FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc.

RECALL

OCTOBER 2026

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES



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

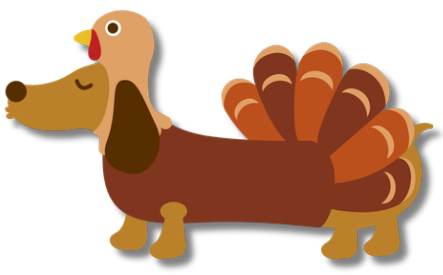
November 6th - 8th
Medallion Rottweiler Agility Trial

November 14th - 15th
Rock River Valley Aus. Club Obedience Trial

November 23rd - 27th
Break Week (Thanksgiving)

November 27th - 29th
FCDTC Agility Trial

November 30th - noon
Online Registration Opens



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AGENDA	FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA October 1, 2026	
CALL MEETING TO ORDER	The *Board meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 6:09. Board Members Present were: Kathleen Alsup, Meg Hennessey, Gail Schumacher, Sarah Kittner and Gayle Dixon. Absent: Sheila Felder, Kay Rieff **Approval of Minutes** Motion to approve the minutes for the September FCDTC Recall. Sarah Kittner made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gayle Dixon.. Minutes are approved as published.	
GUESTS	• Jenn Walker discussed the cost of the Christmas Party on December 11 at 6:00. It will be a potluck. Meg moved that we accept the cost of paying for the chicken and paper products for the Christmas Party. Sarah Kittner seconded the motion. Motion passed.	
REPORTS	**President (Kathleen Alsup)**	The yard signs are on order. But they have not shipped. Kat will post on the Facebook Members page when they are available to pick up. We have signed a contract with Waste Management for two 2 cu. ft. yard waste containers at a cost of $113 per month. Two vagrants have been walking up and down the railroad tracks. They have been caught breaking into a building near Windsor Road. On Tuesday, the back door was found unlocked **AGAIN**. This is just inviting these people into our building to steal, damage or assault a person. We will be checking the camera to see who is responsible for this. Website issues have to be resolved before the next registration. We are losing out on customers due to the problems. Kathleen will bring an idea to the membership at the general meeting. Square is also having an issue. It cannot correspond with the website. We will check into PayPal. We received a thank-you card from Matt Guschl for our donation to Noah's Ark and the Rockford Wind Ensemble in memory of his mom, Carol.

Vice President (Meg Hennessey)	Our Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, March 21, 2027. The day will include Fetch, AKC Temperament Test, CGC, CGCA, Trick Dog. There will be 2 rings running simultaneously. We will look into having the computer website company increase the bandwidth on the first registration day of each session.
Secretary (Kay Rieff)	**Applications** **1st Meeting** **2nd Meeting** Carol Beatty Denise & Mark Anderson **3rd Meeting**
Treasurer (Sheila Felder)	ComEd $2300 over the summer of 2025 The donation from Sydney Baldwin Family was used to purchase new Rally Signs Charge Against Cancer $500 Fast Cat $4328 Agility $5230 Obedience $3230 (tentative)
Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)	Discussed the addition of classes to the schedule.

	Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)	Gayle reported on the Obedience and Rally Trial. ***Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials*** **2026** 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) 2/26-2/27/2027 Weimaraner Agility Trial 3/12-3/14/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial 3/21/2027 Family Fun Day 4/2-4/4/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial 7/2-7/4/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial 9/3-9/5/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial 9/24-9/26/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial 12/3-12/5/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial
	Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	Sarah reported on the Scent Work Workshop registration.
PENDING BUSINESS	• Discussed cards and donations to members for deaths and illnesses.	
NEW BUSINESS	Discussed donations to other dog events. It was discussed to give a free class. Membership fees will not change for 2027. Discussed the class fees. Discussed teaching credits.	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Meg Hennessey made the motion to adjourn, Sarah Kittner 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
October 1, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The *General meeting* of FCDTC was called to order by Kathleen Alsup at 8:25

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

Absent: Sheila Felder, Kay Rieff

Members: 34 (no quorum) Guests: 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

BRAGS

MEMBER	DOG	BRAG
Sally Coggeshall	Cara	Advanced Trick Dog, FCAT6
Janet Clark	Lucy	FC 10 FCI 2
Merideth Wendt	Luna	2 Qs in Rally Advanced
Marti Files	Biscuit	Best of Breed Swedish Valhund at Fast Cat Invitational
Lisa Warren	Chance	2 Rally Qs
Meg Hennessey	Unc	4 grand champion point
Meg Hennessey	Circe	13 grand champion points, Rally 1st and 2nd place
Meg Hennessey	Bogo	BN
Meg Hennessey	Jane	2 Qs in Rally
Meg Hennessey	Blue	National Specialty 1st 6-9 months Sweepstakes 2nd Bred by Puppy Designated Specialty 1st Bred by Puppy and Best Bred by Exhibitor Evergreen KC 1st Bred by Puppy & BWD
Meg Hennessey	Ella	National 4th 6-9 Bred by Puppy 1st Bred by Puppy Bitch & Best Puppy Designated 1st Bred by Puppy Bitch & Best Puppy Evergreen 1st Bred by Puppy Bitch
CONGRATS TO ALL!		

