

NEWSLETTER  
June 2023

NEXT MEETING  
July 6, 2023  
8:15 PM

# THE RECALL



## AKC FastCAT TRIAL

June 10-11, 2023



## AKC AGILITY TRIAL

June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 2023

Several events coming up to  
earn work credits!

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## FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA

### June 1, 2023

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#### Call Meeting To Order

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The Board meeting of FCDTC was called to order by President Sarah Kittner at 6:10 pm.

Board Members Present were: Sarah Kittner, Meg Hennessey, Sharon Robertson, Sydney Baldwin, Jenn Walker, Pat Schroder and Tammy Tucker.

Absent: None

#### Approval of Minutes

2 Corrections noted for May Minutes:

- **Building & Equipment (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)**  
"Going fairly well, fixing home equipment." Instead of "home" should say "some."
- Clarification on Therapy and Demo report, other members of FCDTC also volunteered to represent the club at the Boone County Conservation District event.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the Recall. The motion was made by Sharon Robertson and 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Sydney Baldwin.

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#### GUESTS

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Not applicable

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#### Board Reports

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##### Presidents Report: (Sarah Kittner)

- Maintenance Wishlist from Lloyd Fulcer
- Information given regarding Powder Photographs by Savannah Rae. Date is 8/12/23. The sessions are 20 minutes long per dog. Cost is \$115.00 for first dog and \$65.00 for second dog. Due to powder use, photographs can't be done in FCDTC building. Judy Olson has volunteered her place for photograph location.

##### Vice Presidents Report: (Meg Hennessey)

- Difference between Work Credits vs. Class Credits explained. Class credits are not earned by just the instructors. Board and Committee people earn 1 credit per session.
- Meg explained that she is able to use Mail Chimp for mass e-mailings. Board is able to write up letters and she will proof and send out.

##### Secretaries Report (Tammy Tucker)

- Discussion about inquiring renters not sending their contracts and deposits in. Dates can only be saved when contract and deposit is paid.

- **Applications –**
  - **2nd Meeting -**
    - Rynn Johnson
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting –**
    - Karson Paris
    - Susan Kramer
- **Upcoming Rentals/Trials: 2023**
  - 6/10-6/11 FCDTC FastCAT Trial
  - 6/16-6/17 Winnebago Labrador Retriever Club
  - 6/29-7/2 FCDTC Agility Trial
  - 8/6 FCDTC ATT Test
  - 8/19-8/20 FCDTC FastCAT Trial
  - 9/22-9/24 FCDTC Rally & Obedience Trial
  - 10/7-10/8 FCDTC FastCAT Trial
  - 11/10-11/12 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial
  - 12/1-12/3 FCDTC Agility Trial

#### **Treasurers Report: (Sharon Robertson)**

- Sharon discussed April Financials.
- Discussion about the costs of radio advertising and it's effectiveness. The costs f ads versus the number of new students is not balancing.
- Thank you note sent by Carol Meyers.
- Vets Roll obedience class gift certificate was auctioned off at \$240.00.

#### **Director Of Training Report: (Sydney Baldwin)**

- Registration starts Friday, June 9 at 6:00pm
- Leashes ordered for puppy manners class.
- Tricks class will be offered working on time and date.
- Looking for scent work instructor
- Looking for Fast Cat volunteers for this weekend, June 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Director Of Trials Report: (Jenn Walker)**

- The weekend's FastCat is sold out.
- Set up with start on Friday 6/9 at 9:00 am
- John Walker will be the lure operator.
- Our August FastCat is 8/19-8/20/2023. Registration starts 6/21/2023.
- Upcoming FCDTC Agility Test on 6/29-7/2.

#### **Member at Large: (Patricia Schroder)**

- Discussion on Tracking Tests and succession rates.

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### Pending Business

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None

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### NEW BUSINESS

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None

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### Adjournment

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Jenn Walker made the motion to adjourn, Sharon Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Tucker  
Secretary



## FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA June 1, 2023

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### Call Meeting To Order

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The Membership meeting of FCDDTC was called to order by President Sarah Kittner at 8:20 pm.

