the RECALL FCDTC 2025

OCTOBER 2025 **Forest City Dog Training Club** **www.ForestCityDog.com**



Important Dates to Remember:

- October 24th – Last Run Thru of the Year
- November 24th (all week) – NO CLASSES
- 2026 Session 1 Registration Opens December 1st
- Pay Membership Dues by December 31st!

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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA October 2, 2025
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The *Board meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Judy Olson at 6:10. Board Members Present were: Judy Olson, Gail Schumacher, Sarah Kittner, Sharon Robertson, Sandy Allen, and Kay Rieff. Absent: Meg Hennessey **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the September FCDTC Recall. Sharon Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sandy Allen. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• None
REPORTS	**President (Judy Olson)**: • Credits, Run Thru Credits Discussed the number of workers needed at Run thrus
	Vice President (Meg Hennessey): • New computer software is being worked on by the company and Meg Snowood.

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Nominating Committee Notification Pati Weidel - Chair Wendy Beach Sarah Kittner Kathleen Alsup - Alternate Applications **1st Meeting** Dennis Bratina Adrienne Kelenc Natalie Answon Kayla Paris **2nd Meeting** Joan Mrkvicka Linda Ramas Sheri Kennedy Sofia & Tyler Dunn Zarembski **3rd Meeting** **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:** **2025** • 10/25-10/26/2025 Rock Valley Federation UKC Club (both sides) • 11/7-11/9/2025 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial • 11/28-11/30/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial • 12/27-12/28/2025 Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club Agility Trial • 12/29-12/30/2025 Border Collie Society Agility Trial **2026** • 1/24-1/25/2026 Janesville Beloit Obedience/Rally Trial (one side) • 2/20-2/22/2026 Weimaraner Club Agility Trial • 3/01/2025 Rockford Freeport Match at Forest City • 3/6-3/8/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial • 3/27-3/30/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 4/24-4/26/2026 Rand Park Obedience and Rally Trial • 5/4-5/5/2026 American Belgian Tervuren Club (both sides) • 6/26-6/28/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 8/28-8/30-2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial
Treasurer (Sharon Robertson)	• August Financials
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Registration is now closed

	Director of Trials (Sandy Allen)	• UKC Trial will be renting the entire building on Saturday October 25 and Sunday, October 26.
	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• FCDTC has been approved by the AKC to hold a VST tracking Test
PENDING BUSINESS	• None	
NEW BUSINESS	• None	
ADJOURNMENT	Gail Schumacher made the motion to adjourn. Judy Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 Respectfully submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary	

AGENDA

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
October 2, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Judy Olson at 8:15.

Board Members Present were: Judy Olson, Gail Schumacher, Sharon Robertson, Sarah Kittner, Sandy Allen, and Kay Rieff.

Absent: Meg Hennessey

Members: 53 Guests: 7

Approval of Minutes

We need a motion to approve the minutes from the September FCDTC Recall. Howard Bernier made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jenn Walker. Minutes are approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Deb Kolberg	Journey Dash Harley	FCAT5 New Champion FCAT2
Dawn Pfluger	Oliver	THDD, RN, FITS
Meredith Wendt	Luna	FCAT3, Rally Novice
Dawn Smith	Beca	FCAT
Lisa Warren	Chance	Rally Novice B
Beth Wiltshire	Luna	Triple Q Rally, 100, 99, 99, GN leg, NE Bird Hunting
Bob Czarnowski	Jake	Rally Novice
Marie Bueche	Ripley	Working Cert., FCAT, Crazy 8 Bronze

CONGRATS TO ALL!

BOARD REPORTS

President (Judy Olson)	• Thanked everyone for volunteering and teaching
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• Computer software is being worked on by the company and Meg Snowood

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Applications **1st Meeting** Dennis Bratina Adrienne Kelenc Natalie Answon Kayla Paris **2nd Meeting** Joan Mrkvicka (absent) Linda Ramas (absent) Sheri Kennedy Sofia & Tyler Dunn Zarembski **3rd Meeting** • **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:** **2025** • 10/25-10/26/2025 Rock Valley Federation UKC Club (both sides) • 11/7-11/9/2025 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial • 11/28-11/30/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial • 12/27-12/28/2025 Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club Agility Trial • 12/29-12/30/2025 Border Collie Society Agility Trial **2026** • 1/24-1/25/2026 Janesville Beloit Obedience/Rally Trial (one side) • 2/20-2/22/2026 Weimaraner Club Agility Trial • 3/01/2026 Rockford Freeport Match at Forest City • 3/6-3/8/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial • 3/27-3/30/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 4/24-4/26/2026 Rand Park Obedience and Rally Trial • 5/4-5/5/2026 American Belgian Tervuren Club (both sides) • 6/26-6/28/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 8/28-8/30-2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial Volunteer of the Year and Instructor of the Year nominations are due by October 31. Send your nominations to fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com We received a letter thanking FCDTC for our donation to the Rockford Wind Ensemble in honor of our member Tom Guschl. We received a thank you card for flowers sent to the Bill Walker home and to his Celebration of Life.
Treasurer (Sharon Robertson)	• August Financials

	Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Registration is now closed. In person registration is October 21. • Instructors Meeting is October 22 • Would like to work on ideas for advertising: flyers, magnet sign for your car, 2026 calendar featuring your dog. Please see Gail if you would like to work on any of these ideas.
	Director of Trials (Sandy Allen)	• UKC will be renting the entire building on October 25-26, 2025.
	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• We have been approved to hold a VST Tracking Test in 2026.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Gayle Dixon/Sandy Allen/Anita Wolney)**	• No report
	Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	• No report
	Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	• New floor sink for buckets, dirty water, etc. Please try to keep the mop sink clean as we will be using it for washing dishes, etc. at our trials.
	Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	• There is a new system for selling items. See Rhonda if you need help with it.
	Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	• Drop in classes every Thursday night
	Education (Mona Lilly)	• No report
	Obed/Rally Chairperson (Dawn Pfluger)	**Dawn:** Classes may be changing their dates and times. Stay tuned. **Kay:** Our trial was a complete success as usual. I heard many compliments as to how well run our trial is. This is totally due to our awesome volunteers.
	Registration (Deb Kolberg/Kathy Carr)	• Registration is now closed. • Drop in registration is on October 21 from 4:30 – 6:30.
	Therapy & Demos (Kathleen Smiley-Alsup)	• Kathleen thanked all our volunteers for their participation at Collins Aerospace and Bachrodt Puppy Palooza. Collins has asked for our teams again on October 30th from 11-1.
PENDING BUSINESS	• None	

NEW BUSINESS

The Board has discussed and recommended an increase in our Class prices. The reasoning for this recommendation is:

2024 Club Income = 310,275
2024 Club expenses = 273,820 (this is what it cost us to keep the club open for 2024)
2024 Profit as of August = 10,186
2025 Profit as of August = **-4,052** Our profit is down **-$14,000** from this time last year.

Our expenses have increased $17,000 since August 2024. This is mainly due to a huge increase from Com Ed and a decrease in class registration.

To cover the increase in expenses the Board has recommended the following price increase:

Obedience, Rally, Nosework, Tricks, Therapy Classes = $130
Agility, Tracking Classes = $150

This recommendation will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting

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VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:				
Last Name	**First Name**	**E-Mail**	**Sponsor 1**	**Sponsor 2**
NONE				

Please Welcome Our New Members!

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Krum made the motion to adjourn. Ron Meidinger seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rieff
Secretary

SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

OCTOBER 2025

BIRTHDAY CORNER!

Raven Nordenberg	October 3, 2017
Dancin Behning	October 4, 2018
Iso Faulkner	October 8, 2015
Journey Kolberg	October 8, 2018
Bonham White	October 18, 2019



DOGOSCOPE

Scorpio: October 23 – November 21

Scorpio dogs are not like other dogs! They're incredibly loyal canines and will protect their humans through thick and thin. They're brave and will always push themselves to explore new places and do new things, but can also be secretive and will rarely let on that they've done something wrong. Never wrong a Scorpio dog; if other dogs upset them then they'll never forget, and revenge is a dish (of Pedigree) best served cold!

Traits: Loyal – Brave - Secretive

NATIONAL PET HOLIDAYS

- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- National Pet Wellness Month
- National Pitbull Awareness Month
- National Women's Small Business Month
- October 1-7: National Walk Your Dog Week (observed the first week of October)
- October 3-9: Animal Welfare Week (observed the first whole week of October)
- October 12-18: National Veterinary Technician Week

- October 1: National Fire Pup Day
- October 1: National Black Dog Day
- October 4: World Animal Day
- October 8: Pet Obesity Awareness Day
- October 18: National Fetch Day (observed on the third Saturday of October)
- October 21: National Pets for Veterans Day
- October 21: National Reptile Awareness Day
- October 25: National Pitbull Awareness Day
- October 27: National Black Cat Day
- October 29: National Cat Day

MISS DAISY – ADVICE FROM A DIVA

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

BEST HUMAN TREATS FOR DOGS

1. Carrots
2. Blueberries
3. Green Beans
4. Apple Slices
5. Cooked Sweet Potatoes
6. Watermelon (seedless)
7. Plain Popcorn
8. Pumpkin (pure, unsweetened)
9. Plain Greek Yogurt
10. Cucumber Slices

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