FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

JULY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES



July 2nd

July Monthly Membership Meeting

July 24th

Monthly Run Thrus

July 27th

Onlin/Onsite Registration Opens

August 6th

August Membership Meeeting

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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA July 2, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The *Board meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Vice President Meg Hennessey at 6:03 Board Members Present were: Kay Rieff, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Kathleen Alsup **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the June FCDTC Recall. Sheila Felder made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sarah Kittner. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• None

REPORTS	**President (Kathleen Alsup)**	The following statement from Kathleen was read to the Board by Gayle Dixon: The firm I (Kathleen) works for believes in giving back in our community. We donate time, labor and funds as we can throughout the year. Some of which is through various 4H programs, county fairs, food pantry or touch a truck events. When the project manager from the company saw the building, he spoke with me about it. Understanding that this organization is a "Non-for-Profit" some of the crew wished to help out financially as well as with labor. I had requested from a specific Forest City club member how many children were in the 4h program and what were the total weeks they would be at the club. This gave our crews a goal to reach to help donate on behalf of the kids program to the club. Several of these employees have their own kids showing cattle or swine in 4H or volunteering in other events. This *was to be an anonymous donation*. Unfortunately, this person chose to comment about it; thereby removing the anonymous gift. While that was disappointing, I understand several members chose to change the purpose of this gift and comment that the board was making a mandatory fee to these 4h club members. This was never a plan, this was never a mandated fee to this group and it never will be. It would have been brought up in a previous meeting for the membership to vote if this was the case. The original goal was to give the employees at my firm a goal to reach. Period. Unfortunately we did not reach this goal, but I will be bringing $236.00 to the club on their behalf plus a $20.00 donation from myself (Kathleen). Believe it or not, some people in our community like to volunteer their time, donate funds to make our small part of the world a better place. Many of our club members offer their time, services, skills or funds when possible in multiple venues - not just the dog club. I hope that some of the club members that were spreading the commentary will start looking for the good in people. If you have questions or concerns, ask the board members. We are here working for the good of all club members. Thank you"

Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	July 27 starts online registration at noon. The first week, July 27 – July 31, its also possible to register at the club between 5:30p -7:45p. Meg is asking for 10 hours of software support from the Digital Support Website Company. They would charge us $500 for this additional support which is ½ of their normal rate. She will bring this to the membership for a vote. Deb Kohlberg and Brenda Juhlin will be assisting Meg with website maintenance. The issue with the PC computers and phone/tablets showing different information has been resolved.
Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** **3rd Meeting** Natalie Felder Gina Powers Brittany Tompkins Jean Walsh New members will be advised to talk to their sponsors if they have any questions or concerns regarding their membership.
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	There are 2 expenses this month that need approval for repairs. Meg will bring this to the membership. The Board discussed our condolence policy for members and member's family. Sheila was able to lower our comcast bill by $52 per month. Sheila authorized replacing the critter boxes that were crushed and one that had disappeared. The agility, agility seminar and fastcat profit and loss were presented to the board The May financials shows the club is ahead on profit for 2026 compared to 2025.

	Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	We dropped Sat puppy class and CGC, Thursday night puppy class, and Thursday Therapy class. The agility door was left open on a Tuesday morning. **Please make sure doors are locked if you are the last person in the building.**
	Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	Gayle was able to secure 36 chairs with a rack and 19 rectangular tables Granny Rose for $475. There were also several round tables within the package deal but we had no use for them or anywhere to store them. Gayle talked to the Girls and Boys Club and was able to sell the round tables to them for $500, leaving us with a $25 profit! Whitney and Grant Rupp drove the equipment from Granny Rose to Forest City; the board agreed to give them a $25 gas card. We discussed the letters we give out giving permission to other clubs within 100 miles of our trials. ***Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials*** **2026** 8/15-8/16/2026 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 Shepherd 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)
	Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	Sarah gave a summary of the Scentwork Committee Meeting. They will be bringing several ideas to the members such as a Sniff and Go.
PENDING BUSINESS	• None	

NEW BUSINESS	• None
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Kittner made the motion to adjourn. Gail Schumacher seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:05. Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary

AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA July 2, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Vice President Meg Snowood at 8:17, Board Members Present were: Kay Rieff, Meg Hennessey Gail Schumacher, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Kathleen Alsup **Members: 56 Guests: 3** **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the Updated May FCDTC Recall. Deb Davis made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jax Anderson. Minutes are approved as published.
GUEST SPEAKERS	None

BRAGS	MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
	Meg Henessey	Ready	New Champion
	CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)

The following was read aloud to the membership by Gayle Dixon in Kathleen's absence.