Board Members Present were: Sarah Kittner, Meg Hennessey, Sharon Robertson, Sydney Baldwin, Jenn Walker, Pat Schroder and Tammy Tucker.

Absent: None

Members:   28   Guests:   2   **No Quorum Reached.**

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### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the Recall. The motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and 2<sup>nd</sup> made by \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried; Minutes approved as published. Correction needed to May minutes, will be clarified at July's meeting.

**No quorum, minutes not approved.**

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### GUESTS

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Not applicable

## BRAGS

Member	Dog	Brag
Tammy Tucker	Obi	Obi passed his TD test.
Meredith Wendt	Remi	Remi earned his DCat, he ran 27.928 mph
Rick Lilly	Cati	New Bronze Grand Champion
Rick Lilly	Cosmo	Finished in 2 weekends at 6 months and 2 weeks.
Rick Lilly	Owen	Earned 4 points at various shows
Rick Lilly	Wise Guy	Earned his ROM (Production)
Ronda White	Bonham	BOB over 5 Specials, 5 point Major
Pati Wiedl		3 FCDTC members earned their TD's: Wendy Beach, Jenny Fingland and Tammy Tucker
Pati Wiedl	Holly	4 point major by going Group 2
Saran Kittner	Sizzle	New Champion
Saran Kittner	Daisy	Earned her ROM
		<b>CONGRATS TO ALL!</b>

## Board Reports

### Presidents Report: (Sarah Kittner)

-Explained due to not having a quorum, we would be unable to vote on anything, including new members at this meeting.

### Vice Presidents Report: (Meg Hennessey)

- Registration will open on Friday, June 9 at 6:00 am.
- Please remember to fill in your work credits.

### Secretaries Report (Tammy Tucker)

- **Upcoming Rentals/Trials: 2023**
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### Applications –

- **2nd Meeting -**
  - Rynn Johnson
- **3rd Meeting –**
  - Karson Paris
  - Susan Kramer

-Will vote on next meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>, if we have a quorum.

### **Treasurers Report: (Sharon Robertson)**

-Sharon discussed April financials.

### **Director Of Training Report: (Sydney Baldwin)**

-Next class session starts July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Director Of Trials Report: (Jenn Walker)**

-FCDTTC FastCat set up is on Friday, June 9 at 9:00am at the Taylor's residence.

### **Member at Large: (Patricia Schroder)**

-Nothing at this time.

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## **Committee Reports**

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- **Agility Chair** (Cheerie Ohda/Gayle Dixon/Sandy Allen)

-Raffle items needed for upcoming Agility trial.

- **Building & Equipment** (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)

-Thermostats will be checked on confirmation side. They have been adjusted on the agility side.

- **Collars & Leashes** (Ronda White)

-Sign up for volunteers on website.

- **Conformation** (Pati Wiedel)

-Confirmation show is coming up in Belvidere.

- **Education** (Mona Lilly)

-First Aid and CPR class has 20 people signed up for Saturday, June 3 class.

- **Obed/Rally Chairperson** (Dawn Pfluger)

-This session has been very smooth and they are adding a couple of classes for next session.

- **Registration** (Deb Kolberg)

-No comment.

• **Therapy & Demos** (Kathleen Smiley-Alsup)

- Barkfest has been cancelled.
- Love Your Mental Health Event on July 30, 11-5 pm.

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**Pending Business**

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None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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None

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**Vote on New Member Applicants:**

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- Applicants to vote on at tonight's meeting   2   person(s) to vote on.
- **No quorum, vote on July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**New Members:**

Last Name	First Name	Phone Number	Sponsor 1:	Sponsor 2:
Paris	Karson	779-423-5198	Mona Lilly	Meredith Wendt
Kramer	Susan	815-978-3358	Ronda White	Mona Lilly

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**Adjournment**

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Joan Krumm made the motion to adjourn, Patti Weidl 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Tucker  
Secretary



WIN photo of GRCHS CH VALDON'S TRIPLE BRAVO with Luke Waters handling and Valdon's Diorable with Joan Krumm both taking 5 point majors at recent show in Manitawoc, WI. BRAVO is the current #1 toy fox terrier in AKC tabulations and was bred by Joan and is co-owned with one of her junior handlers, Luke Waters.



