

WAGS and TALES

February 2024



January 2024 Winter Show

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 02/0 Monthly Membership Meeting
- 02/16-02/17 Rally Trials
- 02/25 Senior Dog Day
- 03/07 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 03/16 Canine First Aid & CPR Class

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March News Deadline

Please submit articles
By **February 15** to

WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – January 4th, 2024

Margie asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes.

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Marie went over the 2023 receipts and

expenses.

President Report: Margie thanked everyone for their help

and donations to the club.

Committees:

Parade: Tim Lenz suggested having someone on poop patrol for all parades. Judy Massey thanked everyone that attended the Christmas parade.

Rally Trial: Jackie mentioned that February 16 & 17th will be the trials. Jackie went over the details and asked for volunteers. There will be a special event for this trial, an honors course for dogs that have retired or have passed. Individuals can honor their past dogs by competing with another dog in their memory. There will be a \$10 entry fee for the honors course.

Awards Banquet: Jackie said the awards banquet will be held at the club, Thursday, June 13th. March 15th is the final date to get your award information into the club.

Jackie saw an individual put their hand in the mailbox on the road and take items from the mailbox. We reported this to the police, and they recommended we get a locked mailbox. Check your check ledger amounts to see if the correct amount was taken from your checking account.

50/50 Raffle: Penney reminded everyone of the raffle.

Wall Plaques: Peggy Stevens reminded everyone to get their titles into her by March 15th to add your dog's title on the plaque. You can send an email with attachments to her or leave in her mailbox in the office or give to her at a meeting. Titles are from January – December 2023. AKC Titles only. Traveling trophy: Laura Steidl stated that there are several awards available, and the forms are found on the website. Deadline must be postmarked by May 9th or email May 11th midnight.

Training: Marianne Laird stated that we need six more individuals to help with training assistance for family dog training classes.

Legislative: New Hampshire proposed brachiocephalic dog breeders as animal cruelty for breeding and will want to prosecute breeders that breed them. List on AKC website for contact persons for the bill. There is a Hunting bill being proposed in New York and AKC helped to continue keeping hunting dog competitions as an exemption.

Membership: Barb will do a new membership orientation meeting after the meeting.

Second Meeting:

De Vido, Elisa Bocskor, Erin Hoh, Penny Holzheu, Sarah & Chris, Jackson, Corah Hughes, Aydan & Kimberly Massey Kolb, Lori Koszalinski, Kelly & Dan Peters, Wayne & Ann Sexmith, Barb & Steve Vosters, Andee

First Meeting:

Arter, Linda Fink, Kayla Frorenza, Zack & Beth Heidel, Pat Jacobson, Jeanine Nerenhausen, Jessi

Yard Passes: Karla Smith stated that 2024 yard passes will be available in February 2024. The form is in the current newsletter and will be through April. The form is also available on the website. Family members also need to be a member in order to use the yard. No guests can be in the yard if not a member.

Canine First Aid & CPR Class will be March 16th. Len Hoene stated the class is 8 AM – noon. A book is included, and the cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Len needs set up help on March 15th at 4 pm for about an hour.

Club Historian: Len thought it would be nice to have interviews of our more experienced members to preserve club experiences and information. The membership thought that was a good idea.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - January 17th, 2024

Attendees: Margie Holman, Marie Murphy, Penney Garbe, Barb Hoffman, Jackie Kobierecki, Kayla Baudhuin, Tracey Rymer

Secretary report: No report

Treasurer report: Marie gave us a financial update for the month of December and the entire year.

Presidents Report: Margie mentioned it is too soon to determine what the club made from the Winter All Breed Show.

Membership report:

The following new members were approved:
De Vido, Elisa
Bocskor, Erin
Hoh, Penny
Holzheu, Sarah & Chris, Jackson, Corah
Hughes, Aydan & Kimberly Massey
Kolb, Lori
Koszalinski, Kelly & Dan
Peters, Wayne & Ann

Sexmith, Barb & Steve

Vosters, Andee

Barb read the new members to the board for approval. Board approved.

Marie mentioned we only had 10% of last year's membership not renew which is very low.

Committees:

Jackie reviewed the recognition awards and asked the board if we wanted to change from the plaque to another award such as wine glasses. The board agreed to keep the plaques.

