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WAGGIN' TALES
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FVDTC Obedience and RallyTrials

FVDTC's annual Obedience and Rally trials, to be held at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles on November 14 & 15, 2026, including Team Rally on Sunday

Your premium list, with all the details, is available on the club web site (www.fvdtc.org)

Members! You can earn work credits by volunteering to help. Each Saturday trial is a half-day credit; Sunday is a full-day credit. Sign up at: https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/hwktj Contact Taffy Wille, Loretta Lazzara or Cathy Fleury if you have questions.

Contact Taffy Wille if you have other questions.

VENDORS and CRAFTERS NEEDED

Vendor booth space is available at the Obedience and Rally Trials.
Do you or anyone you know make dog related items; such as treats, toys, leashes, etc. and would be interested in renting a booth at our trial?

Please contact Cheryl Hettinger at boothvendors@fvdtc.org

Agility News

Cathy Fleury, Agility Trial Chair, reports that the Fall trial went well. Thank you to the many members that came to help, with special thanks to Taffy Wille and Cheryl Lewis for handling the workers for both the ring and Hospitality.

Membership Report

Robyn Rafalzik
Elgin, IL
German Shepherd
Completed Beginner class

Sharon Johnson
Geneva, IL
Labrador Retriever
Completed Puppy class

OFA CERF EYE CLINIC TO BE HELD AT FVDTC THURSDAY OCTOBER 29th, 2026

Date: Thursday October 29th, 2026 starting at 4:30 pm till approximately 8:30
Location: Kane County Fairgrounds 525 Randall Rd, St Charles, IL in the Robertson Building
Test performed by: Anne Beyer, DVM, DACVO from Eye Care for Animals
Cost: $50 per dog

PLEASE PRE-PAY & PRE-REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN THIS CLINIC

THIS CLINIC ALWAYS FILLS, GET YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION IN EARLY TO ENSURE A SPOT

Send Check, payable to FVDTC to:
Wendy Waddick
6N275 Brierwood Drive
Campton Hills, IL 60175

Along with your payment, please include your preferred time for arrival. In addition, include your dog's name and breed.

The exam will take place about half hour after your arrival time, to allow the dilation drops to take effect. On the night of the exam, please bring your dog's AKC registration information, if your dog is registered with the AKC.

We will do our best to fulfill arrival time requests. This clinic will most likely fill, if you want to take part in this clinic, please reserve your spot ASAP!

IMPORTANT, please include your email address and preferred telephone number so we can contact you.

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

Any questions, email Wendy at director@fvdtc.org

Membership Meeting Highlights - September 02, 2026

Meeting brought to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

Bob Boeke (First Vice-President) stated he had nothing to report. Carolyn Pearson reported that due to the lack of a free weekend at the fairgrounds, the mats will probably not be power-washed this year.

Laura Lagger (Second Vice-President) had nothing to report.

Phil Nuger (Treasurer) was not in attendance, but sent an email report summary:

- Revenue is consistent with last year - $37.5K / $37.2K.

- Revenue from classes which began last week is not reflected in the statement.
- The Fall Agility trials are the next big profit generator and will be included in next month's statements.
- Expenses are down approximately $4,000 - $45.5K / $49.6K.
- Purchase of AKC mandated breakaway trial jumps for $1,700
- Setup / breakdown expenses are down $2,700 (a portion likely due to a delayed check request)
- The investment account continues to perform well in line with the market. Showing $35k in growth this year which is not yet reflected

Overall, the club remains in a comfortable financial position.

Wendy Waddick (Co-Assistant Director of Training) reported that Will Short was working with the owner of a dog causing issues in the Advanced Beginner class.

Lizz Brookshire (Trial Raffle Chair) reported that she is starting to collect items for raffle for the trial. She is available to collect items most Thursday nights. She will only be collecting items in September and October, to allow her time to make the baskets for November. Only raffle-ready items will be accepted on November 5th.

Pat Senne (Annual Dinner Chairperson) reported that the dinner committee is looking for suggestions for a place to have the dinner (for between 20 and 40) and possible dates that would work; we typically have it April. Barb Misch suggested the West Chicago Park District ARC rooms where the Celebration of Life for Candy Ellis was held. Cheryl Hettinger suggested an appetizer buffet at Cooper's Hawk like the one she attended in April.

