

# FVDTC

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## **OFA Eye Clinic**

OFA CERF EYE CLINIC HOSTED BY THE FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB, IN OCTOBER

**Date:** Thursday, October 30th 2025, starting at 4:30 PM

**Last Appointment:** Approximately 7:00 PM

**Location:** Kane County Fairgrounds (525 Randall Rd, St Charles, IL in the Robinson Building)

**Test Performed By:** Denise M. Lindley DVM, MS of Animal Eye Consultants

The exam will take place approximately 30 minutes after your arrival time. Upon arrival, dilation drops will be placed in your dog's eyes to ensure a thorough examination.

if your dog is registered with the AKC, please bring your AKC registration information on the night of the exam.

\*\*\* There will be no refunds of pre-registered examinations fees on or after October 16. If you are bringing more than one dog, please bring a helper to hold your other dogs during the examinations.

Questions should go to Wendy Waddick ([director@fvdtc.org](mailto:director@fvdtc.org))

## **OFA Heart Clinic**

FVDTC will be hosting an OFA Heart Clinic in conjunction with its 2025 Obedience and Rally Trials in November. Examinations will be conducted by Dr. Heidi Kellihan, DVM, DACVIM (cardiology). All appointments must be made in advance. Get all the details on the club web site: [www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org).

**Date:** 11/15/2025

**Location:** Kane County Fairgrounds  
525 Randall Rd  
St. Charles IL 60175

**Services:** Echocardiogram + Auscultation (Advanced OFA Database): \$275/dog  
Auscultation Only (Basic OFA Database): \$60/dog

**Note:** *Only cash and venmo accepted; No checks will be accepted*

**Contact:** [heidikellihanLLC@gmail.com](mailto:heidikellihanLLC@gmail.com)

## ***It's Raffle Time!***

As we do each year, we will be holding a raffle in conjunction with our November 15 and 16 Obedience and Rally trials. Success depends on your support; please consider making a donation of any of the following:

### **New Dog Products**

- Toys
- Dishes
- Collars/Leads/Leashes
- Grooming Tools
- ... and More!

### **New People Products**

- Fancy Soaps
- Tumblers
- Wine and Chocolates
- ... and More!

### **Gift Cards**

- Gas Cards
- Restaurant Cards
- Store Specific Cards
- ... and More!

Every item is appreciated, because this doesn't happen without your support, whether through donations to the baskets or purchasing tickets at the trial.

See Lizz Brookshire at Thursday night training, usually between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM. She will take donations between September 4<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Completed baskets (if you want to make your own) or items for baskets to be put together - Your generous donations are appreciated by your Raffle Committee Members.

Contact Lizz ( [l.brookshire@comcast.net](mailto:l.brookshire@comcast.net) ) if you have any questions.

## ***Membership Report***

### **Danya Smith**

Sugar Grove IL  
Rottweiler  
Completed Beginner class

### **Ellen Batorson**

Sugar Grove IL  
Rottweiler  
Completed Beginner class

### **Heather Pontious**

Naperville, IL  
Completed Puppy class

### **Giovanna Contreras**

St Charles, IL  
Border Collie  
Completed Puppy class

### **Joan Leopold**

West Chicago, IL  
Australian Shepherds  
Guest trained 8 times

## ***FVDTC Obedience & Rally Trial Volunteers***

Worker signups for the November 15 and 16 Obedience and Rally trials are ready! Sign up now to make sure you get the spot you want, and earn those work credits toward next year's dues. Links to the signups are on the FVDTC web site ([www.fvdtc.org](http://www.fvdtc.org)). See Taffy Wille for more information.

## ***Board Meeting Highlights – October 12, 2025***

Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. The August Meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Phil Nuger (Treasurer)** distributed the YTD Statement of Activity Comparison report. There was a short discussion of the investment account.

In response to **Will Short's (Director of Training)** question, it was confirmed that the club was not going to introduce a Nosework class into the class offerings because the fairgrounds could not guarantee a consistent training location within the fairgrounds, as the kitchen space is often rented out for various other activities. Additionally, the extra expense to rent the kitchen would be cost prohibitive. Will also reported that the 4-H classes will begin on October 30th and Donna Nuger is the coordinator.

**Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported the following:

- The Obedience and Rally trial worker sign-up sheet is available for volunteers to sign-up.
- Raffle donations are being accepted.
- The Judges Committee has judges lined up through 2028.

**Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson)** stated that one of the two judges needed for the 2026 Tracking Test has been contracted.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** stated that she will be submitting the following requests for reimbursement shortly:

- September 2025 Agility Trials' receipts.
- The fees for submitting the AKC event applications.

Additionally, Cathy reported that with the existing quantity of ribbons, the next order does not need to occur until the 2027 Agility Trials. Cathy also stated that she is considering adding additional classes for the Sunday trial to help increase the entries. This idea must be agreed upon by the judges already contracted for 2026.

### **Old Business**

- Adjustment of Class Fees

Phil reported that since the June meeting, Stone City Kennel Club and For Your K9 have increased their class fee. He stated that an increase of fees to \$140 or \$150 would be reasonable for our finances and to keep aligned with class fees at other training clubs. Sue MacPherson made a motion to increase the class fees to \$145.00 for non-members and \$40.00 for members. Phil Nuger seconded the motion.

Taffy stated that she thought that the \$145.00 is too much of a jump in prices. The motion passed by majority vote.

- Rally Workshop Videos

Posting the videos for the rally workshop participants to use to submit to AKC was discussed. Options are to create a YouTube channel or to email the videos to the participants. A consensus was reached that while creating a YouTube channel creates many opportunities for ongoing publicity and advertising, it was not reasonable to set one up at this time. We will provide videos to participants via email, or some equivalent method.

### **New Business**

- Barb reviewed the suggested partnership with the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club (FVTDC) for therapy dog certification. Therapy dog visits at hospitals and Reading for Rover do require a certification by a therapy dog organization. She stated that FVTDC has very specific sites that they visit. They do testing and offer practice sessions but do not offer a class for the certification. Their test fee is \$20.00 and annual membership is \$30.00. Carolyn, Kent and Cathy will work together to develop questions and contact the FVTDC directly to get more information. Barb Misch or Sally Boeke will provide the name of the individual to speak to.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

## **Calendar**

### **November 2025**

05 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)  
06 Thu Regular Training  
13 Thu Fun Match  
14 Fri Obedience/Rally Trial Setup  
15 Sat Obedience/Rally Trial  
16 Sun Obedience/Rally Trial  
20 Thu Regular Training  
25 **Tue** Regular Training

### **December 2025**

04 Thu Regular Training  
07 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)  
11 Thu Regular Training  
18 Thu Regular Training  
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)  
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)  
23 **Tue** No Classes, Private Training Only  
Christmas Party

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