The tape used at the Winter Show was very difficult to remove from the floor. Margie will ask Chelsea Wood if the tape could be used for agility. If Chelsea cannot use it, then the tape will be donated to the membership.

Hannah Ralston is willing to do a Junior Showmanship seminar for the club. Further information will be coming soon.

The Pee Wee event at the Winter All Breed Show was a fantastic event.

The floor has not been cleaned well after classes so the board discussed asking for volunteers to vacuum at 8:30 PM or 7:00 AM and volunteers will receive one hour volunteer hour. This will be listed in the newsletter. Kayla will be the contact person for this.

The board asked Kayla to ensure that survey's are given after class and then summarized to review.

Margie will announce at the membership meeting that an individual membership is only for an individual not others in the family or a guest.

Margie asked for a motion to end the meeting. Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer Secretary Tracey Rymer Secretary

Membership First Meeting

Arter, Linda (I) 826 S Midpark Dr Appleton WI, 54915 920-428-2248 Cocker Spaniel jackarter@att.net

Fink, Kayla (I) 505 E Evergreen Dr Kaukauna WI, 54130 920-202-2028 English Setter kayfink12@gmail.com

Frorenza, Zack & Beth (H) 3340 S Poplar Ln Appleton WI, 54915 906-282-4882 Miniature Schnauzer zackfro@gmail.com

Membership First Meeting

Cont.

Heidel, Pat (I) 623 McKinley Ave

Omro WI, 54963 920-410-0429 Australian Shepherds wheidel@charter.net

Jacobson, Jeanine (I) 105 W 9th St Kaukauna WI, 54130 262-325-0132 Dutch Shepherd/Heeler mix, Cardigan Welsch Corgi

jjacobson6of7@gmail.com

Nerenhausen, Jessi (I) 1732 Clairville Rd

Oshkosh WI, 54904 920=420-7014

2 Dutch Shepherds, Rottie/Border Collie mix, Blue Tick Hound

jessi.friesians@gmail.com

Membership Second Meeting

De Vido, Elisa (I) 1615 N Meade St Appleton WI, 54911

920-221-2333 2 Mixed breeds

ely.dvd@gmail.com

Hoh, Penny (I) N105 Brux Rd Appleton WI, 54915 920-841-0601

Mini Aussie Bernadoodle pennyhoh@gmail.com

Hughes, Aydan & Kimberly

Massey (H) 111 E Water St Appleton WI, 54911 920-574-8371

Akita

gowildgoose@gmail.com

Membership Second Meeting

Cont.

Bocskor, Erin (I) 2601 S Walden Ave

Appleton WI, 54915 920-841-3428

Whippet, 2 Dachshund mixes aqua1623@yahoo.com

Holzheu, Sarah & Chris, Jackson,

Corah (H) 1088 Reed St Neenah WI, 54956 920-915-3367

English Cocker Spaniel sarahholzheu@gmail.com

Kolb, Lori (I) W6003 Ryford St Menasha WI, 54952 608-658-5622 Bullmastif l.kolb@charter.net

Koszalinski, Kelly & Dan (H) W5265 Natures Way Dr

Sherwood WI, 54169 920-428-6878

English Setter, German Shorthaired

Pointer

kellykosz@me.com

Peters, Wayne & Ann (H) 3327 N Rambling Rose Dr

Appleton WI, 54914 920-731-7570 Sheltie

wepeters44@gmail.com

Sexmith, Barb & Steve (H)

1592 Stanton Cir Appleton WI, 54915 920-427-6763

Portugese Water Dog bsexmith@new.rr.com

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Membership Meeting Minutes Continued:

Winter All Breed Show: Kayla Baudhuin mentioned that the Winter ALL Breed show still needs some volunteers for the parking area. Double volunteer hours for parking volunteers.

Michele Wright mentioned that we still need some volunteers for the kitchen January 13 & 14. There will be a sign-up sheet in the front room. There will be a meeting at 5/6 pm at Sunnyview Expo Center on January 12th regarding how the kitchen will be run. Contact Michele Wright for more information. All volunteers get a free lunch.

There will be a training session Sunday January 7th at the club at 10 AM for steward training.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Margie asked for a motion to approve the budget and it was approved.

Membership lists will be available in February and then again in July.

Board Membership Voting: Penney went through the unopposed officers of the board and board members. Chelsea Wood has stepped down and Kayla Baudhuin ran unopposed and will be the new board liaison for training programs.

