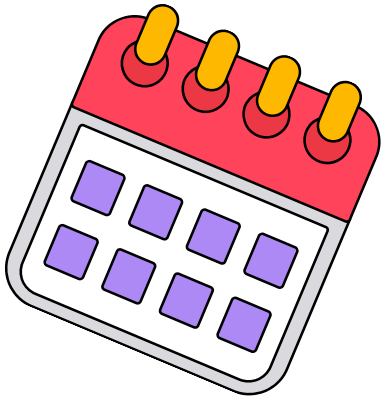
FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

MAY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES



June 4th
Monthly Membership Meeting
June 6th & 7th
FCDTC Fastcat
June 8th & 9th
Week 2 makeup classes
June 10h
Break week begins (Wed-Thu classes)
June 12th
Online Registration Closes
June 12th & 13th
WLRC Trial (both sides)
June 15th
Week 5 makeup classes
June 16th
Drop In Registration
June 17th - 6pm
Instructor Meeting
June 19th
Monthly Run Thrus
June 26th - 28th
FCDTC Agility Trial
June 29th
Session 4 begins

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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA May 7, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The ***Board meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by President Kathleen Alsup at 6:12. Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Gail Schumacher, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Kay Rieff, Meg Hennessey **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the April FCDTC Recall. Sarah Kittner made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gail Schumacher Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• None

REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)	**Rooftop Heating and Cooling Units** Lloyd Fulcer presented 3 quotes to Kathleen: Miller Engineering – Rockford, IL $33,109 Complete Solutions – Rockford, IL $42,007 Helm Engineering – Freeport, IL $52,080 These proposals are to replace 2 of the 10 ton units on the agility side. We will work to keep the other 2 units as best as possible. Kathleen will bring the proposals to the members for a vote. She will propose that we go with Miller Engineering with Complete Solutions as a back up in case of timing issues. ` Lloyd did report that 2 of the mini splits on the south side have error codes showing. He has called in a technician to look at the units. **Trial and Test Vendors** All vendors must comply with the same rules. Each vendor at each trial/test must fill out a vendor form, submit a Certificate of Insurance and pay a $25 per day or donate an item per day with a similar value. **Incident Reports** There was a discussion regarding the filing of incident reports. It was also discussed **Door lock** The Board will make a decision on the consequences if the door is left unlocked more than one time by a member.
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	Absent
Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Absent **Applications** **1st Meeting** Natalie Felder Gina Powers, Ron Olsen, Jakob Walker and Ellias Olsen **2nd Meeting** Amy Vowell Brittany Tompkins Laurie Gott **3rd Meeting** Pamela Shearer Jean Walsh Steve and Deb Dunlap Judy Rupprecht Jean Mrkvicka

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	**Event Cleaning Update** Cleaning is always done on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. We will try to obtain the cleaning crew on Building Rental days. Forwarding the cost of the extra cleaning will be included in the contract going forward. **March Event P & L** The agility trial made a profit of $8925.36 at the last trial The Spring Obedience/Rally Trial made a profit of $1,728.19. The trial did incur a large expense for ribbons. Tracking did make a profit at the test. **March Financials** We made a donation in memory of Carol Guschl to the Rockford Wind Symphony and Noahs Ark. The losses shown on our financials is due to the Square fiasco and will settle itself as the remaining numbers come in. The Financial Profit and Loss statements are available on the Member's page. **Electric rates** The Board decided to stay with the current electrical provider. This will be a 2 year contract. We will be researching other providers during this 2 year period.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	Classes will be changed as far as the number of students. Performance Preparation Classes will be 6 and Scent Work classes will be 8. Please check your name and information on the membership list. This is how any other member can contact you. If you have make any changes to your information on the membership list, please let Kay Rieff know right away. Send any information changes to fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com.

	Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	Emily Klarmon won Westminster Agility for all heights for the year 2025. She donated her $5000 prize money to Forest City Dog Training Club. This money and any agility raffle will used to purchase agility equipment. One of the items will be a souvenir jump featuring pictures of Emily and her dog Vanish. This will also include the foam broad jump which has been approved by AKC. A motion was made by Gayle Dixon to use the Westminster donation to purchase the necessary agility equipment. Gail Schumacher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It will now go to the membership for approval. ***Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials*** **2026** 6/6/-6/7/2026 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) 11/14-11/15/2026 Rock River Valley Australian Sheherd Club Obedience/Rally trial (one side) 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial **2027** 1/30-1/31/2027 Janesville Beloit Kennel Club Obedience/Raly Trial (one side)
	Past President (Sarah Kittner)	The Tracking test had to scramble to find an alternative judge due to a cancellation. Our member, Jane Weidel stepped up to fill the position. There will be 3 TD tracks, 4 TDX tracks. A motion was made by Sarah Kittner to donate $100 to Highland College Foundation. Gayle Dixon seconded the motion. Passed by board.

PENDING BUSINESS	• None
NEW BUSINESS	• None
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Kathleen Alsup made the motion to adjourn. Gayle Dixon seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary

AGENDA

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
May 7, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by President Kathleen Alsup at 8:15.

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

Absent: Kay Rieff, Meg Hennessey

Members: 52 Guests: 7

Approval of Minutes

Due to low attendance, there was not an April meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Dawn Pfluger	Olivia	5k Spring Scurry
Tammy Lozzio	Shimmer	Scentwork
	Glitz	Scentwork
Meredith Wendt	Luna	3 High in Class Barn Hunt 2 First Place 99 and 94 Rally Advanced
Dawn Smith	Beca	FCAT2
Jenn Walker	Bie	FCAT8
Ron Meidinger	Vera	New Puppy
Deb Kohlberg	Jesse	CGC
	Dash	ATT, RN, DCAT
	Harley	RI
CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)	We have received many compliments from people on the friendliness and welcoming attitude of our members at events. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped at our events over the last month.
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	Absent

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	Absent **Applications** **1st Meeting** Natalie Felder Gina Powers, Ron Olsen, Jakob Walker and Ellias Olsen (absent) **2nd Meeting** Amy Vowell Brittany Tompkins (absent) Laurie Gott **3rd Meeting** Pamela Shearer (absent) Jean Walsh Steve and Deb Dunlap Judy Rupprec Jean Mrkvicka (absent)
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	We made a donation in memory of Carol Guschl to the Rockford Wind Symphony and Noahs Ark.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	We had low attendance at the instructors' meeting. Gail and Kaylee have finished the club calendar through the end of the year. You can find the calendar on the website. Pat Nordinberg made a flyer to put in vet offices advertising our club. Please feel free to take them and leave with your vet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)

Our building has been busy with rentals for both obedience/rally and agility trials.

Gayle spoke about the set up and clean up volunteers. She thanked everyone who helped.

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Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials

2026

5/4-5/5/2026	American Belgian Tervuren Club (both sides)
5/9-5/10/2026	FCDTC TD/TDX (Kittner Farm)
6/6/-6/7/2026	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)
11/14-11/15/2026	Rock River Valley Australian Sheherd Club Obedience/Rally trial (one side)
11/27-11/29/2026	FCDTC Agility Trial

2027

1/30-1/31/2027	Janesville Beloit Kennel Club Obedience/Rally Trial (one side)

Past President (Sarah Kittner)

Our TD/TDX test will be held this weekend. There were an abundance of TDX entries but only two TD entries.

Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)

No Report

Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)

Baskets are ready for the next trial.

Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)

Two of the mini splits are giving error codes. A technician has been called to look at the units.

Our landlord is working on the holes in the roof and in the building.

Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	No Report
Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	Classes continue on Thursday night as a drop in at 7:00p.m.
Education (Mona Lilly)	The AKC is going to change the description for the Fast pace in the heeling exercise. It will not have to be a run, but a noticeable change of pace. Credits will be done once a month.
Obed/Rally Chairperson (Paige Lyford/ Kay Rieff)	**Paige:** No Report **Kay:** No Report
Registration (Kathy Carr)	Thank you to the volunteers for the session 3 drop in registration. Session 4 registration will begin May 26th at noon. Session 4 drop in registration will be June 16th 4:30-6:30
Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	The Therapy Dog Teams were at Parker Elementary School & Poplar Grove Elementary School as well as Collins Aerospace this month. Thank you to everyone who turned in their therapy credentials for our files.

