Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

SEPTEMBER2026

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES



October 11th -
Two week session break begins

October 20th
Drop-In Registration (4:30pm)

October 21st
Instructor's Meeting (7pm)

October 22nd
New Student Orientation (6:30pm)

October 23rd
Monthly Run Thrus (5pm)

October 26th
Session 6 Begins

November 5th
Monthly Membership Meeting (8:15pm)



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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA September 3, 2026
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The *Board meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 6:02 Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Kay Rieff, Sheila Felder, Gail Schumacher, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Meg Hennessey **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the August FCDTC Recall.Gail Schumacher made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sheila Felder. Minutes are approved as published.
GUESTS	• None

REPORTS		
	President (Kathleen Alsup)	Kathleen received a notification Material Avenue will be closed on Tuesday Sept 8th for sewer repairs during the day. It is to be only one day and will be opened back up by Tuesday night. Discussed the items that will need to be completed at the October meeting. Discussed the attendance at classes. Discussed the changing of class times. It is time to nominate your volunteer of the year and instructor of the year. You have until October 31 to send your nominations to fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com. Forest City Family Fun Day including Fetch, ATT Tricks Test and CGCA will be in 2027. Fetch and ATT will be $28 and the Trick and CGCA will be $10 Cardinal Glass will be repairing our front door at a estimate of $500. Kathleen will ask for a vote from the membership to be allowed to go over by another $100 just in case.
	Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	• Absent
	Secretary (Kay Rieff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** Carol Beatty **3rd Meeting** Jean Walsh

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	Sheila has been tracking our ComEd bill for the last 3 months compared to 2026. We have managed to cut our electric bill almost in half due to the new agility air conditioning units. We are getting new quotes for our waste removal. We received a donation of $340 from the Baldwin family in honor of Sydney. Kay Rieff made a motion to purchase a new set of rally signs using the donation from the Baldwin family. Gayle Dixon seconded the motion. Motion approved. Financial info is available on our website. We are making a profit at this time.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	Discussed class curriculum, attendance forms and evaluations. Discussed the behavior of member's dogs within the building.
Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	We did a raffle for Charge Against Cancer. We made $500. ***Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials*** **2026** 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) 10/3-10/4/2026 FCDTC FASTCAT (Taylor Farm) 10/20/26 AKC Scento Work Workshop 6-8pm 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 3/14-3/16/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial 3/28-3/29/2027 Weimaraner Agility Trial 4/2-4/4/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial
Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	Scent Workshop is on October 20. A few working spots are still open. This workshop is for members only.

PENDING BUSINESS	• None
NEW BUSINESS	• None
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Gail Schumacher made the motion to adjourn, Sarah Kittner seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:11. Respectfully Submitted, Kay Rieff

AGENDA

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
September 3, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The ***General meeting*** of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 8:22.

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

Absent: Meg Hennessey

Members: 47 Guests: 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the August FCDTC Recall. Joan Krum made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron Meidinger. Minutes are approved as published.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Dawn Pfluger	Olivia	ACK Fit Dog Gold BCAT
Meredith Wendt	Luna	FCAT7 Rally Excellent
Jenn Walker	Bie	Open Jumpers Agility Title
Claudia Aschbrenner	Scout	UKC Nosework Master Champion
Cindy Breithaupt	Dally	MACH1
CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)

We have asked Lloyd to get estimates for the two South Side air conditioning units to repair and replace so that we can compare costs.

Handout is being passed around regarding getting a yard sign.

The old grey chairs are free to a good home.