Margie mentioned the January board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm.

Marie went through all the members that have not renewed their club membership. All club membership needs to be renewed today by the end of the meeting.

Cry & Brag was held.

A motion was made to end the meeting.

Snacks and social was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer Secretary

January 2024 Winter Show









Natural Light Dog Portraiture

A very long time ago, I sat with my father in his photo dark room at Camp O-Tahn-Agon as he magically made the black and white photos of the campers appear from his negatives. He was the camp photographer for many summer seasons, and he was very talented. My love for photography began in that dark room. Although my dad never took dog photos, I learned the basics of photography from him. I hope that in sharing the following you will be able to start taking photos of your dog with a little different "eye". They are beginning thoughts but wonderful to revisit. For those of you submitting photos to TNT, I hope the following will be helpful.

- I will not be talking about how to set your camera and what lenses to use etc. but addressing some guidelines to consider for a pleasing photo. Many of you will be taking photos with your I phone, and the result is quite good.
- 1) Always think about your background. Photos are not necessarily better if you place your dog in front of a busy flower garden or a background of trees and shrubs. You want to choose a neutral background free of objects. I like to take photos near a river or on a dock. Crazy good photos happen if you can also blur the background in these settings. I can't tell you how many times you see a beautiful photo of a dog and in the background is an ugly trash can or fire hydrant. You have also seen trees and objects coming out of the dog's head. Look at whatever might compete with your lovely dog and search for an area free of clutter and with some interest.
- 2) Nothing equals a dog photo taken next to beautiful structures such as an old barn with texture, or an old brick building. These things will add interest to the photo and not take away. Experiment with some of these things and you will be pleased.
- 3) It's really all about the light! My favorite time to take photos is on a cloudy, moody day. You will get soft shadows that compliment your dog. Try not to take photos on a bright sunny day. The image will be harsh and create severe shadows. Late afternoon can be a great time for a pretty photo. When you start thinking "light", you might try side lighting your dog or have the light striking from behind as in the sun setting. This creates a very dramatic image. It takes time to know your light situations but try to incorporate correct lighting.
- 4) Know the correct breed type and position your dog to show this. Also bring out your dog's best features. If that feature is a dark eye, or a pretty ear set, then capture this or if your dog has a beautiful arch of neck, show this. No dog is perfect, but they all have their good points.
- 5) Take "honest" photos. Nothing is worse than taking a photo that really doesn't look like your dog. Please don't edit your photo to make the dog look like some ideal dog that you've seen in life or in your mind.
- 6) Make your dog's personality shine! You might capture your dog looking at the birds above or sitting with his favorite toy.
- 7) Along with "light", always think "focus". You want your dog to be in complete focus. If you are shooting with your camera, focus on the eyes. I won't go into camera settings at this time, but you do want correct camera settings to achieve this.
- 8) Take many photos to get the "one" perfect shot. Try, try again until you do!
- 9) Be patient with your dog and if you are having a hard time, stop and come back to it another time.
- 10) Have help from a friend. A friend can bait your dog to help show ears and neck etc. I love to have a friend walk away or to get interest by saying a word that the dog knows. All of this helps to show ears, expression, and personality.
- 11) A good photo will seldom need much editing. If you do edit, crop, and perhaps do a one-step focus in your editing program. Too much editing will ruin your image. Again, you want to show your dog in the most honest way. Also, an image will usually look more interesting if you crop into the dog and eliminate physical distractions.

Natural Light Dog Portraiture continued

- 12) Once you have taken your favorite image, send it to a friend you trust for feedback.
- 13) If you can achieve most of these things that I have mentioned, your photo will be ready for printing or for publication.
- 14) One last thing don't be afraid to experiment. Film does not have to be developed and today images can be deleted on your phone or camera.
- 15) If you become a serious photographer study images taken by people that you admire. You might also take an online course or class. There is always something to learn and learning never stops! Most importantly, have fun!

Anne Evarts O-Tahn-Agon Tervuren















Appreciation & Awards Dinner – June 13, 2024



It's time to gather copies of your dog's titles and awards. The dates have changed, with a deadline of March 15, 2024. New recognition plaques, please complete application and gather copies of titles, awards and certifications. To update your dog's plaque, please complete application and gather copies of titles, awards, and certifications. The awards box is located in the WDC training center office. Questions??? — Contact Carol Lenz, 920-585-0583, clenz@aol.com or Jackie Kobierecki, 920-428-2864, nursejlk@gmail.com.

