FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

FEB 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

February 24th -
Drop-in Registration
February 25th -
Instructor's Meeting
February 27th -
Monthly Run Thru
February 28th -
Last day of classes (Saturdays)
March 1st -
Banquet RSVP's Due!
March 2nd -
Session 2 begins
March 5th -
Monthly Membership Meeting
March 11th -
Obedience Trial Closes
March 13th -
Membership Banquet
March 15th -
Family Dog Day

2026 Membership Banquet

Friday, March 13th, 6pm
At the Club
Free to Members
$10 for Non-Member Significant Others
RSVP's due to Jenn Walker by March 1st
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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA February 5, 2026	
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The ***Board meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by President Kathleen Alsup at 6:01. Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner, Gayle Dixon and Kay Rieff. Absent: 0 **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the January FCDTC Recall. Meg Hennessey made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gail Schumacher. Minutes are approved as published.	
GUESTS	• Jenn Walker – discussed the plans for the banquet and having it catered to be held on Friday March 13th at the club. She would like to request to the members to have a budget approved for up to $1,000.00 be submitted to the membership for voting.	
REPORTS	**President (Kathleen Alsup)**	• We had a request from Jim Page for 2 free class certificates for the Vets Roll Fundraiser to be held at Rascals Bar and Grill in March. The Board approved this request • A committee was formed to oversee our advertising on social media, press releases, TV, etc. This committee will be co-chaired by Jenny Fingland and Kim Milhorn. Discussion was had and all board members were able to vote on this addition. Unanimous vote to create this committee. • It was agreed that Forest City will participate in the Pet Expo held on March 21st at the Sports Center. The event was a huge success last year. Once again 2 tables will be reserved: one for the Therapy volunteers and the other for the breed & training volunteers.
	Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• The new website is up and running. The online registration codes are now working. • Deb Kohlberg and Jenny Fingland will be the backup for our website • There is a new feature for signing up for future Therapy visits on the members page.

	Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** Dawn Czerwan Kim Salem Judy Rupprecht **3rd Meeting** Marisa Monbrod **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:** **2026** • 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 • 3/15/2026 FCDTC ATT Test, Fetch Test, Tricks and CGCA • 3/21/26 Pet Expo • 3/27-3/30/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 4/4-4/5/2026 FCDTC VST test • 4/24-4/26/2026 Rand Park Obedience and Rally Trial • 5/4-5/5/2026 American Belgian Tervuren Club (both sides) • 5/9-5/10/2026 FCDTC TD/TDX (Kittner Farm) • 6/7/-6/8/2026 FCDTC FASTCAT (Taylor Farm) • 6/12/2026 Winnebago Lab Club Trial (both sides) • 6/13/2026 Winnebago Lab Club Trial (obedience side) • 6/26-6/28/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 8/22-8/23/2026 FCDTC FastCat (Taylor Farm) • 8/28-8/30-2026 FCDTC Agility Trial • 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) • 10/3-10/4/2026 FCDTC FASTCAT (Taylor Farm) • 11/6-11/8/2026 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial (both sides) • 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	• We ended 2025 with a $20,000 profit which was unexpected due to losing an agility trial and our lower class numbers. • The question was raised regarding the club's 501c3 status that was downgraded to 501c7. An investigation will be made to see about getting the501 c3 status back for donations to the club. • A motion was made by Meg Hennessey and seconded by Kathleen Alsup that we cancel our services with the answering service and the account with Verizon for our phone. The Board approved this motion. Savings will be over $6,000.00/annually. • There has been a request for larger award plaques. If you wish to upgrade your plaque in the future, each club member will be asked to pay the difference in price. • Sheila will be making a Google sheets form for the request for office supplies. • We received thank you cards for the family of Gary Kobylarz, Sydney Baldwin and The Girls and Boys Club for our donations.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Gail reported on the class numbers and the classes that have been canceled due to enrollment. • Gail would like to see a free run-thru certificate given to non-member students in our classes from agility, obedience and rally to draw more people into attempting trials. • Secondly, Gail was approached by Noahs' Ark for their annual fundraiser. She would like to offer 2 free certificates for their silent auction/raffle. Discussion ensued and a unanimous vote was agreed to by all members on the board.
Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	• A proposal was made to have a set up/tear down crew for non-club trial events. Four people for obedience and six people for agility would be needed each time. Each member would get a working credit for each event worked. • • A discussion regarding charging Agility League participants was held. A motion was made by Kay Rieff to charge participants a fee of $30 per session for each DOG run in the League. Seconded by Meg Hennessey. Motion passed by all board members.
Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• The premium for Forest City's VST test is on the website. The TD/TDX test will be available soon.