WINNING photo of Luke Waters, 12 year student of FCDTC conformation instructor, Joan Krumm who won Best Junior Handler at Westminster Kennel Club's show in New York!! *Along with this prestigious award, Luke received a \$10,000 Scholarship and will represent the USA in Junior Handling at the World Show in Switzerland in the fall.*

There were well over 100 in the competition of the top junior handlers in the nation who had to win at least 7 Best Junior awards in the previous year nationwide to qualify. He is shown here with GCH CLAYPOOL'S MAKE YOUR MARK aka KERA, the first wirehair fox terrier that he bred, trained, groomed and finished to her championship!



Article submitted by Joan Krumm: [https://showsightmagazine.com/animal-rights-groups-lobbying-congress-for-anti-breeder-dog-laws/?utm\\_source=Aramedia%20Group%20Master%20List&utm\\_campaign=431d9de806-SSE%20%7C%2006.01.23%20%28ALL%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_2bdba40fda-431d9de806-362906573&mc\\_cid=431d9de806&mc\\_eid=a3377d616b](https://showsightmagazine.com/animal-rights-groups-lobbying-congress-for-anti-breeder-dog-laws/?utm_source=Aramedia%20Group%20Master%20List&utm_campaign=431d9de806-SSE%20%7C%2006.01.23%20%28ALL%29&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2bdba40fda-431d9de806-362906573&mc_cid=431d9de806&mc_eid=a3377d616b)

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## Animal Rights Groups Are Lobbying Congress for Anti-Breeder Dog Laws

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Here's Why Their Chances Are Better This Year, and What You Can Do to Stop Them

BY [SHEILA GOFFE](#) MAY 10, 2023

Every year, the [AKC Government Relations Department](#) (AKC GR) tracks and responds to dozens of federal bills and proposed regulations that could impact our rights as dog owners to breed our dogs responsibly and participate in our sport.

GR also tracks approximately 2,500 bills and regulations each year that impact dog owners at the state and local level. However, federal legislation carries particular weight because passage of even a single anti-breeder bill in Congress could wipe out hundreds of breeding programs—and our sport as we know it.

Recently, AKC GR put out an urgent alert urging all club members, exhibitors, owners, and breeders to contact their member of Congress in opposition to two anti-breeder bills that animal rights/ “protection” groups are seeking to pass by including them in the 2023 farm bill. If you haven’t done so yet, please take action. **Fancier involvement is urgently needed to stop the animal-rights supported Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788).**

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About The Farm Bill

Although dog bills typically don’t top the charts of concerns in Congress, once every five years, the threat of extensive federal [canine legislation](#) expands exponentially. Most federal legislation and regulation impacting dog breeders, including breeder licensing programs, are administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. U.S. Agricultural programs, which include nutrition and food security, represent an enormous chunk of the federal budget. It’s so large (approximately \$500 Billion over five years), that budgetary reauthorization for USDA programs occurs only once every five years, in a bill simply known as “The Farm Bill.” And 2023 is the year.

The Farm Bill funds crucial programs so it’s “must-pass” legislation. As a result, just about every interest with a related bill recognizes the farm bill as an opportunity to attach their own favorite projects to the bill. Extreme animal rights or “protection” (AR) groups (and many other mainstream organizations) are no exception. This year, groups such as the Human Society of the United States (now simply calling themselves “The Humane Society”); the Animal Wellness Action Network, a new extreme animal group led by Wayne Pacelle; and the ASCPA are among the groups with high-powered lobbyists and

coffers into the millions pushing legislation that could harm all breeders and particularly devastate small hobby breeders.

## Understanding the Context of AR Lobbying & Legislative Impact

Lobbyists for animal extremist groups and others have been trolling the halls of Congress since the beginning of the session, but they're prioritizing two anti-breeder bills: *the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624)* and *Goldies Act (H.R. 1788)*.

