FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

AUGUST2026

IMPORTANT DATES



September 3rd
September Membership Meeting

September 7th - 11th
No Classes (Labor Day)

September 11th
Monthly Run Thrus

September 18th - 20th
FCDTC Rally/Obedience Trials

September 29th
Online Registration Opens

October 3rd & 4th
FCDTC FastCAT Tests

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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA August 6, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The *Board meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 6:08. Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Kay Rieff, Meg Hennessey, Sheila Felder, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Gail Schumacher **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the July FCDTC Recall. Sarah Kittner made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gayle Dixon. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• Lloyd Fulcer • Asked to discuss the maintenance protocol of repairs to the building. He has 2 current items that need repairing: the front door and the a/c unit on the south side of the building. Kathleen feels the door is a landlord problem and will discuss this with themThe board will give Lloyd a protocol for repairs in the building. • Jenn Walker • Jenn wanted to get approval for a club Christmas Party. She will put together a committee to get the details ironed out. The Board approved her request.

REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)

Waste Removal

- The Board discussed the bids for our waste dumpsters. The bids were from Rock River Disposal and Waste Management. Rock River Disposal came in with a better price and pick up solution for two dumpsters with pick up once a week. The Board voted to give the contract to Rock River Disposal. Kathleen will discuss the contract with them and if acceptable, it will be approved.

Lawn Signs

- The club would purchase 24 x 18 lawn sign for our members to put in their yard. This sign could have any venue listed on it that you wanted to promote such as rally, agility, therapy, obedience, scent work, etc. It will also have a QR code that will link to our website. This sign is double sided. There will be a sign up on our website for the member to chose which venue they would like on their sign.

Meg Hennesey made a motion to order the yard sign and have the members sign up on the website to pick their venue. There will be an end date for signing up for your sign. Gayle Dison seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Advertising Cards and Clothing

- Claudia Ashenberger would like to see club shirts on our volunteers at the front desk for registration and selling equipment. The club will pay for the shirts. The stipulation is that you must have worked the front desk in either capacity at least 6 times or have committed to working the front desk 6 times in 2026. You must also commit to wearing the shirt when working the front desk.

Meg Hennessey made a motion to approve the purchase of the shirts. Kay Rieff seconded the motion. Motion passed. These shirts will be made by Embroider This.

- Deb Kolberg requested vests for the FastCat Trials. These vests would be kept in a central location and not be assigned to a person. The Board feels this is an excellent idea and will ask Deb to pursue the information on the cost of the vests and the embroidery from an acceptable vendor and report back to the Board.

	• Kathleen Alsup discussed the purchase of Advertising Cards for each therapy team. These cards will cost $89/500 per team and purchased by Forest City. Any additional cards must be paid for by the member. There will be restrictions on who is eligible for the cards from the club: 1) You must be a member in good standing for at least one year, 2) you must have accrued your 12 volunteer points per year, 3) a team must have made **12** visits in the year as a Forest City representative to qualify for the cards. • If you cannot make 12 visits within a year, you have the option of: 1) You must be a member in good standing for at least one year, 2) you must have accrued your 12 volunteer points per year, 3) a team must have made **6** visits in the year as a Forest City representative to qualify for the cards with the team picking up ½ the price of 500 cards. • Any member who has multiple dogs as a therapy dog will be responsible for any additional dogs' cards cost.
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• Some of the issues that occurred during Session 5 registration have now been resolved. Square would not allow us to continue using their platform until we updated our software. That has now been done. Meg will discuss the issue of the website lag with the design company.
Secretary (Kay Rieff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** **3rd Meeting** Jean Walsh • Regarding the position of Obedience/Rally Chairperson, Shelly Eyster and Whitney Rupp have agreed to be co-chairs. They will be in charge of set up and tear down for any building rentals, cleaning of the south side four times per year, overseeing the repair and purchase of equipment and various other duties. • Applications for Lifetime Member nominations must be turned in to Pat Shroeder or Kay Rieff before the September 3rd meeting.

	Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	ComEd • Sheila will be monitoring our Com Ed bills for the next couple of months to see how the new units will affect our bill. Comcast • We signed a two year contract with Comcast at a cost of $150 per month. If we did not sign a contract, our monthly bill would be $289 per month starting in September. June Financials Fastcat profit $4656 Agility Seminar profit $560 Agility Trial profit $8776 Agility League Profit $640 Our June profit/loss was -$23,687 due to some large expenses such as taxes, equipment, etc. This number should become a positive within the next month or so.
	Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Drop in registration is August 18th. • Instructors meeting is August 19. • New student orientation is August 20.

	Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	• Volunteer sign ups for agility trials will not be on our website until after the close of the trial. • In order to earn a volunteer credit at the agility trial, a member must work 2 morning Excellent/Master classes and/or game class which is approximately 4 hours OR all afternoon Open and Novice classes which is also approximately 4 hours. Or a combination of one morning class and the open or novice classes. Members are limited to 2 credits per day. • Kathy Rudolf, an agility judge, is a representative of a non-profit organization Charge Against Cancer. She has requested a donation to the organization from Forest City. Gayle would like to have two or 3 raffle baskets earmarked for donation to the organization at our next agility trial. The Board agreed this will be acceptable and also suggested putting out a donation box for the organization. ***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 12/27-12/29/2026 Border Collie Society of America Agility (both sides) **2027** 1/30-1/31/2027 Janesville Beloit Kennel Club Obedience/Rally Trial (one side) 3/6-3/7/2026 Bernese Mountain Dog Club Obedience/Rally Trial
	Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	The Scent Work Committee met and have several ideas they will be putting into effect. The first will be a workshop on Oct 20th from 6-8 p.m. for any member and will include two certified instructors. Jenn Walker will put up the flyer on our website including instructions on how to sign up. There will be 15 working spots.

PENDING BUSINESS	• None
NEW BUSINESS	• None
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Sheila Felder made the motion to adjourn, Meg Hennessey seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary

AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA August 6, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 8:16.

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

Absent: Gail Schumacher

Members: 52 Guests: 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the July FCDTC Recall. Ron Meidinger made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greta Alfano. Minutes are approved as published.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Pam Shearer	Tinsley	2 exterior, 2 interior, 2 container passes. Exterior 1st place interior 2nd and 3rd place
Jenn walker	Bie & Sandy	Both FCAT9 and Fastcat Invitational Invites
Sally Coggeshall	Cara Blossom	FCAT5 FCAT3
Deb Kolberg	Harley	FCAT2
Dawn Smith	Beca Winnie	FCAT4 CGC
Meredith Wendt	Luna	FCAT6, 2 legs rally excellent, Fit Dog Gold
Janet Clark	Lucy	FCAT9, FCI
CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)	We are looking into bids from Rock River Disposal and Watse Management for our dumpsters to lower our costs. Lawn Signs • The signs will be available paid for by the club. You can pick your venue and it will include our logo, QR code and our website. These are $4.31 per sign. You can sign up on our website. Advertising with Cards • Therapy cards will cost $89/500 per team and purchased by Forest City. Any additional cards must be paid for by the member. There will be restrictions on who is eligible for the cards from the club: 1) You must be a member in good standing for at least one year, 2) you must have accrued your 12 volunteer points per year, 3) a team must have made 12 visits in the year as a Forest City representative to qualify for the cards. • If you cannot make 12 visits within a year, you have the option of: 1) You must be a member in good standing for at least one year, 2) you must have accrued your 12 volunteer points per year, 3) a team must have made 6 visits in the year as a Forest City representative to qualify for the cards with the team picking up ½ the price of 500 cards. • Any member who has multiple dogs as a therapy dog will be responsible for any additional dogs' cards cost. Font Desk Shirts • The Board has approved FC Shirts for the Front Desk Registration or Collars/Leashes members. You need to gave been a club member 6 months, have volunteered 6 times within the year and are committed to wearing the shirt any time you are volunteering at the front desk, Lifetime Membership • It's time to submit an application for Lifetime Membership. Forms are available in the rack by the bathroom. All applications must be turned in by Sept 3 at the meeting**.**
Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	Some of the issues that occurred during Session 5 registration have now been resolved. Square would not allow us to continue using their platform until we updated our software. That has now been done. Meg will discuss the issue of the website lag with the design company.