Vice President (Meg Hennessey)

None

Secretary (Kay Reiff)

Applications

1st Meeting
Denise & Mark Anderson

2nd Meeting
Carol Beatty

3rd Meeting
Jean Walsh

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	Sheila has been tracking our ComEd bill for the last 3 months compared to 2026. We have managed to cut our electric bill almost in half due to the new agility air conditioning units. We are in the process of negotiating a new contract for our disposal services. We will be purchasing a new set of Rally signs with the donation from the Baldwin family in memory of Sydney Baldwin. Our financials are available on the website. Both agility and fastcat made a profit.
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	No classes the week of September 7. A question was asked of why we insist that your dog Sit and Stay before it leaves the ring and before it leaves the building. It has become apparent that our own members are allowing their dogs to come in and out of the building with their dogs at the end of their leash.
Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	Our trial was a success and thank you for everyone who participated and volunteered. We did a raffle for Charge Against Cancer. We made $500. ***Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials*** **2026** 9/18-9/20/2026 FCDTC Obedience/Rally Trial (both sides) 10/3-10/4/2026 FCDTC FASTCAT (Taylor Farm) 10/20/2026 AKC Scent Work Workshop (6-8pm) 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) 3/6-3/7/2027 Bernese Mountain Dog Club Obedience/Rally Trial 3/14-3/16/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial 3/28-3/29/2027 Weimaraner Agility Trial 4/2-4/4/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial
Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	Scent Workshop on October 20 has 3 or 4 openings for work spots and unlimited auditors. This workshop is for members only. See Sarah if you have any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)**	No Report
	Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	None
	Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	Door will be repaired
	Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	We're getting new shirts for the front desk volunteers
	Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	Conformation will be held during the week break
	Education (Mona Lilly)	none
	Obed/Rally Co-Chairs (Shelly Eyster/ Whitney Rupp)	September 13 at 10:00 a.m. we will be cleaning the south side of the building.
	Obed/Rally Instructor Management (Paige Lyford)	None
	Obed/Rally Trial Chair (Kay Rieff)	Our Obedience Rally Trial is full We need volunteers for all chairs.
	Registration (Kathy Carr)	Thank you to people who came to volunteer at Drop in registration. Session 6 online registration will open Sept 28th and drop in registration will be Oct 20th.
	Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	We have several Therapy events coming up at Ida Library, Collins Aerospace and Pup-A-Palooza. If you sign up for an event on the therapy sign up page and then find out you cannot attend please remove your name from the page. This gives others an opportunity and it makes sure there are enough people at the event itself. We are working on the therapy cards. There is a request from the Boys and Girls Club for read with dogs.
PENDING BUSINESS	No Report	

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a notification Material Avenue will be closed on Tuesday Sept 8th for sewer repairs during the day. It is to be only one day and will be opened back up by Tuesday night.

Lloyd Fulcer made a motion to have an additional amount of $100 available for the door repair in case there are unforeseen problems during the repair. Pat Nordenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:

Last Name	First Name
Walsh	Jean

Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Jenn Walker made the motion to adjourn. Ron Meidinger seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Rieff
Secretary

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SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

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DOGOSCOPE

Libra: September 23- October 22

Libra dogs are the most popular at the dog park! They love to be around humans and other furry friends, and would prefer another canine in the family so they can always socialise. Libra pups dislike confrontation and are compassionate towards others, so will shy away from any loud barks or human arguments. Libra pooches are usually very pretty and fashionable and won't bat an eyelid about being dressed up in cute outfits – in fact, they love it!

Traits: Social- Non-Confrontational - Compassionate

OCTOBER PET HOLIDAYS

- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- American Humane's Adopt-a-Dog Month®
- National Pet Wellness Month
- National Pitbull Awareness Month



- October 1: National Fire Pup Day
- October 1: National Black Dog Day
- October 1-7: National Walk Your Dog Week (observed the first week of October)
- October 3-9: Animal Welfare Week
- October 4: World Animal Day
- October 14: Pet Obesity Awareness Day
- October 17: National Fetch Day
- October 18-24: National Veterinary Technician Week
- October 18-24: Small Pet Rodent Awareness Week (UK)
- October 21: National Pets for Veterans Day
- October 21: National Reptile Awareness Day
- October 24: National Pitbull Awareness Day
- October 27: National Black Cat Day (UK)
- October 29: National Cat Day



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Chase Wiedel October 1, 2023
Raven Nordenberg October 3, 2017
Dancin Behning October 4, 2018
Beca Smith October 5, 2023
Iso Faulkner October 8, 2015
Journey Kolberg October 8, 2018
Auggie Knoll October 13, 2022
Bonham White October 18, 2019

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Thrive on attention and let people hug you.

