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# the RECALL FCDTC 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025

Forest City Dog Training Club

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## Important Dates to Remember:

- September 29<sup>th</sup> – Registration Opens
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Session 6 begins (weekday classes)
- November 4<sup>th</sup> (week) – no classes
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> – Run Thru

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<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA</b> <b>September 4, 2025</b>	
<b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>	<p>The <b>Board meeting</b> of FCDTC was called to order by Judy Olson at 6:06            Board Members Present were: Judy Olson, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sarah Kittner, Sharon Robertson, Sandy Allen, and Kay Rieff.</p> <p>Absent: 0</p> <p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes for the August FCDTC Recall. Sharon Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Meg Hennessey. Minutes are approved as published.</p>	
<b>GUESTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>President (Judy Olson)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee for new Board Members The Board approved a nominating committee for the new board members</li> </ul>
	<b>Vice President (Meg Hennessey)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # quotes for new computer software</li> </ul>

<b>Secretary (Kay Reiff)</b>	<p>September Duties per EOY Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer of the Year and Instructor of the year due by October 31, 2025</li> </ul> <p>Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Meeting</li> <li>• 2nd Meeting</li> <li>• Joan Mrkvicka (absent)</li> <li>• 3rd Meeting</li> <li>• Jessica Knoll</li> <li>• Grant and Whitney Rupp</li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials: 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/6-9/7/2025 Australian Shepherd Club Obedience and Rally Trial</li> <li>• 9/19-9/21/2025 FCDTC Rally/Obedience Trial (both sides)</li> <li>• 10/4-10/5/2025 FCDTC Fastcat</li> <li>• 10/25-10/26/2025 Rock Valley Federation UKC Club (both sides)</li> <li>• 11/7-11/9/2025 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial</li> <li>• 11/28-11/30/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial</li> <li>• 12/27-12/28/2025 Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club Agility Trial</li> <li>• 12/29-12/30/2025 Border Collie Society Agility Trial</li> </ul> <p><b>2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/24-1/25/2026 Janesville Beloit Obedience/Rally Trial (one side)</li> <li>• 2/20-2/22/2026 Weimaraner Club Agility Trial</li> <li>• 3/01/2025 Rockford Freeport Match at Forest City</li> <li>• 3/6-3/8/2025 FCDTC Agility Trial</li> <li>• 3/27-3/30/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides)</li> <li>• 4/24-4/26/2026 Rand Park Obedience and Rally Trial</li> <li>• 5/4-5/5/2026 American Belgian Tervuren Club (both sides)</li> <li>• 6/26-6/28/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial</li> <li>• 8/28-8/30-2026 FCDTC Agility Trial</li> <li>• 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides)</li> <li>• 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer (Sharon Robertson)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July Financials</li> <li>• FastCat P&amp;L</li> <li>• Raffle License</li> </ul>
<b>Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)</b>	<p>Advertising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make up a flyer to distribute to Vet Offices, Noahs Ark, Winnebago and Boone County Animal Services</li> </ul> <p>4th Qtr Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration online September 29 at Noon. Closes October 10 at 8:00</li> <li>• Session 6 will run from October 27 through December 8 for most classes.</li> <li>• We will take Thanksgiving week off.</li> </ul>

	<b>Director of Trials (Sandy Allen)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October fastcat is full</li> </ul>
	<b>Past President (Sarah Kittner)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest City Tracking Test on April 5 and 6, 2026</li> </ul>
<b>PENDING BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Sandy Allen made the motion to adjourn. Sharon Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:09.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Kay Rieff Secretary</p>	

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA</b> <b>September 4, 2025</b>
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<b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>	<p>The General meeting of FCDTC was called to order by Judy Olson at 8:20.</p> <p>Board Members Present were: Judy Olson, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sharon Robertson, Sarah Kittner, Sandy Allen, and Kay Rieff.</p> <p>Absent: 0</p> <p>Members: Guests:</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>We need a motion to approve the minutes from the August FCDTC Recall. Sharon Prohaska made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sue Kenzie. Minutes are approved.</p>
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<b>GUEST SPEAKERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
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<b>BRAGS</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>BRAG</b>
	Meg Henessey	Gabi	DCAT
	Meg Henessey	Dash	WD, 1 <sup>st</sup> WD...RWD Special 4 <sup>th</sup> All Breed
	Meg Henessey	James	Finished CH
	Meg Henessey	Jason	Finished CH
	Meredith Wendt	Luna	CGCA, FCAT2, Fit Dog Bronze
	Beth Wiltshire	Tycho	13 <sup>th</sup> B-day, Rally Choice Title, 1 <sup>st</sup> place
	Dawn Smith	Beca	CGCA, Fit Dog Bronze
	Jax Anderson	Ruby	CGCA, Nov Trick, DCAT, ATT, Therapy Certified
	Jax Anderson	Oria	Therapy Certified
	Jax	Spartacus	CGC, CGCA
<b>CONGRATS TO ALL!</b>			

<b>BOARD REPORTS</b>	<b>President (Judy Olson)</b>	<p>Kennel Cough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to our club for stepping up and working to eliminate this illness at our club.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vice President (Meg Hennessey)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer software will be discussed later in the meeting</li> </ul>



**Secretary  
(Kay Reiff)**

**Applications**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
Linda Ramas  
Sheri Kennedy  
Sofia & Tyler Dunn Zarembski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting  
Joan Mrkvicka (absent)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting  
Jessica Knoll  
Grant and Whitney Rupp

- **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:**

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Volunteer of the Year and Instructor of the Year nominations are due by October 1.