Secretary (Kay Reiff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** Carol Beatty **2nd Meeting** **3rd Meeting** Jean Walsh (absent)
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	Comcast • We entered into a two year contract with Comcast to lower our rate to $100 per month. The rate would have been $289 beginning in September. ComEd • We are tracking our electricity costs due to the new a/c units. In June only, we saw a decrease of $870. June Financials • Our June profit/loss was -$23,687 due to some large expenses such as taxes (up 40% this year), equipment, etc. This number should become a positive within the next month or so. • Kathleen wanted the members to know that our original tax bill from our Landlord was extremely high. After several discussions with the landlord, it was discovered that we had been charged incorrectly. Through the efforts of our Board, we finally received a correct, much lower tax bill. Due to the large increase in taxes this year, our Landlord has offered to waive our December rent. • Our accounting firm has asked that you please deposit your checks in a timely fashion to help them.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	• Drop in registration is August 18th. • Instructors meeting is August 19. • New student orientation is August 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	***Upcoming Trials*** 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 ***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 Sheherd Club Obedience/Rally trial (one side) 11/27-11/29/2026 FCDTC Agility Trial 12/27-12/29/2026 Border Collie Society of America Agility (both sides) **2027** 1/30-1/31/2027 Janesville Beloit Kennel Club Obedience/Raly Trial (one side) 3/6-3/7/2026 Bernese Mountain Dog Club Obedience/Rally Trial
Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	The Scent work committee is meeting monthly. October 20 from 6-8p.m. will be a scent work workshop. There will be two certified instructors available to instruct you and answer your questions. This is for members only and the cost will be $10 for the working dogs and $5 for auditors. There are 15 working spots available and unlimited auditing spots. The flyer will be in the recall and on the fb page. Send payments to Sarah.
Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)	No Report
Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	Thank you for the donations
Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	• Fixed miscellaneous equipment. • We are looking for used refrigerator if any club member has one they would like to donate.
Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	None
Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	Conformation classes are held as a drop in on Thursday nights..
Education (Mona Lilly)	none

	Obed/Rally Chairperson (Paige Lyford/ Kay Rieff)	**Paige:** None **Kay:** Obedience Rally Trial Sept 18-20th. Entries close Sept 3rd
	Registration (Kathy Carr)	None
	Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	• Collins Aerospace and Ida Library are available to sign up for on our website. • Jenn would like to request a shelter to use during the outside events. The sun was very hot at the National Night Out for the volunteers and their dogs.
PENDING BUSINESS	No Report	
NEW BUSINESS	• Jenn Walker talked about having a Christmas Party this year. If any one would like to be on the committee, please see Jenn. • Volunteers needed for the Obedience/Rally trial in September. • Fast cat for October is up. Sign up right away as it fills within a short time.	
VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS	**New Members:**	
	Last Name	**First Name**
	NONE	
	Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!	
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn Joan Krum made the motion to adjourn. Jax Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:46. Respectfully submitted, Kay Rieff Secretary	

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SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

AUGUST 2026

SEPTEMBER PET HOLIDAYS



- **Responsible Dog Ownership Month**
- **Happy Healthy Cat Month**
- **National Pet Insurance Month**
- **National Preparedness Month**
- **Animal Pain Awareness Month**
- **National Service Dog Month**
- **National Pet Memorial Month**

- **September 1: Ginger Cat Appreciation Day**
- **September 8: National Iguana Awareness Day**
- **September 13: Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day**
- **September 13: National Pet Memorial Day**
- **September 13: National Hug Your Hound Day**
- **September 14-20: Adopt a Less-Adoptable-Pet Week**
- **September 17: National Pet Bird Day**
- **September 19: AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day**
- **September 19: Puppy Mill Awareness Day**
- **September 20-26: National Dog Week**
- **September 20-26: National Deaf Pet Awareness Week**
- **September 24: Remember Me Thursday**
- **September 26: Neighborhood Pet Store Day**
- **September 26: International Rabbit Day**
- **September 28: World Rabies Day**

DOGOSCOPE

Virgo: August 23-September 22

Virgo dogs may be the most well behaved and organised of all other star signs. Virgo pups have a real attention to detail and will most probably organise their toys in size order and be very particular about who can touch them! Virgos are among the easiest dogs to train due to their smart nature, and they enjoy being rewarded and told they're a good boy/girl!

Traits: Organized - Kind - Smart

BIRTHDAY CORNER



Sabre Ashcroft September 4, 2022
Mack Taylor September 4, 2024
Oakley Reynolds September 18
Shaw White September 22, 2022
Cheater Sorenson September 30, 2017

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.



AKC SCENT WORK

WORKSHOP



OCTOBER 20

6:00–8:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

LIMITED TO 15 WORKING DOGS

$10

UNLIMITED AUDITS

$5

Pre-entry Required. Please send payment and info to Sarah Kittner @ foxshire1@gmail.com

Scentwork Workshop

Handler Name:_____

Dog Name:_____

Breed: _____

Working Spot: ☐ Audit Spot: ☐

Please send completed form and payment to

Sarah Kittner @ foxshire1@gmail.com

Working spot - $10

Audit spot - $5