FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

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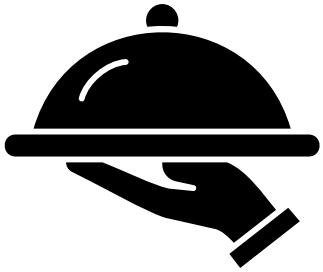
IMPORTANT DATES



March 27th - 29th -
FCDTC Rally/Obedience Trials
March 30th (noon) -
Online Registration Opens
April 2nd -
Monthly Membership Meeting
April 8th (6pm) -
FCDTC FastCAT opens
April 13th - April 24th
No Classes (break weeks)
April 21st -
Drop-In Registration
April 22nd -
Instructor's Meeting
April 23rd -
New Student Orientation
April 27th -
Session 3 begins

2026 Membership Banquet

The Membership Banquet was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our club members and their dog's achievements!



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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA March 5, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The ***Board meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by President Kathleen Alsup at 6:04. 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 February FCDTC Recall. Meg Hennessey made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gail Schumacher. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• Kelly Pausig -- Agility League Discussion • Kelly gave an overview of the Agility League definition as per the AKC. She covered how it is a team event and explained the different levels of each team. Each session is 6 weeks and the course maps are distributed by AKC. She explained how the teams run the course and how they are scored. After all the scores are submitted to the AKC for the session, each team is ranked nationally. There are three sessions annually per the AKC. There is also an opportunity for the team to compete at a national event.

REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)	• **Agility League** Thank you, Kelly, for your presentation. The Board reviewed the $30 per session fee passed at the February board meeting. They feel that the dollar amount is fair since it falls under the same category as our monthly run thru. It will also bring Agility League into compliance with the club's SROP. Each run thru costs each member $5. This is the same amount each dog's handler will pay for each weekly participation. Kelly Pausig will continue to organize the event as the Agility League Chair. As Kelly needs help during the runs, 3 volunteers will be given a free run and a work credit per week. The 3 volunteers must rotate weekly. Kelly will keep a record of the volunteers and submit it to Mona Lily at the end of the session. • **Rooftop Heating and Cooling Units** Lloyd will be getting quotes for new roof top units this spring from Helm Mechanical, Miller Engineering and Complete Mechanical Solutions. American Rigging and Millwork Service, Inc. has graciously agreed to absorb their cost to bring their crane, remove the old units from the roof and deliver them to the scrap yard. • **Instructor Shirts** Midwest Stitch has submitted a quote for instructor shirts and Embroid This will be giving a quote also. We will also explore the idea of polo neck instructor shirts
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• The website is now functional. The problem with the membership page has been addressed and it is now secure and available to the membership. • We have 10 hours of paid support with the Web Developer to help Meg Hennessey if she has any issues with our new site. • Meg is currently learning the process to refund payments online. • Meg will be asking for volunteers at the Family Day at the club on March 15th. • A reminder regarding work credits: currently, it is 12 credits to purchase a club key and to get a class discount. If you get 25 work credits, you will also receive a free class code.

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** Pamela Shearer Jean Walsh Steve and Deb Dunlap **3rd Meeting** Dawn Czerwan Kim Salem Judy Rupprecht
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	• **Club Answering Service** Verizon for the answering service is canceled and paid in full. Our answering service Endicot is paid in full and will be canceled as of the end of the month. All club correspondence will now be done through email. This is a savings to the club of almost $9000 per year. • **Update on Cleaning Contract** The cleaning service increase was approved by the Board in 2025. The cleaning service is here 3 times per week; Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. They clean our floors thoroughly and keep up with the bathrooms. • **Update on Square** The scam with Square is still being researched and investigated and hope to have resolution soon. • **Amazon** It was discussed that all club supply orders will be sent to Sheila Felder and she will purchase through an Amazon Business account. It was suggested that by subscribing to Amazon Prime, this would give us free shipping and faster delivery times. Meg Hennessey made a motion to approve the payment of Amazon Prime. Gail Schumacher seconded the motion. Board approved purchasing Amazon Prime. • **Computer request** It was brought up that the treasurer laptop computer is no longer holding a charge. Sheila will research the cost of a new laptop with a case and present it at the next meeting. • **Financials** Sheila presented the board with the current financials.

	Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Gail presented to the board a request from Noah's Ark for 2 gift certificates to be raffled off at their Bark and Wine Gala on April 12th, 2026. The board approved the request. • Boone County 4H Classes are looking for a volunteer to teach Beginner Obedience and CGC to the 4H members. These classes are being held at the fairgrounds and will be on Tuesday nights from April April 21st through June 23rd. The classes are one hour long. • Later registration brought in 10 additional students . We ended up with almost all the classes being full or close to full. We dropped 3 classes due to low registration. • Session 3 will change the schedule for puppy class and add an Obedience 1 class between Wednesdays & Thursdays. This is to allow a make-up class for students. • Conformation will only be offered on Thursday nights. • Gail reminded everyone that any dog participating in Agility must have a CGC on their dog.

Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)

Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials

2026

3/01/2025	Rockford Freeport Match at Forest City
3/6-3/8/2025	FCDTC Agility Trial
3/21/2026	Pet Expo
3/15/2026	FCDTC ATT Test, Fetch Test, Tricks, and CGCA (both sides)
3/27-3/29/2026	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

- Jenny Fingland approached the Agility Committee to present 3 Agility seminars in 2026. These seminars would be open to the members for 2 weeks and then open to the general public. The board discussed the pricing for each seminar for a member and a non member. A motion was made by Kay Rieff to charge $200/$225 for Anne Braue, and $140/$165 each for Gwyn Friedl and Steve Schwartz. Motion was seconded by Sarah Kittner. Motion voted and passed.

- Jenny Fingland has also offered to do an obedience workshop geared to new exhibitors.This would teach how to fill out the entry form, how to get ready for the trial and the jobs needed during an obedience trial. This would be a one day workshop for members. Meg Hennessey made a motion to approve the workshop at a cost of $50 per member. Motion was seconded by Sheila Felder. Motion approved by board vote.

- There is a Junior member requesting to have a reduced vendor fee for the agility trial. Meg Hennessey made a motion to give the Junior member a 40% discount on the

		vendor fee. Motion was seconded by Sarah Kittner. Motion voted and passed.
	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• No Report
PENDING BUSINESS	• None	
NEW BUSINESS	• None	
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Gail Schumacher made the motion to adjourn. Sheila Felder seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary	

AGENDA

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 8:19 p.m.

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

Absent: 0

Members: 70 Guests: 6

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the February FCDTC Recall. Deb Davis made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pati Wiedel. Minutes are approved as published.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Dawn Pfluger	Olivia	Intermediate Trick Dog
Shelly Eyster	Mazie	Therapy Dog Certification
Dawn Smith	Beca	Novice & Intermediate Tricks Titles Barn Hunt – Novice Title, Open Title, Senior Title and Masters, 1 leg

CONGRATS TO ALL!

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)

- Kathleen commented that she has been listening to people talk outside of the club and is hearing that members are being disrespectful of other members. These conversations are taking place in front of clients and other members. One person commented to Kathleen that our club was stealing her joy; so she no longer is active here. We are a skilled and a non-skilled club. No one should be dismissive of a rescue dog, another breed of dog or a person's skill level. We need to be polite when we are in the club. As an AKC club, we follow the AKC Rules of Sportsmanship and Civility. Please start monitoring what you are saying while you are within the club.

- If anyone is abusive, aggressive, bullying, belligerent, belittling, dismissive, the AKC allows for your membership to be reviewed up to being suspended from the club.

Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• The website is up and running. Please let Meg know of any errors you see. Please contact her by email or telephone, not Facebook. If there is any item you need put up on the website: a premium, an announcement, please let Meg know. • Volunteers are needed for the Fetch test and the ATT test. • A reminder that you need 12 work credits to get a key. If you get 25 credits by the year's end, you will get a free class in obedience/rally or a discount on an agility class.
Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Applications **1st Meeting** Amy Vowell Brittany Tompkins Laurie Gott **2nd Meeting** Pamela Shearer Jean Walsh Steve and Deb Dunlap **3rd Meeting** Dawn Czerwan Kim Salem Judy Rupprec (absent)
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	• We made a donation to the Rockford Special Olympics in memory of Sandy Czarnowski. We received a donation to the club in memory of Sydney Bladwin. We also received a thank you letter from Knocking Out Parkinsons Disease for our therapy dogs visiting them. • The financials were presented to the club

Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• During late registration, we signed up 10 additional dogs. • Most of our classes are full or nearly full. • Three classes were dropped due to low registration. • For Session 3, we are moving the Wednesday 6:00 Puppy class to Thursday at 7:15. In its place will be Obedience 1. This will allow for more classes for make up. • Classes must have 3 students to continue. A class must have 5 or more students to have an assistant. The exception to that is CGC or dog issues within a class. • Noah's Ark asked for a donation for their Bark and Wine Gala. The board has agreed to donate 2 gift certificates. • Boone County 4H Classes are looking for a volunteer to teach Beginner Obedience and CGC to the 4H members. These classes are being held at the fairgrounds and will be on Tuesday nights from April April 21st through June 23rd. See Gail for more information.

	Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	**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 and Fetch Test • 3/21/2026 Pet Expo at Sports Center • 3/27-3/29/2026 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 • Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Weimaraner Club Trial. They were pleased with our facility and volunteers and will be returning in 2027. • Think Positive in Waukesha has closed as of March 15th. Many of the clubs who were scheduled to trial at that facility are reaching out to us. The 100 mile rule is not allowing many of them to use our club. • Our obedience trial is coming up with a closing date of March 11.
	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	• No Report
COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)**	• There are opening for workers all 3 days. • Also, Whitney Rupp, who is a professional photographer, will be taking pet portrait shots of dogs during the trial.
	Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	•
	Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	• No report

Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	• The Square purchase is now figured out and up and running for purchases. • New items are ordered. • Thank you to all the volunteers at the beginning of classes.
Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	• Conformation classes are at 7:00 and 7:45 on Thursday evenings. Classes are drop in only.
Education (Mona Lilly)	• No Report
Obed/Rally Chairperson (Paige Lyford/ Kay Rieff)	**Paige:** Thanks everyone for instructing and for working with her as she learns her job. Session 3 instructor emails will be going out soon. **Kay:** Our Obedience Trial closes March 11. See Karson Paris to volunteer for Ring Steward, and Deb Swain and Mikki Razor for Set Up/Tear Down volunteering.
Registration (Kathy Carr)	• Thank you to everyone who helped out at late registration, Deb Kohlberg, Dawn Pfluger, Gail Schumacher, Meg Hennessey and Jax Anderson. • Ten additional students registered at late registration. • Session 3 registration opens on March 30 at noon. Late registration will be on April 21st.
Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	• Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Woodard and past therapy visits. • Volunteers are still needed for the Pet Expo on March 21st. • Any new therapy visits will be listed on the members FB page. A sign up for these visits is on the members website page. • Volunteer points for therapy visits is kept by Jenn Walker. The worker credits will be turned in quarterly.

PENDING BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Morris made a comment about the complexity of the class sign up on our new website. Meg addressed the issue and will write step by step instructions on the sign up page.
- Karen Sorenson expressed her concern regarding a waiver of liability. Kathleen Alsup responded that the waiver is addressed on the sign up page when you sign up for classes. However, it will be reviewed for any special events (such as the Fetch Test) as this may have been missed.
- Jenn Walker reported on the Awards Banquet to held on March 13th.. There was a huge response of over 90 people who will be attending.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER

New Members:				
Last Name	**First Name**	**E-Mail**	**Sponsor 1**	**Sponsor 2**
Czerwan	Dawn			

	Salem	Kim			
	Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!				
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn: Meredith Wendt made the motion to adjourn. Jenn Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was at 9:01 Respectfully submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary				

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SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

MAR 2026

FEBRUARY PET HOLIDAYS



- March 1: National Welsh Corgi Day
- March 1-7: Professional Pet Sitters Week
- March 7: Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Begins
- March 13: K9 Veterans Day
- March 14: UK Dog Theft Awareness Day
- March 15-21: National Animal Poison Prevention Week
- March 23: National Puppy Day
- March 30: Take a Walk in the Park Day

DOGOSCOPE

Aries: March 21 - - April 19

Aries dogs are feisty little firecrackers! Bursting with energy and always excited to see you, they're the kind of dogs who can run for miles and miles, but love nothing more than relaxing in front of a cozy fire, too. Aries pups have vibrant personalities and are great companions for likeminded, active humans.

Traits: Energetic - Cheerful - Confident

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Be sure your humans don't communicate so you can score double dinners!



BIRTHDAY CORNER



Penny Wolney March 1, 2022
Olivia Pfluger March 10, 2022
Velma Wojtas March 10, 2012
Charlie Scanlan March 15, 2022
Obi Tucker March 15, 2017
Porter Juhlin March 17, 2018
Cara Coggeshall March 17, 2015
Maddie May Eyster March 23, 2020
Nox Ghinazzi March 26, 2014
Dally Breithaupt March 31, 2022

