FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

JAN 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2nd -
Online Registration Opens
February 2nd -
Onsite Registration Opens
February 5th -
Monthly Membership Meeting
February 9th -
Last week of classes (weekdays)
February 15th -
Two week break starts
February 20th -
Spring Agility Trial Closes
February 20th - 22nd -
Weimaraner Agility Trial at Club
February 24th -
Drop-in Registration
February 25th -
Instructor's Meeting
February 27th -
Monthly Run Thru
February 28th -
Last day of classes (Saturdays)
March 2nd -
Session 2 begins
March 5th -
Monthly Membership Meeting
March 11th -
Obedience Trial Closes

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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA January 8, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The Board meeting of FCDTC was called to order by Vice President Meg Hennessey at 6:11. Board Members Present were: Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sharon Robertson, Sarah Kittner and Kay Rieff. Absent: Judy Olson, Sandy Allen, Approval of Minutes Motion to approve the minutes for the December FCDTC Recall. Sarah Kittner made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sharon Robertson. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• **None**
REPORTS	**President (Judy Olson)**: • Absent
	Vice President (Meg Hennessey): • Our new website is close to going on line. Each member wll have their own password for the members page. • • We have been approved for the March 15th, 2026 Fetch Test, ATT and Trick Dogs. Two tests for each venue. Entries open February 1, 2026 and close March 8, 2026. Entries are limited to 30 dogs per test.

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** Marisa Monbrod **3rd Meeting** Joan Mrkvicka Kayla Paris Adrienne Kelenc **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:** **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 • 3/15/2026 FCDTC ATT Test, Fetch Test, Tricks and CGCA • 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 (Sharon Robertson)	• November Financials • Agility P & L • Sharon Robertson made a motion to put Sheila Felder, Kay Rieff and Gayle Dixon as signers on the Chase bank accounts and the Rock Valley Credit Union accounts. Gail Schumacher seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Online calendar being approved soon
Director of Trials (Sandy Allen)	• Absent

	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• Forest City has been approved to hold a TD and TDX Test in May of 2026. Details to follow.
PENDING BUSINESS	• None	
NEW BUSINESS	• Awards to be handed out at the general meeting: • Volunteer of the Year – Kathleen Alsup • Instructor of the Year – Gayle Dixon • Lifetime Members: Lloyd Fulcer, Renee Fulcer, Brenda Juhlin • We will vote on the new Board Members at the general meeting	
ADJOURNMENT	Sharon Robertson made the motion to adjourn. Gail Schumacher seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 7:20. Respectfully submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary	

AGENDA

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
January 8, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Vice President Meg Hennessey at 8:17.

Board Members Present were:, Gail Schumacher, Sharon Robertson, Meg Hennessey, Sarah Kittner and Kay Rieff.

Absent: Judy Olson, Sandy Allen

Members: **Guests:**

Approval of Minutes

We need a motion to approve the minutes from the December FCDTC Recall. Pati Wiedel made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Connie Crum. Minutes are approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
None		

CONGRATS TO ALL!

BOARD REPORTS

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Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• Our new website is close to going on line. Each member wll have their own password for the members page. • We have been approved for the March 15th, 2026 Fetch Test, ATT and Trick Dogs. Two tests for each venue. Entries open February 1, 2026 and close March 8, 2026. Entries are limited to 30 dogs per test. Entries will be taken on the Tally Ho website.