Heidi - A Perfect Dog

Heidi came to us as a rescue brought up from Tennessee. We had lost our Basset Hound Gunter, the week before, and our remaining basset Wulfgang, wouldn't eat. A friend posted her picture to my Facebook page, saying that she knew it might be too soon, but that she had just come up and the rescue wanted her to go to a home that knew bassets. They said she was around 4 and was very skittish and didn't want to go near any of the people at the rescue. I saw her picture, and that was it.

We went to see her that night, they brought her in, I sat on the floor, and she ran to sit in my lap. She was on a surgery hold for two more days and we brought her home as soon as it ended. She had never been in a house before, I had to carry her over the threshold as she shook in my arms. She quickly learned that food was plentiful, couches were for sleeping on, not all men were scary, and the people we introduced her to were loving and kind. She loved getting belly rubs and would flop on the couch or the floor so you could oblige. She was absolutely perfect.

We trained together to be a hospice therapy team, and she loved going to comfort people. We did library programs where the kids read to her, and she loved that more – she adored children. We would go to rescue events so she could show people how wonderful a basset could be. She helped us train every dog we brought home and ruled them all with an iron paw. She was smart and funny and very much a basset hound. We all loved her. She stayed with us almost 11 years and left for the bridge the day after Christmas. She is forever loved and missed.

Kim Dworak







VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Jackie Kobierecki 920-739-8626

nursejlk@gmail.com

CLASS HELP NEEDED

More help is needed with teaching and assisting. It's a fun way to share your knowledge with students and help them train their dogs to its full potential. A private training session will be held. We are also in need of assistants to help with the training equipment during classes: this is keeping track of payments, receipts, and fittings of collars, etc. during classes. Vacuuming after Obedience classes is also needed. This takes about 30-45 minutes each day. Hours are flexible. If interested in helping, contact the Director of Training,

WinnegamieDogClubTraining@gmail. com

HELP NEEDED VACUUMING

We need someone to vacuum after classes (at 8:30pm) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings or early the morning after classes (7:00am) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact Kayla Baudhuin (rigel7823@gmail.com) if you can help.

NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

Barb Protogere-Sprangers

baproto@aol.com 920-850-7237 Fawn Tauber fawndan@gmail.com 920-419-7336

Prerequisites:

- Must be an approved member.
- Your dog must be at least one year old and have earned its Canine Good Citizen certificate.
- Dogs need to be approved by Fawn Tauber (contact Fawn to schedule an evaluation)
- One of the nursing homes does require the handler to present their vaccination card, showing 3 Covid vaccinations.

Procedure for Submitting Member Volunteer Hours Reports

As you earn volunteer hours, please complete the "Volunteer Hours Report Form" and submit it to the Hours Recorder in one of three ways:

- Scan and email the form to: crystals214@yahoo.com
- Drop off the completed form in the club office
- Mail it to the Hours Recorder (address on form)

Hard copies of the form are available in the club office. It can also be downloaded from the website under the Membership tab (listed in both the Forms and Volunteer sections).

Members can check their hours completed to date status on the website in the Membership / Volunteer section. The document name is "Volunteer Hours Log". Updates will be posted at least once a month.

Any questions or comments, please contact Crystal Schroeder at crystals214@yahoo.com.

WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB Individual Perpetual Plaque Award Information

We want to recognize you and your dogs for all your hard work. WDC will celebrate AKC

Titles/awards earned during the year, submitted by club members in good standing. The dog named in the application must be owned by the member applying for the award(s) and must reside at the member's home.

The WDC Appreciation & Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, June 13,2024 at the Winnegamie Dog Club facility in Menasha. At that time, WDC will recognize awards earned from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

New members – If this is your first plaque, CONGRATULATIONS! Awards are recognized beginning with the date of membership approval. Complete the attached application form, listing all titles and awards (one form per dog) and <u>copies of the titles</u>. There is no cost to the members for the plaque/certificate. If you already have a perpetual plaque, submit your application form, plaque, and <u>copies of all titles</u> in the award box in the training center office. <u>Do not submit original titles</u>. The award plaques will be presented at the awards dinner.

