Meeting brought to order at 8:35 p.m., following a presentation by Glenn VadeBonCouer (and Zeus) of Interquest Detection Canines of Chicagoland.

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) had nothing to report.

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) announced that our Annual Mat Cleaning event was unfortunately cancelled for this year due to unavailability of the fairgrounds and building for the weekend.

Laura Lager (Second Vice-President) thanked Glenn for his presentation.

Will Short (Director of Training) was not in attendance but reported that due to the recent decreased number of individuals signing up for the Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes, the following changes will be made for the remaining 2024 classes:

- Beginner's classes will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., the 8:00 p.m. Beginner Class is on hold.
- The final 2024 session for the 6:00 p.m. Puppy Class (starting September 12th) will end on November 21st. The class will resume in 2025.
- Effective October 24th, 8:00 p.m. Puppy Class will move to 7:00 p.m.

Will recommended that all members get the word out to as many as possible, that we offer a wide variety of classes; we need more people. He also suggested that members ask their vets to recommend us to their clients who ask about dog training locations.

Candy Ellis (Co-Assistant Director of Training) reported that training is quiet on the home front and even the conformation class has lower attendance numbers.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance but reported that:

- Raffle items are needed for the trial.
- Workers needed for the trial; the sign-up sheet to be available soon.
- The Judges' Committee is working on the 2026 Judges Slate.

Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson) read a list of three new applicants, who were published in the Waggin' Tales. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to accept the list as published and read. Anne Stuessy seconded the motion. The list was approved by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members; none were present at the meeting.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) was not in attendance but reported that this year's tracking test was a very successful; with seven out of eight teams passing. He stated he was very fortunate to have some great volunteers from the club. Some were experienced volunteers, and also some new members wanting to learn more about the sport. They all worked hard to make this a VERY successful day.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance, but reported that workers are still needed for the 3-day Agility Trial on September 13th, 14th and 15th. In response to Anne White's question about some of the agility trial volunteer positions already being filled prior to the on-line sign-up application being activated, it was explained that Cathy personally selects those volunteers to fill positions that require training and experience to guarantee that the trials run smoothly, ensuring the exhibitors enjoy participating in and keep entering our trials. Anne stated that Tim was a very experienced agility steward and would love to take advantage of his experience as a volunteer at the Spring and Fall Agility Trials. It was suggested that he and anyone else seeking to help with those positions should contact Cathy Fleury directly at agility@fvdtc.org.

Candy Ellis (Annual Dinner Chairperson) stated that a volunteer Santa for the Christmas party on December 26th is needed! Candy reported that a deposit has been paid to Riverside Receptions in Geneva for the Sunday, April 27, 2025 Annual Dinner.

Sue MacPherson (Awards Co-Chairperson) reported that the committee is meeting to review the awards offered to club members for earning titles and volunteering.

Sally Boeke (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that our CGC test will also be hosting a CGCA (AKC Community Canine) test.

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) was not in attendance but reported that:

- Three more stewards are needed for the September 19th Fun Match.
- The online volunteer sign-up is available now for the October 17th Fun Match.
- The online volunteer sign-up will be available on September 30th for the November 14th Fun Match.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) stated that with the exception of Wendy Mosier's loss of her poodle, Kobe at the end of July, Sunshine has been quiet.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) reported that the Deadline is Sunday, September 15th.

Nancy Pederson (Workshop Coordinator) stated that the 6-week Rally Novice Workshop began on September 5th. She is hosting the workshop to encourage students who might be ready to enter our November trials.

Donna Nuger (Youth Program Chairperson) was not in attendance but reported that the 4-H youth club is called Canine Buddies. Of the 13 children in the Spring session, three members went to the State 4-H Dog Show and earned qualifying scores. She stated that we have the following amazing volunteers have joined her in training on a regular basis:

- Sally Boeke
- Kelli Montgomery

- Carla Ogert
- Cindy Pakenas
- Sally Read

They are great teachers with our youth members.

She also thanked our Illinois State 4-H Dog Show judges: Sally Boeke, Sandi Stephenson and Pat Senne. They kept up their enthusiasm with the kids during a very long day that began at 6:00 a.m. and did not end until our return at 7:00 p.m.

50 / 50 Raffle

...and the winner of \$6.00 is Sally Boeke as drawn by club member, Bob Boeke. Sally donated her winnings back into the raffle for the next drawing. Therefore, Kent Hildebrand received a donation of \$6.00 towards the Tracking Test expenses.

Old Business

- Wendy Waddick reported that the October 3rd Eye CERF test still has opening.
- Unfortunately, the September 12th Health Clinic was cancelled.

New Business

- None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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