BOARD REPORTS

President (Kathleen Alsup)

There is not a quorum tonight so the general meeting cannot be held.

Volunteer and Instructor of the year nominations are due by October 31st. Please send them to: fcdtcsecretary@gmail.com.

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Vice President (Meg Hennessey)

None

Secretary (Kay Reiff)

Applications

1st Meeting

2nd Meeting

Carol Beatty

Denise & Mark Anderson

3rd Meeting

Treasurer (Sheila Felder)

Director of Training (Gail Schumacher)

Director of Trials (Gayle Dixon)

Upcoming Rentals/Seminars/Trials

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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

3/12-3/14/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial

2/26-2/27/2027 Weimaraner Agility Trial

4/2-4/4/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial

7/2-7/4/2027 FCDTC agility Trial

9/3-9/5/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial

9/24-9/26/2027 FCDTC Obedience Rally Trial

12/3-12/5/2027 FCDTC Agility Trial

	Board Member at Large (Sarah Kittner)	
COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Agility Chair (Cheerie Ohda /Brenda Juhlin)**	
	Raffle Chair (Anita Wolney)	
	Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)	
	Collars & Leashes (Ronda White)	
	Conformation (Pati Wiedel)	
	Education (Mona Lilly)	
	Obed/Rally Co-Chairs (Shelly Eyster/ Whitney Rupp)	
	Obed/Rally Instructor Management (Paige Lyford)	
	Obed/Rally Trial Chair (Kay Rieff)	Our fall Trial was a great success! We had over 100 dogs competing per day. As usual, we received so many compliments on our trial. Especially the friendliness of our volunteers. Thank you for everyone who participated and or volunteered.
	Registration (Kathy Carr)	
	Therapy & Demos (Rynn Johnson/ Jennifer Walker)	
PENDING BUSINESS		
NEW BUSINESS		

VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

New Members:	
Last Name	**First Name**
Congratulations and welcome to Forest City Dog Training Club!	

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Rieff
Secretary

JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Jingle & Mingle

FRI **11** DEC.

AT 6:00 PM

FCDTC BUILDING

Potluck - Club will provide Main Dish

Sign up to bring dish to pass

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!

Please bring a White Elephant gift to exchange!

RSVP by December 4th

CHRISTMAS

Selfie Stations

SPREADING JOY, KINDNESS AND HOPE

A Joyful Season to Remember

FCDTC will be having our annual Christmas Selfie Stations on Saturday, December 5th from 10am - 2pm. $10 per 15 minute slot. Payment will be collected at the event.



SILENT NIGHT



HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Small acts of kindness can make a big difference. This Christmas, let's spread happiness and bring light to those in need.



WINTER WONDERLAND

All proceeds will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club

Register at



NAWTY PUPPY

Wishing you and your family a Christmas filled with love, peace, and happy moments.

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SNIPS & SNAILS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

OCTOBER 2026

NOVEMBER PET HOLIDAYS



- Pet Cancer Awareness Month
- National Senior Pet Month
- Adopt a Senior Pet Month
- Pet Diabetes Month

- November 1: National Cook for Your Pets Day
- November 1-7: National Animal Shelter and Rescue Appreciation Week (observed the first whole week of November)
- November 7: National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
- November 12: Fancy Rat and Mouse Day
- November 17: Take A Hike Day
- November 21: National Adoption Day (observed the Sunday before Thanksgiving)

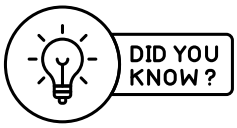
DOGOSCOPE

Scorpio: October 23-November 21

Scorpio dogs are not like other dogs! They're incredibly loyal canines and will protect their humans through thick and thin. They're brave and will always push themselves to explore new places and do new things, but can also be secretive and will rarely let on that they've done something wrong. Never wrong a Scorpio dog; if other dogs upset them then they'll never forget, and revenge is a dish (of Pedigree) best served cold!

Traits: Loyal - Brave - Secretive

FUN PET FACTS



- A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
- Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs sleep in their owner's beds.
- Yawning is contagious — even for dogs. Research shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person your pet knows.
- Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.

BIRTHDAY CORNER



Ben Cieslak November 1, 2018
Disa Files November 5, 2022
Zane Delaney November 5, 2020
Presley McKnight November 6, 2023
Bie Walker November 11, 2022
Emmy Crum November 15, 2019
Cali Lyford November 16, 2020
Aurora Lyn November 19, 2022
Sarah Rossi November 22, 2021
Jake Czarnowski November 25, 2021
Badger Files November 28, 2016

MISS DAISY

Advice from a Diva

- Take the longest & coziest nap today!