Among the unsupported claims made by these groups is that there are "tens of thousands of puppy mills" in the United States (in fact, 10,000 is the approximate number of breeders regulated by USDA, underscoring the AR narrative that considers any kennel subject to USDA licensing a "puppy mill"). Another claim they make is that bills would not impact responsible or hobby breeders. This is also false.

To understand the impact of this legislation and the false narrative put forward by AR groups; consider who is subject to USDA licensing, and likewise, who these groups are targeting as "puppy mills." If you've ever maintained more than a few intact female dogs and/or cats and shipped a puppy sight unseen, you could be affected.

*For more information, and to see if you are subject to USDA licensing [click here](#).*

### The Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624)

This bill seeks to add new, arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandates to federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations governing breeders subject to USDA licensing. It could require hobby breeders to build and place their dogs in industrial, commercial-style kennels, and undermine quality breed-based care. Though labeled as commercial breeding regulations, the one-size-fits-all requirements also apply to some small hobby breeders (see fact sheets).

Specifically, it establishes government mandates that:

#### Prohibit the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian. No specific details are provided on what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

#### Additional arbitrary requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Mandates "unfettered access" from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride." This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs that do not get along, accidental breedings, other poor animal management practices, etc.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For family dogs that live in their owner's homes, a primary enclosure may be considered the dog's sleeping crate.

- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.

### Why This is a Problem

While some portions of the measures include reasonable generalized guidelines for canine care, arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates. One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of “breeding female” that impacts who is subject to federal requirements.

To learn more, see and share:

[Proposal Would Undermine Animal Welfare](#), DC Journal, April 20, 2023

[Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in ‘Feel Good’ Dog Law.](#)

Goldie’s Act (HR 1788)

Establishes Government Mandates that:

- Redefine AWA violations and undermine priority for the care and well-being of animals by removing a distinction between care and welfare (direct) violations and paperwork/non-welfare related (indirect) violations. While zero violations of any rules or laws should be the goal, the care and wellbeing of animals must always be a priority. Reporting paperwork errors in the same manner as care violations also creates a misleading perception about breeder licensees and creates a new target for animal extremists who use those public databases to identify breeders.
- Require inspectors to destroy or remove an animal if they believe it is in “psychological distress.” The bill does not determine how “psychological distress” would be determined or by whom. This creates an environment for abuse and unnecessary euthanasia of animals.
- State the intent to expand enforcement of federal breeder licensing requirements, but in fact throw out recent enforcement enhancements currently in the middle of a three-year implementation process. Instead of improving enforcement of the AWA, it creates confusing and onerous new mandates, and undermines recently established enforcement efforts. Constantly changing arbitrary rules creates a confusing, expensive, and potentially harmful environment for animal care in which neither licensees nor regulators may be certain of requirements.

## Who These Bills Apply To

Anyone subject to *USDA breeder/dealer licensing*. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than four (4) “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring “sight unseen.” “Breeding females” include *any combination* of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.

## Your Involvement is Crucial! Here’s an Easy Way You Can Make a Difference.\*

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please call, email, or write to your member of Congress today. [Visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center](#) and scroll down to the box on the right rail (Find Officials). Type in your address in the “Find Your Elected Officials” box to find out who represents you and get their contact information.

Tell them:

1. Ask them to oppose the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788) because their one-size-fits-all mandates undermine animal well-being and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. These bills are “feel good” proposals developed without the experience and scientific expertise of breeder experts. The one-size-fits-all requirements fail to recognize the diversity of licensees and the types or breeds of dogs impacted, and could harm some dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above. Breeders: Relying on your experience, explain in practical terms how the new mandates could adversely impact your breeding program.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the Puppy Protection Act or Goldie’s Act in committee or in the Farm Bill. Tell them, despite claims being made by AR groups, these bills do impact responsible small breeders.
4. Ask them to instead support additional financial resources for USDA so they can appropriately enforce the requirements they already have.
5. If you can, let the AKC GR team ([doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org)) know that you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

Taking action today can help protect the future of our breeds, our sport, and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders. Your voice does make a difference!

For questions or more information, contact [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org), [visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center](#) or contact 919-816-3720.

*\*This information was previously published as an AKC Legislative alert on 4/26/23.*