FVDTC
WAGGIN' TALES

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And We're Back!

Since the flooring improvements in Robinson Hall have been completed, the training schedule is back to normal. Session 2 of the Puppy, Advanced Puppy and Beginners classes started on April 23rd, and remember the extra Tuesday training nights on June 16th, August 18th and September 15th. The complete calendar is available on the club web site.

Annual Dinner Recap

FVDTC's Annual Dinner was held at Riverside Receptions in Geneva on April 19th. Great food, great conversation and great company. Don't miss the 2027 edition of the dinner. Congratulations to our many title-earners, and to the recipients of the special awards:

Ed Kneip Memorial Award ..... Francene Andresen & Airen
Founders Award ..... Francene Andresen & Airen
Debbie Orr Memorial Award ..... Francene Andresen & Airen
Tucker Memorial Award ..... Cheryl Lewis & Echo
Natalie Memorial Award ..... Kelli Montgomery & Storm
Heather Memorial Award ..... N/A
Rookie of the Year ..... TBD
Sally Compton Service ..... TBD
Boner Award ..... TBD

May Membership Meeting

The regularly-scheduled May membership meeting will be held in person at the Kane County Extension Center (535 S. Randall Rd, St. Charles) at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 13. We will enjoy a presentation by Canine Companions.

Please note the early start time, and join us for an interesting presentation and a time for Q&A. See Laura Lagger if you have questions.

May Membership Meeting (part 2)

We have a Board proposal to change the FVDTC by-laws to create a path for a non-member to become a non-training member. The current membership section reads as follows:

4 Membership
4.1 Requirements
4.1.1 Anyone may apply for membership after paying the trial period training fee, their dog having attended at least 50% of the classes during the trial period and complying with these By-Laws. Membership applications will be accepted upon completion of trial period and voting-in shall be done at the next regular meeting. Approval for membership shall require a simple majority vote of those members present

The board recommends modifying this section so that it reads, in its entirety, as:

4 Membership
4.1 Requirements
4.1.1 Anyone may apply to become a training member after:
- paying the trial period training fee,
- having attended at least 50% of the classes during the trial period with their dog, and
- complying with these By-Laws.

Membership applications will be accepted upon completion of trial period and voting-in shall be done at the next regular meeting. Approval for membership shall require a simple majority vote of those members present and voting.

4.1.2 Anyone may apply to become a non-training member after:
- participating in club activities for not less than 3 months,
- complying with these By-Laws, and
- being sponsored by a current committee chair or board member.

Membership applications will be accepted upon completion of the trial period and voting-in shall be done at the next regular meeting. Approval for membership shall require a simple majority vote of those members present and voting.

The proposed change will be discussed and voted on during the May membership meeting.

Membership Report

Linda Thome
Batavia, IL
Mixed breed and Lurcher
Completed Beginner class

Kathleen & Harry Klimek
St Charles, IL
Dachshund
Completed Beginner class

Francis Soresi
Downers Grove, IL
Dalmatian

Board Meeting Highlights - April 12, 2026

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

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) the February Meeting minutes were approved as published. .

Laura Lagger (Second Vice-President) reported that the May 13th Membership Meeting will be held in person at the Kane County Extension Center and includes a program by Canine Companions. The program begins at 7:00 PM, with the business meeting to follow.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) reported that:

- Revenue is slightly down, due to the late start of session 2 caused by the fairground's flooring project.
- Morgan Stanley has moved some of our investments into cash funds.
- Some of the Agility Trial expense's need to be moved to the appropriate bucket.

There was no further discussion for the report.

Carol Nightingale (Public Education Coordinator) reported that club would not participate in the Tails on the Trail event at the Morton Arboretum this year due to some organizational issues at the Arboretum.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) stated that the trial entry limits for the Saturday Obedience and Rally trials were modified from four-hours per trial to 50 dogs per trials and approved by AKC.

Kent Hildebrand (Tracking Test Chairperson) has provided the Certificate of insurance to the Kane County Forest Preserve District for the Fall Tracking Tests.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) reported that the Fall trial planning is on track; the trial secretary worked with the AKC to expedite the updated agility trial approval.

Old Business

- Francis Soresi Honorary Membership Application - In response to Dave's question, Sue stated that she has not received a membership application from Francis. Dave asked Will Short to follow up with him to get the application submitted.

New Business

- **"Charge Against Cancer" Annual Fundraiser Donation** - On behalf of Cheryl Lewis, Dave asked the Board to consider making a donation to the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School "Charge Against Cancer" annual fundraiser. By working in conjunction with the GRCI's Agility trial, FVDTC will be included in the promotional and publicity materials. Taffy Wille made a motion that we donate $750.00 to the fundraiser. Will Short seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.
- **Recycling Club Trophies** - Carolyn Pearson stated that if any club member has a club provided trophy that they would like to donate back to the club for re-use to contact her. She has made arrangements with our current trophy vendor to reuse any trophies that are in good condition.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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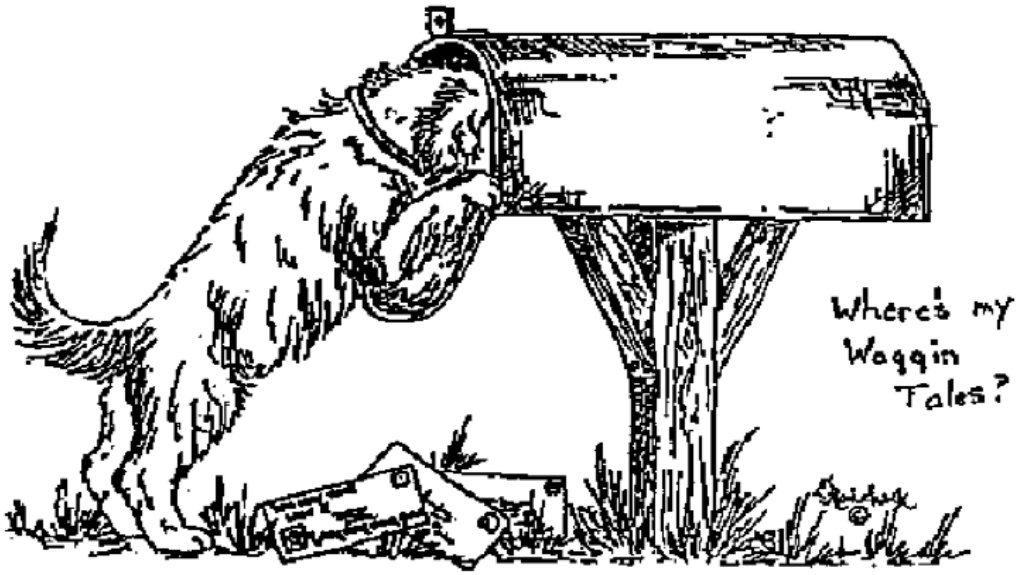

Calendar

May 2026

07 Thu Regular Training
13 Wed Membership Meeting, with program
14 Thu Regular Training
21 Thu Fun Match
28 Thu Regular Training

June 2026

04 Thu Regular Training
11 Thu Regular Training
14 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)
16 Tue Regular Training
Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
18 Thu Fun Match
25 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
Adv. Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00pm)