Send your nominations to [fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com)

**Treasurer  
(Sharon  
Robertson)**

- July Financials
- Fast Cat P & L

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

<p><b>Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)</b></p>	<p>Instructors Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertising was discussed at the meeting. One suggested was to make a flyer that can be left at Vet Offices, Winnebago and Boone County Animal Services, Noah's Ark. Also discussed was a magnet door sign for automobiles.</li> </ul> <p>4th Qtr Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration online September 29 at Noon. Closes October 10 at 8:00</li> <li>Session 6 will run from October 27 through December 8 for most classes.</li> <li>We will take Thanksgiving week off.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Past President (Sarah Kittner)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockford Freeport Fastcat 9/27-28. Day of show entries</li> <li>Farm Dog Test October 18 Corgi Club</li> <li>Forest City VST Tracking Test April 5-6, 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Gayle Dixon/Sandy Allen/Anita Wolney)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ready for the next trial</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building &amp; Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bathrooms now have auto lights</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collars &amp; Leashes (Ronda White)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always needing volunteers. Sign up on the Members page</li> <li>The new Payment system at the front desk is up and running</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conformation (Pati Wiedel)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop in classes every Thursday night</li> </ul>
<p><b>Education (Mona Lilly)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Obed/Rally Chairperson (Dawn Pfluger)</b></p>	<p><b>Dawn:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The numbers in our obedience classes are low. We had to cancel 4 classes for Session 5.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kay:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our trial closed yesterday. We'll be setting up on Thursday night, Sept 18, after classes. Contact Deb Swain or Mikki Razor to help. Our tiral will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Karson Paris to help. Tear Down will be Sunday night about 3. See Deb or Mikki to help. You can earn quite a few credit this weekend by volunteering.</li> </ul>

	Registration (Deb Kolberg/Kathy Carr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>			
	Therapy & Demos (Kathleen Smiley-Alsup)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest City is getting a strong recognition in the community for their therapy program.</li> <li>Collier Aerospace</li> <li>Puppy Palazza at Lou Bachrodt.</li> </ul>			
<b>PENDING BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meg received 3 quotes for new software. Threw out #1 due to high pricing. Gemini did not offer an hourly price for follow up. Digital Imaging quoted a reasonably price including follow-up.</li> <li>Motion was made by Gail Dixon to purchase our new software from Digital Imaging, motion seconded by Lisa Pruka. Motion passed by the members.</li> </ul>				
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Annual Dues have not been raised since 2018. Expenses have raised for everything. Board would like to raise the dues by \$5 for each category. Motion was made by Kat Alsup and seconded by Pat Nordenberg. Motion passed by the members.</li> </ul>				
<b>VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS</b>	New Members:	None			
	Last Name	First Name	E-Mail	Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2
	Knoll	Jessica	<a href="mailto:jessknoll@yahoo.com">jessknoll@yahoo.com</a>	Dora McNew-Clarke	Ronda White
	Rupp	Grant & Whitney	<a href="mailto:Whitneyrupp@gmail.com">Whitneyrupp@gmail.com</a>	Karen Sorenson	Gayle Dixon
<b>Please Welcome Our New Members!</b>					
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Ron Meidinger made the motion to adjourn. Deb Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 9:16.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Kay Rieff Secretary</p>				

# SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

SEPTEMBER 2025

## BIRTHDAY CORNER!

Sabre Ashcroft September 4, 2022  
Shaw White September 22, 2022  
Cheater Sorenson September 30, 2017  
Oakley Reynolds September 18



## DOGOSCOPE



**Libra:** September 23 – October 22

Libra dogs are the most popular at the dog park! They love to be around humans and other furry friends, and would prefer another canine in the family so they can always socialise. Libra pups dislike confrontation and are compassionate towards others, so will shy away from any loud barks or human arguments. Libra pooches are usually very pretty and fashionable and won't bat an eyelid about being dressed up in cute outfits – in fact, they love it!

**Traits:** Social – Non-Confrontational - Compassionate

## NATIONAL PET HOLIDAYS

- Happy Healthy Cat Month
- National Pet Insurance Month
- Pet-Sitter Education Month
- Animal Pain Awareness Month
- National Service Dog Month
- National Pet Memorial Month
- September 15-19: Adopt a Less-Adoptable-Pet Week (observed the third week in September)
- September 21-27: National Dog Week (observed the last full week in September)
- September 21-27: National Deaf Pet Awareness Week (observed the last full week in September)
- September 1: Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
- September 8: National Dog Walker Appreciation Day
- September 13: Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day
- September 14: National Pet Memorial Day (observed the second Sunday in September)
- September 14: National Hug Your Hound Day (observed the second Sunday in September)
- September 17: National Pet Bird Day
- September 20: AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day (observed the third Saturday in September)
- September 20: Puppy Mill Awareness Day (observed the third Saturday in September)
- September 23: Dogs in Politics Day
- September 25: Remember Me Thursday (brings attention to the millions of adoptable pets waiting in shelters and those who never got a second chance, observed the fourth Thursday in September)
- September 28: World Rabies Day



## MISS DAISY – ADVICE FROM A DIVA

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.