

NEWSLETTER
November 2023
NEXT MEETING
December 7, 2023
8:15 PM

THE RECALL



AKC Agility Trial

December 1-3, 2023

Judge: Loretta Zich

December 28 - 29, 2023

Judge Change to : Christine Bishop

Several events coming up to earn work credits!

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FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB BOARD MEETING AGENDA November 2, 2023

Call Meeting To Order

The Board meeting of FCDTDC was called to order by President Sarah Kittner at 6:26 pm.

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

Absent: No one.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the Recall. The motion was made by Sharon Robertson and 2nded by Sydney Baldwin.

GUESTS

None

Presidents Report: (Sarah Kittner)

- Nominee Committee has met and given the board their recommendations for Club Members that are coming open in 2024.
 - President: Judy Olson
 - Treasurer: Sharon Robertson
 - Director of Trials: Sandy Allen

- The Nominating Committee consisted of:
 - Chairman: Mona Lilly
 - Board Member: Sharon Robertson
 - Member: Pati Wiedel
 - Alternative: Dawn Pfluger

Vice Presidents Report: (Meg Hennessey)

- 2024 Dues are coming due. There is a notice about paying the dues in the Recall, website, bulletin board and monitors.
- 12 Worker credits needed in order to receive a key for 2024
- Award plaque and name request is on the member page of our website.
- AKC Temperament Test is being planned for March 24. More information will be coming.

Secretaries Report (Tammy Tucker)

- I will miss the December Meeting

Applications

- **2nd Meeting-**
 - Amy Hill
 - Sarah Lingel
 - Bayley Marie Kirchner
 - Mary Urda Hill
- **3rd Meeting –**
 - Sheila Felder
 - Quinn Lilly
- Rental Request from the Rock River Valley Australian Shepherd Club for 9/7 and 9/8, 2024. There are classes in session so will check if RRVASC is interested in renting out one side of the building,

• **Upcoming Rentals/Trials:**

2023

- 11/10-11/12 Medallion Rottweiler Club Agility Trial
- 12/1-12/3 FCDTC Agility Trial
- 12/30-12/31 GLBT (Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club) Agility Trial

2024

- 1/27-1/28/24 Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club Trial

Treasurers Report: (Sharon Robertson)

- September Financials
- John Nys Seminar P & L
- CD coming due at Chase Bank on 11/24/23
- Nominating Committee Report

Director Of Training Report: (Sydney Baldwin)

- Instructor's meeting was held last Wednesday.
- Most class breaks are between 2 to 3 weeks long. Our current break is for 1 week.
- Plan to offer classes and/or workshops during the breaks.
- Will be adding class feedback online for handlers.
- Whoever uses the Rally signs needs to put them away in number order or they will be pulled from public use.
- Explained about the Fetch program offered by AKC.

Director Of Trials Report: (Jenn Walker)

- Fast Cats being planned for next year June, August and October.
- Photos for Monitors
- Upcoming Agility Trials are still open.
- December Potluck. Sign up in on the website member's page. Club will provide fried chicken.

Member at Large: (Patricia Schroder)

- No Report

Pending Business

None

New Business

Board to explain to members, who is allowed to vote and who may nominate someone from the floor.

Adjournment

Sharon Robertson made the motion to adjourn, Sydney Baldwin 2nded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Tucker
Secretary



FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
November 2, 2023

Call Meeting to Order

The Membership meeting of FCDTC was called to order by President Sarah Kittner at 8:27 pm.

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

Absent: No one

Members: 52 Guests: 6

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the Recall. The motion as made by Howard Bernier and 2nded by Brenda Moore. Motion carried. Minutes approved as published.

GUEST Speaker(s)

None

BRAGS

Member	Dog	Brag
Marti Files	Disa	Earned Championship on October 20 & Earned CGCA on October 27.
Dawn Pfluger	Oliver	Therapy Dog Excellent and Fit Dog Gold
Dawn Pfluger	Olivia	Star Puppy
Brenda Moore	Banjo	CS, CI, Reserve High in Trial
Brenda Moore	Mungo	CDX and CX (Carting Excellent)
Beth Wiltshire	Luna	Beat Blasto! 4/4 Novice Obedience & RLLY 1 UKC
Kathleen Alsup	Storm	Received Triple Title Holder for 2022
Meg Hennessey	Willam	CGC
Meg Hennessey	BooJo	Champion for Bred by 2 Cavalier Specialty
		CONGRATS TO ALL!