The WDC awards box will be located in the club office. Applications/plaques will be picked up for the last time on Friday, March 15, 2024. Due to the time requirements to complete rewards in time for the dinner, there will be no exception to this submission date. The new applications must be dropped off at the club or mailed to the Awards Chairpersons (see addresses below). DO NOT EMAIL.

Please contact Jackie Kobierecki, (nursejlk@gmail.com 920-428-2864) 1421 S Alicia Dr Appleton, WI or Carol Lenz (clenz@aol.com 920-585-0583) 109 Lee St Appleton, WI, Awards Chairpersons, with any questions.

SPECIAL AWARDS/TROPHIES

Special Trophies will be awards for AKC Best in Show, AKC Best of Breed in a Specialty, AKC High in Trial, AKC Agility, Rally, Obedience, Scent work Championships, Owner Handler Winner. Submit registered name of the dog, date and name of achievement and kennel club/location.

Certificates of Achievements will be awarded for non-AKC titles/awards, group wins, top ten rankings and other achievements.

Best Junior Handler will also be recognized. This will be determined by number of other juniors defeated – 1 point awarded for each junior defeated. Submit name of junior, list of shows and number of juniors defeated.

APPLICATION FOR WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB PLAQUE

AND ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE

Please check the award/certificate you are applying for:

New Individual Perpetual	Plaque		
Update of plaque for ne Ak	C titles (submit p	laque with this form);	
check here if you DO I	NOT Want update	e, certificate provided	
Certificate of Achievement	t (all accomplishm	nents per individual dog will be noted on one	
Certificate)			
Championships – Agility, Ol	bedience, Rally,		
High In Trial, Triple Q or Hig	gh Combined		
Specialty Best of Breed			
Westminster Finalist			
Best Junior Handler			
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DEADLINE FOR ALL AWARDS: March 15, 2024 – Please place application with copy of achievement in WDC Office on or before March 15, 2024.

Any questions, contact: Jackie Kobierecki 920-428-2864 nursejlk@gmai.com or Carol Lenz 920-585-0583 clenz@aol.com

WDC YARD PASSES

- Yard Passes become available in FEBRUARY each year.
- A 2024 Yard Pass is required to use the Club's front and back fenced yards.
- The 2024 Yard Passes are green and blue, and they are to be placed in the clear plastic hanging pockets. So, don't throw away the plastic hangers. Take out the old 2023 Yard Pass and place the new passes in the hanger.
- The plastic hangers are to hang from your rear-view mirror. If you bike or walk to the club, carry the hanging pocket pass with you.
- Household Memberships may have two FREE passes. Individual memberships may have one FREE pass. Extra passes are \$1.00 each and extra plastic hangers are \$2.00 each. If your pass is damaged or stolen, replacement passes can be obtained for \$3.00 fee (pass \$1.00 and hangers \$2.00). If you get a new license plate number, you will need to get a new pass. The passes will change yearly. ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE PASSES BY MAY 1.
- ♥ We need your help please help enforce the yard-use policy! Look at the cars for the people using the fenced yards. If someone using the yard doesn't have a yard pass, please courteously ask him or her if they are WDC members. If they are not members, tell them the yards are for MEMBERS ONLY and tell them how they can become WDC members. If someone is abusing the posted rules, give the license plate number and complaint to any board member or Karla Smith.
- ♥ Feedback/concerns/suggestions ... contact Karla Smith or any board member.
- To obtain a car pass, complete the application below and bring with you to the membership meeting, where Karla Smith will be on hand to distribute yard passes. Or you can mail the completed application with a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Karla at the address on the form.

Karla Smith 1005 Ardmore Trl Oshkosh, WI 54904 (920) 303-1122

2024 YARD PASS ORDER FORM	
Name:	007 11 0 1
Street Address:	Office Use Only o Mailed o Hanger
City/State/ZIP:	o New o Extras
Phone: Email:	
Type of Membership:Household (2 free yard passes) License Plate Numbers: 1st Plate2nd Plate Individual (1 free yard pass) License Plate Number: ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1.00 for yard passes each, \$2.0 hangers each, make check or money order out to WDC): Number of extra Passes: Number of extra Plastic Hangers: License Plate Numbers: Number of extra Plastic Hangers:	00 for plastic
Bring completed application to a monthly membership meeting or mai stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to	
Karla Smith 1005 Ardmore Trl Oshkosh, WI 54904 (920) 303-1122	



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