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Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** **3rd Meeting** Natalie Felder Gina Powers Brittany Tompkins Jean Walsh (absent) New members will be advised to talk to their sponsors if they have any questions or concerns regarding their membership. Membership list on the website is current as of the July meeting. Please check your information on the list and contact Kay Rieff at fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com if you have any corrections.

COMMITTEE

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	Sheila received an invoice from CSA for the repair of the two wall units in the south side of the building. Because of the dollar amount, the payment of this invoice was brought to the membership. Pati Wiedel made a motion to approve the payment. There was no discussion. Shelly Eyester seconded the motion. Meg called for a vote and the motion passed. The May financials show the club is ahead on profit for 2026 compared to 2025. Sheila has been working with Comcast to lower our monthly bill. To date, she has lowered the amount by $52 per month The June financials are listed on the membership page.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	Gail reported that there are only 2 puppy classes during the week. Nothing on Saturday. I you have a student needing a make-up class, there is only one option. There will be a new open class on Saturday and a new tricks class on Thursday night. The agility door was left open on a Tuesday morning. **Please make sure doors are locked if you are the last person in the building.**
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Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)	No Report

	Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	We are always looking for donations
	Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	AC units are now working on both sides of the building Repairs were made to the front door.
	Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	Rhonda has placed an order for several items but they are on backorder.
	Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	Conformation classes are held as a drop in on Thursday nights..
	Education (Mona Lilly)	n/a
	Obed/Rally Chairperson (Paige Lyford/ Kay Rieff)	**Paige:** Letters have gone out for Session 5 instructors. Please let her know if you are able to teach. **Kay:** Fall Trial is September 18-20. The committee heads will start looking for volunteers soon. Please try to help in any way you can. Renee Fulcer and Mona Lily have volunteered to be the Hospitality Co-chairs
	Registration (Kathy Carr)	No Report
	Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	Our Therapy Dog Teams are in demand. We recently visited at Collins Aerospace and the Ida Public Library in Belvidere..
PENDING BUSINESS	No Report	
NEW BUSINESS	No Report	

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:	
Last Name	**First Name**
Felder	Natalie
Powers	Gina
Tompkins	Brittany

	Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Walker made the motion to adjourn. Meredith Wendt seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:55. Respectfully submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary

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SNIPS & SNAILS
AND PUPPY DOG TAILS
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AUGUST PET HOLIDAYS



- National Dog Month
- Clear the Shelters Month
- Wellness Month

- August 1: DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
- August 2-8: International Assistance Dog Week (observed the first full week in August)
- August 4: International Assistance Dog Day
- August 5: Work Like a Dog Day
- August 8: International Cat Day
- August 10: Spoil Your Dog Day
- August 15: Check the Chip Day
- August 15: Clear the Shelters Day (observed the third Saturday of August)
- August 15: International Homeless Animals' Day (observed on the third Saturday of August)
- August 17: National Black Cat Appreciation Day & International Black Cat Day
- August 22: National Take Your Cat To The Vet Day
- August 23: International Blind Dog Day
- August 26: National Dog Day & World Dog Day
- August 28: Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
- August 30: National Holistic Pet Day

DOGOSCOPE

Leo: July 23- August 22

Leos love being the centre of attention, so expect Leo canines to always want affection, snuggles and praise. You might find people stop in their tracks to pet Leo dogs because their energy is magnetic – and they will lap it up! Although Leo pups will be everyone's best friend at a party, there's no place like home and they love sprawling out in front of an open fire with their humans at their side.

Traits: Proud - Confident - Attention Seeking

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Walk slow and smell the flowers.



BIRTHDAY CORNER



Deacon Faulkner August 2, 2018
Fire Lapi August 5, 2022
Scout Aschbrenner August 11, 2013
Tazmo Appleby August 12, 2023
Maddie Page August 12, 2011
Sadie Wolter August 15, 2016
Kye Reynolds August 19
Biscotti Alfano August 21, 2020
Stoney Czarnowski August 21, 2010
Abby Wendt August 22, 2014
Spartacus Anderson August 24, 2021
Ruby Anderson August 24, 2021
Bunny Dickinson August 26, 2023