

FVDTC

February, 2026



WAGGIN' TALES

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Class Schedule Updates

Due to the fairgrounds performing flooring improvements in Robinson Hall in 2026, we will not have access to the training building on April 2nd, 9th and 16th, seriously impacting our 2026 training calendar. In an effort to minimize the financial impact of not hosting all five sessions of Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes, the calendar be modified in the following ways.

- On March 12th and March 26th, all Drop-In classes will be held, but NO Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes
- On April 2nd and 9th, there will be NO training
- On April 16th, there will be no Fun Match.
- On April 23rd, Session 2 of the Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes starts.
- Make up for those three April dates is the addition of a Regular Training night on TUESDAYS:
June 16th August 18th September 15th

Calendar

March 2026

05 Thu Regular Training
CGC Test
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
CGC Prep Ends (6:00pm)

11 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)

12 Thu Regular Training

19 Thu Fun Match

26 Thu Regular Training
Health Clinic

27 Fri Spring Agility Trial

28 Sat Spring Agility Trial

29 Sun Spring Agility Trial

April 2026

02 Thu No Training

09 Thu No Training

12 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)

16 Thu No Training

19 Sun Annual Dinner

23 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00pm)

30 Thu Regular Training

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

FVDTC's Annual Dinner is scheduled for April 19th at Riverside Receptions in Geneva.

Put it on your calendar as a **MUST ATTEND** event!

Details will be available soon

Board Meeting Highlights - February 8, 2025

Meeting brought to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Laura Lagger (Second Vice-President) reported that she is currently attempting to reschedule the speaker from Very Important Pooches (VIP) Service Dog Foundation, who was unable to present the program during the September, 2025 Membership Meeting. In the event that they are unable to reschedule, Laura will try to get a presentation about raising puppies for service dogs.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) provided the following financial reports.

- Statement of Financial Position as of 02-15-2026, showing a balance of \$25,806.
- Statement of Activity Comparison as of 02-15-2026.
 - Too early in the year for this year to year comparison to be meaningful
 - Some ledger entries may need to be reclassified when weekly deposit information is received from the club's secretary.
- Transaction List by Date is the itemized list of transactions as of 02-15-2026

Phil reported that the following were still open items:

- Will finalize 2025 financials once the investment account 1099 is available. Due to an error in entering the wrong amount from the refund list, additional Obedience Trial refunds checks were issued.
- Need copies of -
 - Fairgrounds Lease for weekly training
 - Car-Dun-AI contract for Agility Trials

Phil also stated that he has purchased software used to file the club's taxes.

Will Short (Director of Training) reported that he is in need of new volunteers for Conformation Instructors because several individuals are unable to volunteer due to various issues.

Carol Nightingale (Public Education Coordinator) stated that we have once again been invited to participate in the Morton Arboretum's Tails on the Trails event this year on May 3, 2026. Any club members who wish to participate or volunteer for the day should contact Carol at education@fvdtc.org. Last year, several club members manned the booth, answered any questions about the club and performed a quick run-through demonstration.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) was not in attendance but reported that the Fall events are being processed by AKC. All judges panels have been submitted; we are awaiting on those approvals.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that she is awaiting the approval of the judges panel for the September Agility fall trial for AKC's full event approval. There is no need to order ribbons for the Fall Agility trial.

Old Business

- Dave Lewis stated that a previously suggested By-laws change for membership application submission will be worked on shortly.
- Web Usage: Dave Lewis reported that the club's website has received 272 Clicks and 6.82K Impressions, for a Click-Through rate of 3.9%. The Impressions number indicates that people are finding us, the Click-Through rate indicates people who have found us are looking for more information. The 3.9% is in a reasonable range for the type of site we have. Top pages viewed are: Home, Classes and Events. Top search terms are "FVDTC", "Fox valley dog training club" and "4h dog training near me". That says that people are hearing about us from other places and looking for us specifically, not just a generic "dog training" or "obedience training" search. Overall – successful, but not wildly off-the-charts wonderful.

New Business

- In response to Sue MacPherson's question confirming the new pre-payment method of the Waggin' Tales printing, no one was familiar with a process change. Sue stated that she will call the printers to verify whether this is a new process change was permanent or a one-time event.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB WELLNESS CLINIC

THURSDAY, March 26, 2026

Kane County Fairgrounds – Training Building

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payment, by **CASH / CHECK / CREDIT CARD**, is due at time of service.

Walk-Ins are only allowed by permission of Veterinarian present.

Amber Leaf Animal Hospital

HomeAgain Microchip with registration	\$49.00
Bordetella	\$25.00
Blood Panel I	\$85.00
Blood Panel II	\$108.00
Canine Influenza Vaccine	\$42.00
Canine Vaccine Titer	\$115.00
DHLPP	\$32.00
DHPP (3 year)	\$27.00
Fecal Check	\$27.00
Heartworm Test with Tick Borne test	\$49.00
Lepto	\$27.00
Rabies - one year without tag*	\$26.00
Rabies - three year without tag*	\$40.00

*tags available for DuPage and Kane County

We reserve the right to vaccinate or not, depending upon the health of the dog.

Heartworm Preventative Products will be available for purchase at the Wellness Clinic

Contact Sue MacPherson at (630) 207-4039 to schedule an appointment.

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