Board Reports

Presidents Report: (Sarah Kittner)

- No report

Vice Presidents Report: (Meg Hennessey)

- 2024 Dues can be paid online on the member's page on our website.
- Members need 12 worker points in order to get a key for 2024.
- March 24 will be the next ATT Test.
- New credit codes will be sent by email and given as a card when keys are distributed.

Secretaries Report (Tammy Tucker)

- **Upcoming Rentals/Trials:**

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Treasurers Report: (Sharon Robertson)

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Director Of Training Report: (Sydney Baldwin)

- Rally signs are not being put away correctly. Signs are out of order and stands are tangled. If this continues, members will not be allowed to use the signs and stands.
- Next sessions will have a 2-3 week break between them.
- Planning to offer workshops and seminars during the breaks.

Director Of Trials Report: (Jenn Walker)

- Applied for three 2024 Fast Cat Trials: June, August and October.
- There are two upcoming Agility trials in December.
- Please send photos of what we do in the club.
- There will be an email address to send photos for new rotation each session.

-Member at Large: (Patricia Schroder)

- Last Wednesday was the financial audit of the books. Everything is on order.

Committee Reports

- **Agility Chair** (Cheerie Ohda/Gayle Dixon/Sandy Allen/Anita Wolney)
 - Donations being accepted for raffles. Carolyn has been helping Anita.
- **Building & Equipment** (Lloyd Fulcer/Pam Johnson)
 - Replacing ceiling fans and 376 light bulbs to LED.
 - Ballasts and end pieces are all working.
 - Water is leaking above file cabinet on south wall. Check during next rain to see if fixed.
 - Timer display for agility has been moved to the far wall and mounted.
- **Collars & Leashes** (Ronda White)
 - Well staffed for next week except for Tuesday.
- **Conformation** (Pati Wiedel)
 - No Report
- **Education** (Mona Lilly)
 - No Report
- **Obed/Rally Chairperson** (Dawn Pfluger)
 - This is first week of session 6.
 - No classes Monday through Thursday of Thanksgiving week.
- **Registration** (Deb Kolberg and Dawn Pfluger)
 - No Report

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

- CGCU test was brisk 6 out of 11 dogs passed.
- November 18 Christmas Selfie Stations will be set up at the club. Contact Kathleen Alsup to make an appointment, 9 am to 2 pm. Cost is \$10.00 a session and all money will be donated to the Rockford Boys & Girls Club.

Pending Business

None

NEW BUSINESS

Reminder that the December Meeting will be a holiday potluck. The club is providing the main course.

Reminder, pay your dues on the membership page of our website.

Form for awards is also on the membership page of our website. Awards from AKC, UKC, CKC or recognized National Association should be submitted.

Vote on New Member Applicants:

- Applicants to vote on at tonight's meeting 2 person(s) to vote on.

New Members:				
Last Name	First Name	Phone Number	Sponsor 1:	Sponsor 2:
Felder	Sheila	815-543-9287	Wendy Beach	Pati Weidel
Lilly	Quinn	815-289-6576	Mona Lilly	Rick Lilly

Adjournment

Dawn Pfluger made the motion to adjourn, Ronda White 2nd the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Tucker
Secretary

GCHS GCH VALDON'S TRIPLE BRAVO owned by Joan Krumm, FCDTC conformation instructor and Junior handler, Luke Waters had a super big day and the recent Grayslake Kennel Club show garnering this Group 2 placement in the Toy Group under very respected judge, Desi Murphy. BRAVO is AKC's #1 Toy Fox Terrier in breed points for 2023.

BRAVO's daughter, SMILEY often seen around FCDTC won her championship the same day with a 5 point major. She is now CH VALDON'S I'M HERE FOR THE PARTY and will be helping with the Junior Handler and 4-H Projects being held at FCDTC.



A Vet Expert Shares How to Protect Your Pet from the Mystery Illness Sickening Dogs Across the U.S.

