



# WAGS *and* TALES

March 2025



**2025 Senior Dog Day**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 03/01-03/02 Novice Agility Trial
- 03/06 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 03/22 Canine First Aid & CPR Class
- 04/03 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 04/12 Canine Good Citizen Testing

## In the Newsletter:

- 2 Minutes: February Membership Meeting
- 3 Minutes: February Board Meeting,
- 4-6 New Membership, Notices
- 7 Volunteer Information

### March News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **March 15** to

[WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – February 6th, 2025

**Secretary's Report:** Tracey read thank you's from the donations the club gave out from club funds. Thank you's were from the Neenah Animal Shelter and UW Madison Veterinary school. She also read a thank you letter from the Outagamie 4 H Club for using our facilities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gabby announced the club's financials.

**President's Report:** The next board meeting will be February 18th at 6:30 PM. Margie also thanked Kayla for the great job working the parking area for the winter show and thanked all of the volunteers. Margie presented Marie with a thank you gift for all her help and support to the club over the years.

### **Committees Reports:**

Jackie mentioned that there will be a rally trial at the club February 14 & 15. She is looking for a few stewards. Friday starts at noon and Saturday at 8 AM.

The annual rewards and recognition banquet will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you received AKC titles in 2024, you can submit them to receive a plaque. Make copies of your titles from January 1 – December 31st, 2024. Put the paperwork and your plaque, if you already received one, in the box in the office.

February 23rd, we will have the senior dog day from 10 AM – 1 PM. There will be many activities for dogs.

Peggy Stevens announced that individuals can submit their AKC certificates earned in 2024 to have your dog's name placed on the plaques on the wall in the club. Submit by the end of March to Peggy Stevens.

Sheri mentioned that the CGC testing will be April 12 from 9 AM - noon and is in need of volunteers. Trick testing will also be held that day and volunteers are needed as well. There will be training for CGC volunteers March 29th at 9:00 AM.

Susan Hayes announced that she is looking for Novice Agility trial volunteers on March 1st and 2nd at our dog club.

Cindy Veit with the K9 Closet mentioned we have cold weather items for sale.

Karla Smith stated that the 2025 yard passes are now available. You can fill it out and mail to Karla or you can see her at the club during the meeting.

Linda Allen thanked everyone that helped at the trophy table for the winter show.

Deb Krsnich with the legislative committee is not aware of any legislation in WI affecting the club. New Jersey is trying to create legislation that licenses dog trainers of any kind must have a license to do dog training.

Barb mentioned that she can do an orientation after the meeting for all new members. Attendees for their 1st and 2nd meetings announced themselves.

### **2nd meeting:**

Hilker, Candace  
Huss, Brittany Lynn  
Kussart, Carrie & Tim Jakubek, Evan, Jenna  
Nilson, Terri  
Peters, Anna & Quinton  
Shackleton, Emily & Karen

### **1st meeting:**

Byram, Annabel  
Cashin-Koffarnus, Cortney  
Fletcher, Jennifer  
Gengler, Bethanie  
Green, Nicole  
Kohanski, Theresa  
Neumann, Linda  
Schubert, Carol  
Wolfert, Lori & Tom, Conrad, Sidney  
Zoelle, Karen & Bill

Len Hoehne stated there will be a canine CPR class on March 22nd at the club. The fee for members is \$35 and \$45 for nonmembers. Register ahead of time and checks can be made out to the dog club. If 2 from the same household attend, they can save \$20 and just get one book. Children ages 12-17 can take the class for \$5 plus the price of the book.