As of right now, we have not reserved Riverside for 2027. Riverside requires a minimum number of attendees; however we generally do not meet that number but still are responsible for the minimum payment amount.

Sally Boeke (CGC Test Coordinator) reported that the next CGC Class will start on October 29th.

Sandi Stephenson (Match Chair (Judges)) reported that as September is historically a busy month for our matches, there will be two Utility and two Open classes, one Novice and one Beginner Novice. Rally judge will be Pat Senne. Anyone wishing to judge at any future matches, should contact her.

Others not volunteering can support our club by entering the match! Earn credits and two free run-throughs and our undying gratitude too! Sandi stated that she cancel rings and judges if we have fewer entries than expected.

The new entry fees for the match gate entries were effective at the August match.

Barb Misch (Match Chair (Stewards)) reported that there are six stewarding slots to fill for the September 17th Match.

Sheryl Gallucci (Sunshine) reported that the Sunshine committee has been way too busy.

Dave Lewis (Waggin' Tales Editor) stated that the next Waggin' Tales deadline is September 20.

Old Business

- Wendy Waddick stated that an Eye Clinic is scheduled for October 29th with Dr. Anne Beyer from Eye Care for Animals in St. Charles. The $50.00 per dog fee must be received, before the appointment is added to the schedule.

New Business

- Carolyn Pearson reminded everyone that Amber Leaf Animal Health Clinic is hosting another Wellness Clinic on September 24th. Individuals seeking any of the services should contact Sue MacPherson.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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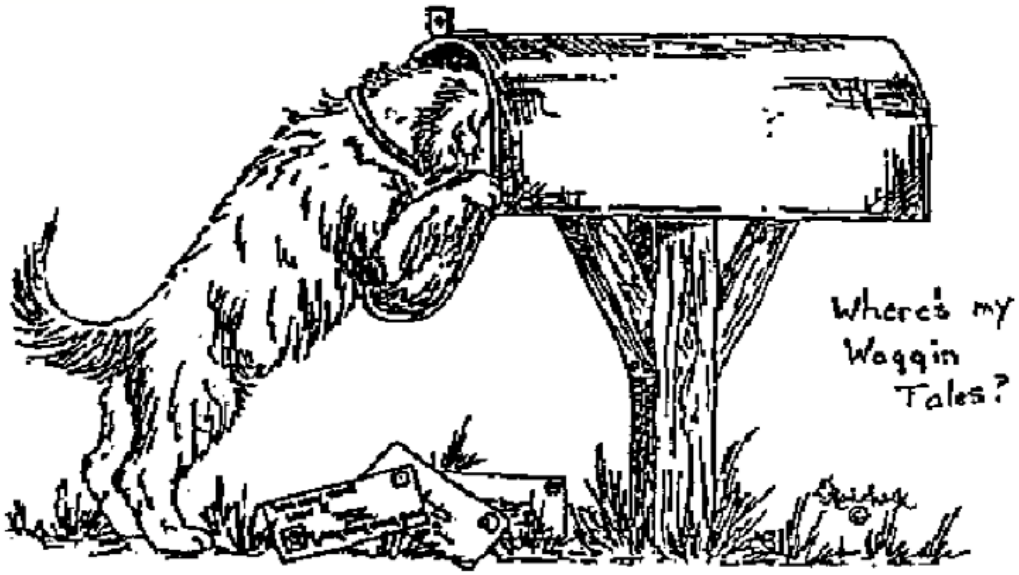

Calendar

October 2026

01	Thu	Regular Training
06	**Tue**	**Regular Training**
11	Sun	Board Meeting
15	Thu	Fun Match
22	Thu	Regular Training
		Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
		Advanced Puppy Ends (6:00pm)
		Beginner Ends (6:00, 7:00pm)
29	Thu	Regular Training
		CGC Prep Class (6:00pm)
		Puppy Begins (7:00pm)
		Advanced Puppy Begins (6:00pm)
		Beginner Begins (6:00, 7:00pm)

November 2026

01	Wed	Membership Meeting
05	Thu	Regular Training
10	**Tue**	**Regular Training**
12	Thu	Fun Match
13	Fri	Obedience Trial Setup
14	Sat	Obedience/Rally Trials
15	Sun	Obedience/Rally Trials
19	Thu	Regular Training
24	**Tue**	**Regular Training**