PENDING BUSINESS	• None
NEW BUSINESS	• Agility Turf Beads Purchase via Cheerie Ohda • Awards Banquet Allocation
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Kittner made the motion to adjourn. Gayle Dixon seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary

AGENDA

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
February 5, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The General meeting of FCDTC was called to order by President Kathleen Alsup at 8:23

Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner, Gayle Dixon and Kay Rieff.

Absent: 0

Members: 61 Guests: 6

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the January FCDTC Recall. Beth Wiltshire made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Connie Crum. Minutes are approved as published.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Beth Wilshire	Luna	Grad Novice Title @ JBKC QQQ x 2 & 1st place in Master with a 100 Reserved BIS Reserve – UKC ROCH & RMCH - UKC
Karson Paris	Angus	CDX title and Rally High Combined
Sally Coggeshall	Blossom Cara	Fit Dog Silver Fit Dog Silver
Sue Kenzie	Molly	CD title finished in one week with 3 – 195 & 188
Shelly Eyster	Mazie	BN, TDN, TDI
Ron Meidinger	Chase	Trick Dog Intermediate
Judy Olson	Haze	BN Title
Marti Files	Disa	7 beautiful puppies. Sire won BOB at Westminster
Deb Davis	Remi	1st BN leg, 1st Rally Nov leg
CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)	• Please be advised that moving forward it is important to note that this club is an AKC Obedience club and all club members are to follow the AKC Code of Good Sportsmanship and Civility. There is a poster on the first bulletin board as you walk into the club. Club members will be held accountable if they are found to be acting outside of the club's code of conduct. • We had a request from Jim Page for 2 free class certificates for the Vets Roll Fundraiser to be held at Rascals Bar and Grill in March. The Board approved this request • A committee was discussed by the Board to form our advertising on social media, press releases, TV, etc with the discussion to have 'co-chairs' . this Media Committee will be co-chaired by Jenny Fingland and Kim Milhorn. • It was agreed that Forest City will participate in the Pet Expo held on March 21st at the Sports Center. The event was a huge success last year. Please see Rynn Johnson for information to participate.
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• The new website is up and running. The online registration codes are now working. Thank you everyone for your patience. • Deb Kohlberg and Jenny Fingland will be the backup for our website • There is a new feature for signing up for future Therapy visits on the members page.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• February 24 4:30 – 6:30 Onsite Registration • February 25 7:00 Instructors Meeting • February 26 6:30 New Student Orientation • • There will be a new Therapy class on Wednesdays at 10:30 starting in Session 3. Jenn Walker will be teaching the class.. • Paige Lyford and Kaylee Ghinazzi will be meeting in March to work on the next 3 months of the club calendar. To all instructors, please make sure to reach out to Paige Lyford if you are interested in teaching additional classes, the same classes or need to take a session off during the year..
Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	• We will now have a set up crew and a tear down crew for non-club trial events. Four people for obedience and 6 people for agility will be needed each time. Each member will get a working credit for each event worked. Sign ups will be available. • The Board approved a motion to charge participants a fee of $30 per session for each DOG entered to run in the Agility League. This will start with the next 12 week session. • Gayle passed around a card made by Girls at the Boys and Girls Club to thank FCDTC for their donation.
Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• The premium for Forest City's VST test is on the website. The TD/TDX test will be available soon
Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)	• No Report
Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	• Donations are always welcome. Dog treats are needed.
Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	• No report
Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	• Volunteers will be needed for Session 2 to work the desk and to sell collars and leashes. • Sign up in on the member's page of the website.
Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	• Drop in Classes are held on Sundays at 1:30 in February. • Drop in classes continue during all months on Thursdays at 7:00.
Education (Mona Lilly)	• No Report
Obed/Rally Chairperson (Paige Lyford/ Kay Rieff)	**Dawn:** Welcome to Paige and thank you for stepping up. **Kay:** No Report
Registration (Kathy Carr)	• No Report

	Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	• There is now a sign up on the members page to volunteer for any future therapy visits..

PENDING BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Kathleen reported that Jenn Walker had discussed with the Board an allocation for the food catering and miscellaneous supplies for the Awards Banquet. Chris Taylor made a motion to allocate $1000 for our Awards Banquet. Marti Files seconded the motion. All club members voted & motion passed.
- Kathleen Alsup discussed the buying of turf beads by Cheerie Ohda at a reduced price for a $400 savings to the club. Tammy Lozzio made a motion that we purchase the beads and Pati Weidel seconded the motion. All club members voted & motion passed
- We will be selling various shirts ($15), and sweatshirts ($25), cash only. There is also a thin green roll of matting for sale - $10.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:

Last Name	First Name	E-Mail	Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2
Monbrod	Marisa			

Please Welcome Our New Members!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Jenn Walker made the motion to adjourn. Dawn Pfluger seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rieff
Secretary

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

FEB 2026

FEBRUARY PET HOLIDAYS



- Pet Dental Health Month
- Dog Training Education Month
- National Cat Health Month
- Responsible Pet Owners Month
- Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month
- Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

February 2: National Hedgehog Day; Groundhog Day
February 3: National Golden Retriever Day
February 3: Annual Doggie Date Night
February 7-14: Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week
February 14: National Pet Theft Awareness Day in the US; Valentine's Day
February 22-28: National Justice for Animals Week
February 20: Love Your Pet Day
February 22: Walking The Dog Day
February 23: National Dog Biscuit Day
February 24: World Spay Day

DOGOSCOPE

Pisces: February 19 - March 20

Pisces dogs are kind and gentle souls. They love being close to their owners and desire nothing more than getting on the sofa and cuddling up under a soft blanket with them every night. Pisces pooches make excellent therapy dogs because they're so intuitive to others' emotions and are incredibly affectionate too. Pisces pooches are great with children and can be real companions for anyone struggling with confidence.

Traits: Imaginative- Creative- Affectionate

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Set Clear Boundaries
- Love Without Expectation
- Pursue What You Want
- Express Your Feelings
- Live In The Moment
- Appreciate The Little Things
- Keep Being Curious
- Let Others Help You
- Prioritize Rest And Relaxation
- Stay True To What You Love



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Beau Pausig Feb 1, 2014
Rory Kiesdaisch Feb 2, 2014
Eva Files Feb 3, 2014
Roady Kiesdaisch Feb 3, 2014
Luna Wiltshire Feb 6, 2022
Evee Prebish Feb 7, 2022
Darla Bolin Feb 7
Luna Wendt Feb 10, 2022
Teagan Zandonai Feb 11, 2014
Rolo White Feb 14, 2011
Blade Delaney Feb 14, 2016
Indigo Hill Feb 14, 2021
Jesse Kolberg Feb 14, 2022
Doc Johnson Feb 17, 2016
Mazie Eyster Feb 18, 2023
Remi Erickson Feb 20, 2020
Gryffin Schneider Feb 20, 2019
Oakley Alfano Feb 27, 2020
Kate Fuller Feb 27, 2023