Cry and Brag was held.  
50/50 Raffle was held.  
Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer  
Secretary

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## February 18th, 2025

**Attendees:** Margie Hohman, Gabby Finnegan, Barb Hoffman, Marianne Laird, Kayla Budhuin, Jackie Kobierecki, and Tracey Rymer

**Secretary Report:** No report

**Treasurer Report:** Gabby stated we made a nice profit on the winter trial and rally trial. Gabby talked to Spectrum and was able to reduce our internet bill by \$60 and increased our internet speed. Gabby suggested we have a shredding machine for any personal information and the board agreed. Gabby will be looking at possibly replacing the copier and will come back to the board with more information. Gabby talked with the board about ordering car magnets with the WDC logo. Gabby and Jackie are looking at options for printing the car magnets.

**Membership Report:**

Barb announced individuals that attended their second meeting. The board approved the new members.

**New Members/2nd meeting:**

Hilker, Candace  
Huss, Brittany Lynn  
Kussart, Carrie & Tim Jakubek, Evan, Jenna  
Nilson, Terri  
Peters, Anna & Quinton  
Shackleton, Emily & Karen

**Committees:**

Kayla checked prices for martingale collars and the best price is Chewy. Kayla mentioned that surveys are still available for class attendees to fill out.

Marianne Laird runs an intermediate obedience class as a drop-in class and the board agreed that during the breaks between the obedience classes, the building cannot be rented as classes resume all year since it is a drop in class.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer  
Secretary

**Membership First Meeting**

Byram, Annabel  
Soft Coated Wheaton

Cashin-Koffarnus, Cortney  
Newfoundland

Fletcher, Jennifer  
Golden Retriever

Gengler, Bethanie  
Chihuahua & Boston Terrier Mix

Green, Nicole  
Small terrier-esque mix

Kohanski, Theresa  
Cane Corso/Staffy Boxer

Neumann, Linda  
Golden Retriever

Schubert, Carol  
LH Dachshund

Wolfert, Lori & Tom, Conrad,  
Sidney  
Great Dane mix

Zoelle, Karen & Bill  
2 Labs, 1 Golden

**Membership Second Meeting**

Hilker, Candace  
Newfoundland

Huss, Brittany Lynn  
GSD/Husky Mix

Kussart, Carrie & Tim Jakubek,  
Evan, Jenna  
GSD/Belgian Malinois mix

Nilson, Terri  
Yorkipoo-maltese/yorki

Peters, Anna & Quinton  
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Shackleton, Emily & Karen  
Australian Shepherd & American  
Eskimo

**CGC Testing**

Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Testing  
The Canine Good Citizen testing will be held on April 12, 2025, from 9 am – 12 pm at the dog club. Trick testing will be held at the same time. Contact Shari Lloyd (skl555@gmail.com) with any questions.

Volunteers are also needed for this so please let me know if you are available.

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According to the AKC, "All dogs can be good dogs, and all owners can be great owners, all it takes is a little bit of training, lots of love, and of course, plenty of praise along the way." The AKC created the Canine Good Citizen program, a 10-step skill test that teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners.

Winnegamie Dog Club is offering a class for all interested in dogs & their owners. This is the perfect opportunity for interested teams to learn the skills or have a refresher and practice for the CGC test on April 12. This class is also intended to provide information for volunteers who will work on testing days.

Where: Winnegamie Dog Club, back room

When: March 29th, 10 am – 12 noon

Cost: \$5

Canine Good Citizen & Trick testing is also scheduled for April 12, 9 am – 12 noon.

For more information, contact:

Sherry Lloyd

Sk1555@gmail.com

Or

Jackie Kobierecki

nursejlk@gmail.com

### Senior Dog Day



## February Rally Trial

Despite a major snowstorm, the third annual Rally 2-day 3-trial event took place February 14 & 15. The trial filled quickly with waiting lists for all classes. Thanks to the efforts of Damian Burke who again served as the trial secretary. Thank you, Damian! The exhibitors and their dogs showed off rally skills to Judges Ronda Bermke and Laurale Stern.

