FVDTC
WAGGIN' TALES
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Save the Dates

FVDTC's annual Tracking Test will be held at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve in Elgin, IL on September 6, 2026, offering both Tracking Dog (TD) and Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tests. The drawing for TD tracks will take place promptly at 7:15 am, followed by the drawing for TDX tracks at 9:15 am. We invite all eligible handlers and their canine partners to participate in this exciting event and test their tracking skills. The Premium List is available on the web site (www.fvdtc.org). Contact Kent Hildebrand for more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Date: Saturday, 11/14/2026 (We'll add Sunday the 15th, if needed)
Location: Kane County Fairgrounds
525 Randall Rd St. Charles IL 60175
Room 17

Fun Matches

Walk-in match entry fees are increasing by $2.00, effective August 20, 2026. Members pay $8.00/$5.00 dog and guests pay $10.00/$7.00 dog. Cost remains the same for those who sign up via the online portal (www.fvdtc.org/FunMatch.html) before the match. Besides saving you a couple dollars, signing up early allows the Match Committee to adequately plan the evening, including having sufficient judges on hand. Thank you for making their jobs just a little bit easier.

Tracking Seminar

FVDTC's very own Kent Hildebrand will demonstrate the fundamentals of AKC tracking to prepare your training for the Tracking Dog (TD) Test. Class size is extremely limited and on a first-come-first-served basis. Please return your application (available on the club web site, www.fvdtc.org) as soon as possible.

Dates:
August 4 (3:00 - 6:00pm) at Plato Park 40N400 Stonecrest Drive, Elgin (off of Russell Road)
August 11 (4:00 - 6:00pm) at Plato/Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve
August 25 (4:00 - 6:00pm) at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve

Cost:
Members: $40
Guests: $145

Calendar

July 2026

02 Thu Regular Training
07 **Tue** Regular Training
15 Wed Membership Meeting (Zoom)
16 Thu No Training (Kane County Fair)
23 Thu Regular Training
30 Thu Regular Training

August 2026

04 Tue Tracking Seminar
06 Thu Regular Training
09 Sun Board Meeting (Zoom)
11 Tue Tracking Seminar
13 Thu Regular Training
18 Tue Regular Training
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
CGC Prep Ends (6:00pm)
20 Thu Fun Match
25 Tue Tracking Seminar
27 Thu Regular Training
Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)

Board Meeting Highlights - June 14, 2026

Meeting brought to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) distributed the club's financial statement as of the Board Meeting's date. He reported that class revenue is down slightly from last year, likely due to the delay in training because of the floor resurfacing. Set-up / breakdown expenses are also lower due to facility unavailability. Basic trends remain the same as last year. The main difference is the $1,700 expense for new jumps incurred in 2025. Currently there is an unrealized gain of $115,000 in the investment account. Account has a valuation of $419,000 with about $32,000 in cash and the remained invested in securities. Due to the current market environment, even if there is a significant downturn in the economy, FVDTC would still be in a sound financial position.

Phil also announced that he has taken on the treasurer duties for Moraine Tracking Club. Due to their smaller size, Moraine will take considerably less time and effort than FVDTC, and Phil wanted to assure the Board that there is no conflict of interest.

Will Short (Director of Training) stated that he had nothing to report. Dave Lewis reported that the online sign-up for Tuesday's training was available.

Taffy Wille (Obedience Trial Chairperson) reported that she is currently working on the premium list. This year we are offering High In Trial and High Combined ribbons and prizes for the preferred classes. Although we had ribbons last year, they could not be awarded as they were not announced in the premium list. The cash prizes will be the same as regular class awards.

Taffy also reported that the search for 2029 judges has begun.

Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson) stated that the Fall Agility Trial's Premium will be going out on July 7th.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

From the AKC: New World Screwworms

This is an excerpt from an article published by the AKC. See *https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/emerging-issue-new-world-screwworm-impacts-on-health-interstate-travel-with-dogs-2/* for all the details.