People

KELLI BENDER

November 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Dr. Amber Karwacki, a veterinarian with Heart + Paw, shares what vets know about the illness and how to help keep your pet safe.



Getty - A brown dog at veterinary appointment (stock photo)

Veterinarians are encouraging dog owners to be cautious about a new mystery respiratory illness affecting dogs in the U.S. Some of the first reports of the "atypical canine infectious respiratory illness," which has symptoms similar to kennel cough and respiratory infections, appeared in Oregon in August,

"In August 2023, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) received reports of an atypical canine infectious respiratory illness being seen in dogs in the Portland Metro and Willamette Valley areas over the summer. To date, ODA has received over 200 reports of atypical canine infectious respiratory disease from Oregon veterinarians," the [Oregon Veterinary Medical Association](#) shared in a release about the illness. Since then, the illness, based on reports from veterinarians, has started spreading east, putting a growing number of U.S. dogs at risk. To gain more clarity about the illness and help pet parents protect their pups, PEOPLE reached out to Dr. Amber Karwacki, a veterinarian with [Heart + Paw](#) in Callowhill, Pennsylvania. Read on to learn Dr. Karwacki's advice on how to help keep dogs safe and what to do if you suspect your canine might be sick.

What are the symptoms of the mystery illness?

According to Dr. Karwacki, veterinarians treating dogs suspected of having this mystery illness are seeing the symptoms of coughing, nasal and eye discharge, sneezing, lethargy, and disinterest in food.

"Similar to kennel cough, we're getting coughing, but instead of a dry hacking like kennel cough, we're seeing a more moist and wet cough," the veterinarian tells PEOPLE of the symptoms.

How severe is the illness?

Dr. Karwacki tells PEOPLE that "unfortunately, yes," several dogs have died after getting sick with this mystery illness and that vets, including those with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, are seeing three different varieties of the illness.

"We're seeing some dogs that develop something like bronchitis where they're coughing for a couple of months at a time. We're seeing some dogs getting chronic pneumonia, but it's mild, so we can treat it at home. And we're seeing some dogs that are getting this acute severe pneumonia. Those are the ones that tend to be dying within about 48 hours of being diagnosed, despite getting the best care possible," the Heart + Paw veterinarian says.

What makes this issue a mystery illness?

While this unknown illness has symptoms similar to kennel cough, COVID-19, and respiratory infections, tests for these illnesses come back negative when dogs diagnosed with this mystery illness arrive at the vet.

"The doctors dealing with this in Oregon and the western states have run respiratory PCR panels, and they're all coming up negative. Doctors have run COVID tests, and those are also coming up negative. So, the normal viruses and bacteria we see, none of those tests are coming up positive when we get these dogs in. So it's a new strand of something that they're still trying to figure out, and that could take vet labs months to figure out," Dr. Karwacki adds.

What treatments are available for this mystery illness?

"We are doing antibiotics for them as precautionary; we're sending them home with cough medication to help stop the coughing, and sometimes pain medications to make them feel better," Dr. Karwacki says, adding that dogs with severe cases of the illness "are being hospitalized, put into oxygen tanks, and given IV medications and fluids." The veterinarian notes that, on the bright side, veterinarians are seeing more success caring for pets sick with this mystery illness thanks to West Coast vets sharing what they have learned from treating cases. "We have a heads-up of what medications to try first," she says.

How can dog owners protect their pets from this illness?

Dr. Karwacki says the best course of action is to ensure your dog is up to date on their vaccinations. "And then not panicking, but being cautious. So, when you go to the dog park, bring your own water bottle for your dog. Don't let them use the shared bowls or toys. Be mindful. If your dog comes down with symptoms, get them to your veterinarian and keep them away from other pets," she shares.

How does this illness spread?

How the mystery illness spreads is still unknown, according to Dr. Karwacki.

Veterinarians are unsure if the illness spreads through a dog's direct contact with a sick dog or if the illness can be picked up secondhand, like through an item of clothing that has been in contact with a sick dog.

"So we're also telling people, if they're working in a kennel situation, to have a change of clothes for when you go home to your dog. I go into my house, change my clothes, and throw my work clothes in the laundry before I walk upstairs to my dogs," the vet shares.