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Applications **1st Meeting** Dawn Czerwan Kim Salem Judy Rupprecht **2nd Meeting** • Marisa Monbrod **3rd Meeting** • Adrienne Kelenc • Joan Mrkvicka (absent) • Kayla Paris • **Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials:** **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 • 3/15/2026 FCDTC ATT Test and Fetch Test • 3/28-3/30/2026 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 (both sides) • 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 (Sharon Robertson)	• November Financials • Agility P & L • If you received $600 or more as an instructor or as assistant, your 1099 should be mailed by 1/31/2026
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• February 24 Onsite Registration • February 25 Instructors Meeting • February 26 New Student Orientation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director of Trials (Sandy Allen)	• Absent
Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• Forest City has been approved to hold a TD and TDX Test in May of 2026. Details to follow.
Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)	• The Weim Club will hold an agility trial at our building on February 20-23, 2026. • FCDTC will hold an agility trial on March 6-8, 2026. We usually fill so get your entries in early.
Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	• No report
Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	• No report
Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	• Thank you to the volunteers. • If you volunteer to work for Collars and Leashes, make sure you know how to fit a prong collar on a dog. See Rhonda White if you need help..
Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	• Drop in Classes are held on Sundays at 1:30 in January and February. • Drop in classes continue during all months on Thursdays at 7:00.
Education (Mona Lilly)	• AKC is having computer difficulties and it will be a couple of months before the Mach/Pach issue is resolved. • AKC added three new breeds to their list of recognized breeds
Obed/Rally Chairperson (Dawn Pfluger)	**Dawn:** This was Dawn's last month to report on the Instructors and classes. Paige Lyford will be taking over the job of Obedience Chair. **Kay:** Our next Obedience/Rally Trial is on March 27-29, 2026. Premium is available on the AKC website and at: https://rdolson.org/premiums/prem-fcdtc-2026-03.pdf
Registration (Deb Kolberg/Kathy Carr)	• Registration for Session 2 starts at noon on February 2. • Onsite registration will be February 24 at the club building.

	Therapy & Demos (Kathleen Smiley-Alsup)	• Thank you for all volunteers at the Ida Library in Belvidere. The children enjoyed the large number of dogs that participated so much that they forgot all about reading.

PENDING BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Awards for the following were given out at the meeting:
Volunteer of the Year – Kathleen Alsup
Instructor of the Year – Gayle Dixon

Lifetime Members were announced: Lloyd Fulcer, Renee Fulcer, Brenda Juhlin

Congratulations to everyone.

The nominated Board Members presented to the membership were:

President – Kathleen Alsup
Vice President – Meg Hennessey
Secretary – Kay Rieff
Treasurer – Sheila Felder
Director of Training – Gail Schumacher
Director of Trials – Gayle Dixon
Board Member at Large – Sarah Kittner

Rick Lily made a motion to accept this nomination as our new Board Members. Sharon Prohaska seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion was passed.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:				
Last Name	**First Name**	**E-Mail**	**Sponsor 1**	**Sponsor 2**
Kelenc	Adrienne			
Paris	Kayla			

Please Welcome Our New Members!

ADJOURNMENT

Kathleen Alsup made the motion to adjourn. Cindy Bolin seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rieff
Secretary

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

SNIPS & SNAILS
AND PUPPY DOG TAILS
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JANUARY PET HOLIDAYS



- **Walk Your Pet Month**
- **National Train Your Dog Month**
- **Adopt a Rescued Bird Month**

January 1: New Year's Day
January 2: National Pet Travel Safety Day
January 2: Happy Mew Year for Cats Day
January 5: National Bird Day
January 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day
January 22: National Answer Your Cat's Question Day
January 24: Change A Pet's Life Day

DOGOSCOPE

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

Aquarians are very interesting dogs. Having an Aquarius pooch certainly won't be dull! They have interesting quirks and funny mannerisms that will keep their humans entertained. They are also very smart and independent, making learning new tricks easy. Being an air sign, they will love hanging their head out of a car window to feel the breeze!

Traits: Quirky - Independent - Smart

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 Relaxtion
- Stay True To What You Love



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Rigel Guschl - January 2, 2022
Neo McNew-Clarke - January 4, 2024
Elly Johnson - January 4, 2017
Chuck Appleby - January 5, 2016
Marvel Stanley - January 7, 2023
Vixen Faulkner - January 12, 2022
Juju Sorenson - January 12, 2022
Harley Kolberg - January 14, 2023
Pete Davis - January 16, 2009
Louie Janssen - January 18, 2017
Mason Janssen - January 18, 2017
Rosie McKnight - January 22, 2020
Mollie Kramer - January 25, 2023
River Hill - January 25, 2025
Promise Bowers - January 26
Zita McKnight - January 26, 2015