NWS is a parasitic fly whose larvae burrow into the living tissue of warm-blooded animals, typically through an open wound, causing painful wounds, serious infection, and sometimes death. It can affect livestock, wildlife, pets, and occasionally dogs. Despite being eradicated from the U.S. in 1966, NWS remained prevalent in countries throughout the western hemisphere. [There were] an increase in the number of cases identified in Central America in 2023, NWS was identified in southern Mexico in 2024 [and] models predicted NWS would enter the U.S. in 2025.

Federal and state officials are responding to NWS by creating or maintaining 20-km infested zones around confirmed detections and imposing quarantines, movement controls, and heightened surveillance in those zones. Some states have created their own rules and restrictions for animals. These should be of particular importance to anyone who engages in interstate travel with dogs.

According to USDA - Steps Dog Owners Can Take to Prevent Screwworm Infestation

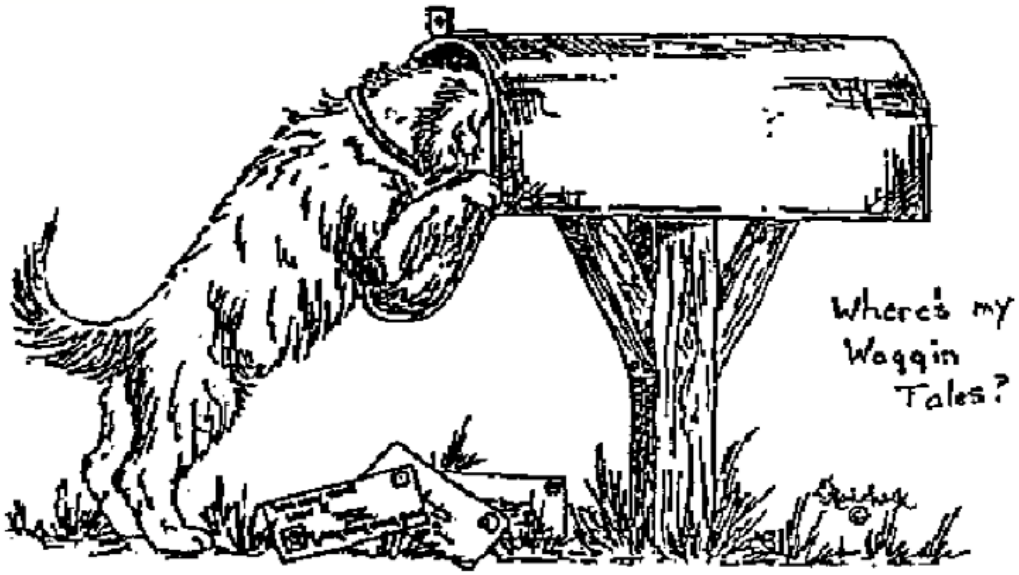
- Watch for signs of NWS, including irritated behavior, head shaking, smell of decay, and presence of fly larvae (maggots) in wounds. Seek immediate veterinary intervention if you suspect your dog is experiencing an NWS infestation.
- Treat the umbilical cords of newborn animals, and all wounds immediately, with an approved insecticide.
- Protect dogs from other wound-causing parasites like ticks. Oral and topical flea and tick preventatives containing afoxolaner, lotilaner, or sarolaner actively prevent and treat NWS larval infestations in pets.
- Make sure pets traveling internationally are inspected for screwworm.
- In addition to state-level general interstate dog movement regulations, comply with federal and state animal movement restrictions created to prevent the spread of screwworm.

Membership Report

Karen & Dennis Frazee
Aurora, IL
Completed Puppy class
Golden doodles

Martha McDuffie
Oswego, IL
Completed Beginner class
Golden mix

Dauma Glennon
St Charles, IL
Completed Beginner class
Labradoodle

Kathleen Koritko
Streamwood, IL
Completed Puppy class
Golden Retriever

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