PENDING BUSINESS

Jenn Walker shared info about our June Fast cat which is full. She also wanted to thank everyone who volunteered at the Tervuren Fast Cat. If it wasn't for Forest City volunteers, the event could not have taken place.

Additional volunteers are needed for the June FastCat.

On Friday, June 5, there will be fun runs of Fastcat in honor of Bill Walker. All proceeds will be donated to the Pancreatic Research Foundation.

Doors must be locked if you are the last person to leave the building. If we find someone has left the door unlocked, they will receive a warning. They're second offence will be the return of their key.

If you have any changes to our **Membership List**, please contact Kay Rieff

We have 3 quotes to replace two of the **heating and cooling units** on our roof.

Miller Engineering – Rockford, IL	$33,109
Complete Solutions – Rockford, IL	$42,007
Helm Engineering – Freeport, IL	$52,080

A motion was made by Meredith Wendt to hire Miller Engineering at a cost of $33109 to replace the two units on our roof. Mona Lily seconded the motion. The membership approved and passed the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathleen talked about purchasing Trading Cards for our therapy dog participants. To get the cards, you must have been a member of the club for at least one year. You also must have participated in 12 events over the last year. This would give each person 500 cards. The club would pay for each person to have 500 cards. Anything over that amount, the person would have to pay.

We are also looking at a Forest City Therapy Dog logo. We will be getting prices on this also. This logo will be used for the Therapy Dog shirts.

We will be reintroducing the instructor shirts. We will be getting the prices for these.

We are also looking at a public link to purchase FCDTC tshirts. This would let the public order shirts that say "I train my dog at FCDTC" for example. We will be looking at different sites that allow us to make a profit on any shirt purchased.

Gayle Dixon brought up to the membership the items that we would like to purchase with the money donated by Emily Klarmann. This would include the foam broad jump, new sand bags for the bigger tunnels, 2 x 2 weave poles and one of the items will be a souvenir jump featuring pictures of Emily and her dog Vanish. Jenn Walker made amotion to purchase the needed equipment with our donated funds. The motion was seconded by Jane Wiedel. Voted by the members. Motion passed.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:				
Last Name	**First Name**	**E-Mail**	**Sponsor 1**	**Sponsor 2**
Shearer	Pam			
Dunlap	Steve & Deb			
Rupprec	Judy			
Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!				

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Jenn Walker made the motion to adjourn. Pat Nordenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Rieff
Secretary

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

MAY 2026

DOGOSCOPE

Gemini: May 20 - June 21

Gemini dogs are among the most intelligent and inquisitive. They are incredibly smart, love learning tricks and will pick things up incredibly quickly. Gemini pups will always need to be stimulated and will love toys that bring out this side in them. Adaptable types, you can take them anywhere and they will thrive in the conditions. What a perfect pooch!

Traits: Intelligent- Inquisitive- Adaptable

JUNE PET HOLIDAYS

- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Pet Preparedness Month (focuses on disaster planning for pets)
- National Foster a Pet Month
- National Microchipping Month [1, 2]
- June 7–13: Pet Appreciation Week (First week in June)
- June 22–26: Take Your Pet to Work Week
- June 4: International Corgi Day & Hug Your Cat Day
- June 9: World Pet Memorial Day (Second Tuesday in June)
- June 18: Veterinary Appreciation Day
- June 19: National Garfield the Cat Day
- June 21: National Dog Party Day
- June 23: Take Your Dog to Work Day
- June 24: Cat World Domination Day
- June 27: PTSD K-9 Awareness Day



MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- I will be brave today. If not, then tomorrow.





BIRTHDAY CORNER

Quest Allen June 1
Crush Ghinazzi June 1, 2022
Kiki Wolney June 3, 2015
Oria Anderson June 9, 2019
Aengus Lyn June 10, 2021
Whisper Achbrenner June 10, 2017
Loka Allen June 12, 2024
Frannie Sorenson June 14, 2015
Jazz Palmer June 16, 2021
Usher McPherson June 17, 2017
Spencer Tervelt June 17, 2021
Angus Paris June 21, 2021
Hawk Taylor June 24, 2023
Apple Davis June 26, 2019
Remi Davis June 26, 2019
Samson Allen June 27
Chevelle Pausig June 27,2021