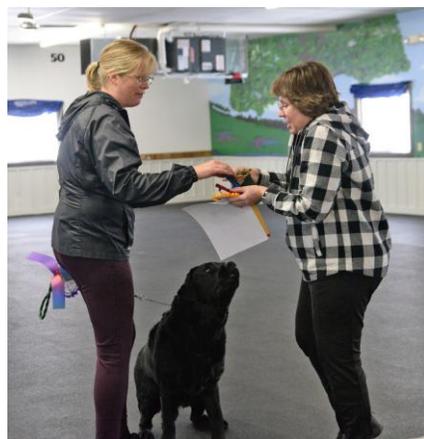
Congratulations to all who entered and showed no matter the placement. The courses were fun and challenging. Any event such as this, only happens as a result of the work of the amazing group of volunteers that we have at Winnegamie Dog club. Thank you to all who helped including building committee members who readied the building, stewards, kitchen help, and clean up volunteers and all the teams that participated in the trials.

Want to learn more about Canine Rally? Check out <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-resource-center/> or check our class listing on our website or stop in at WDC during Wednesday mornings Rally drop-in @ 9 am.

Chair – Jackie Kobierecki

Secretary – Damian Burke

Volunteer Coordinator-Anne Haberkorn





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Jackie Kobierecki  
920-739-8626  
[nursejlk@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rigel7823@gmail.com)) if you can help.

## NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

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920-850-7237

Fawn Tauber  
[fawndan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Dequaine at [crystals214@yahoo.com](mailto:crystals214@yahoo.com).

For those of you who are already wondering:

**COMPETITIVE TRAVELING TROPHY AWARDS** will be presented at our annual WDC membership banquet held in June to the winning members who competed at AKC dogs shows between **January 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024** and submit an application. Rules and information about these awards can be found on the WDC website.

On the WDC website – Look under: Membership -- Forms --  
Traveling Trophy Awards Information & Application.

There is more than one page to look at so scroll down if you are looking for versatility and/or agility awards.

**Conformation awards include:**

WDC OWNER-HANDLED DOG OF THE YEAR;  
MARY STRANGE AWARD (for novice handlers);  
WDC TRAVELING CONFORMATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD;  
WDC HIGH SCORING CONFORMATION AWARD;  
LOWELL TRACY RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Obedience awards include:**

JUDY FALCK MEMORIAL TRAVELING OBEDIENCE AWARD;  
PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Dog Sport awards include:**

HANK PERFORMANCE VERSATILITY AWARD;  
WDC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR – REGULAR;  
WDC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR - PREFERRED

**Application deadline: send first-class mail postmarked by May 09, 2025 to: Laura Steidl, N7122 32<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Weyauwega, WI 54983**

**-- OR --**

**Send email before midnight, May 11, 2025 to: [blsteidl@centurylink.net](mailto:blsteidl@centurylink.net)**

## 2025 WDC YARD PERMITS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

A 2025 Yard Permit is required to use the club's front and back fenced yards.

- The 2025 Yard Permits are **Orange and Blue**, and they are to be placed in the clear plastic hanging pockets. So, don't throw away last year's plastic hangers. Take out the old 2024 Yard Permit 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 permit with you.
- Household memberships may have two FREE permits. Individual memberships may have one FREE permit. Additional permits are \$1.00 each and additional plastic hangers are \$2.00 each. If your permit is damaged or stolen, replacement permits 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 permit. The permits will change yearly. ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE PERMITS 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 permit, 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.
- Feedback/concerns/suggestions, contact Karla Smith (WDCYardPass@gmail.com or 920-303-1122) or any board member.
- To obtain a yard permit, complete the application below and bring it with you to the membership meeting, where Karla Smith will be on hand to distribute yard permits.
- Or you can mail the completed application with a stamped, self- addressed business envelope to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Tr, Oshkosh, WI 54904

### 2025 YARD PERMIT ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Membership:

Household (2 free yard permits & hangers if needed)

License Plate Numbers: 1st Plate \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Individual (1 free yard permit & hanger)

License Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mark One

Hanger(s)  
Needed

No  
Hanger(s)  
needed

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ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1.00/yard pass, \$2.00/plastic hanger, make check out to **WDC**):

Number of extra Permits: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of extra Plastic Hangers: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring completed application to a monthly membership meeting or mail with a **stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope** to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Trl, Oshkosh, WI 54904



# WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB, INC.

PRESENTS:

## DOG CPR AND FIRST AID CLASS

*Featuring: Canine CPR manikins*

Learn to save your dog's life in case of an **emergency!**

**SATURDAY, March 22, 2025 8:00 am until 12:00 pm**

Winnegamie Dog Club  
2043 Manitowoc Road  
Menasha, WI 54952

**COST: \$45.00**

Registration deadline is **March 19, 2025**

Cost includes class and K-9 Medic book

**FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

**No dogs allowed in class -- *please leave your dogs at home***

***Sign up today; class size is limited!***

If you have any questions or for family and children's discounts, please contact:

Len Hoehne at: [lhoehne@new.rr.com](mailto:lhoehne@new.rr.com) [Text to \(920\)427-0057](tel:(920)427-0057)

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### Canine CPR and First Aid Class Registration

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your email will be used only to confirm your registration and to update you of any class changes.*

Winnegamie Dog Club member discount \$35.00

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS March 19, 2025 FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

*Please mail your completed registration form and check payable to: Winnegamie Dog Club to:*

*Len Hoehne, 258 Water St., Menasha, WI 54952*

# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

SPONSORED BY  
WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB, INC.  
HELD AT THE TRAINING CENTER

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

**9:00 AM – Noon**

**Entry Fee: \$10.00**

*(No pre-registration)*

*It takes about 15-20 minutes to complete  
all 10 test exercises, so please arrive  
for testing by 11:30 am*

The purpose of the Canine good Citizen Test is to ensure that our favorite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act mannerly in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. The program embraces both purebred and mixed-breed dogs, as the anti-canine sentiment does not discriminate between the purebred and the non-purebred.

Canine Good Citizen training is fun and useful. Through it, you and your dog will establish a closer bond and your dog will have the added benefit of knowing how to please you. This test of your dog's manners and training is not a competition and does not require that you and your dog perform with precision.

The Canine Good Citizen program is based on the concept that all dogs should have enough basic training to be under control at home and in public.

The American Kennel club urges all dog owners to participate in this program, thereby assuring that our beloved dogs will always be welcomed and respected members of the community.

All dogs who pass the ten items on the CGC test earn a certificate from the AKC.

Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of either leather, fabric or chain. Harnesses are also allowed.

Special training collars, such as pinch collars or Gentle Leaders, are not acceptable.

DEMONSTRATING CONFIDENCE AND CONTROL, THE DOG AND HANDLER MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THESE 10 STEPS.

## TEST EXERCISES

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk  
(walking on a loose leash)
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command/  
staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised separation

For more details on individual exercises, visit <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>





## Canine Good Citizen Test Items

**1. Accepting a friendly stranger**

Evaluator approaches and pretends to shake hands with handler (hands 6- 12" apart). Evaluator does not touch dog.

**2. Sitting politely for petting**

Evaluator pets dog; dog must show no shyness or resentment.

**3. Appearance and grooming**

Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

**4. Out for a walk**

Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

**5. Walking through a crowd**

Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show causal interest but not jump up.

**6. Sit and down on cue/Staying in place**

Handler shows that dog can do both sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft. line, and returns immediately.

**7. Coming when called**

With dog still on 20 ft. line from Test 6, handler walks out 10 ft. and calls the dog.

**8. Reaction to another dog**

Two handlers and dogs approach, pretend to shake hands (hands 6-12" apart), exchange pleasantries, then move on.

**9. Reaction to distractions**

Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

**10. Supervised separation**

Handler goes out of sight for 3-min. Dog is held on a 6-ft. leash by an evaluator.



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