



WAGS *and* TALES

February 2026



2026 Winter Conformation Show

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 02/05 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 02/13-02/14 WDC Rally Trials – trials are FULL
- 02/22 Senior Dog Day
- 02/28-03/01 WDC Novice Agility Trial
- 03/05 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 03/28 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 15th, 2026

Marianne called the meeting to order.

Secretary Report: Tracey read thank you notes from Patty Hoehne, Neenah Animal Shelter and Haley Solley who attended that Canine CPR and First Aid Class.

Treasurer Report: Gabby thanked Tracey for being on the board and that this is her last meeting as secretary. The club gave her a thank you gift.

Gabby announced the donations the club gave in December:
 \$500 UW Madison Veterinary School
 \$100 City of Menasha Canine Unit
 \$100 Eastshore Humane Shelter
 \$100 Neenah Animal Shelter
 \$200 City of Menasha Park department - Earlier this year the club donated a dog waste station in Jefferson Park.

Gabby is asking everyone to see her to order ribbons, etc going forward and the club can pay it directly versus reimbursing members. December was a good month for financials. The club made a lot of money from training classes and Gabby thanked all the volunteers for helping.

President Report: Marianne asked Michelle Wright and Jackie Koberiecki to introduce themselves to the club membership as they are each running for the open board position.

Committee Reports:

Sunday, February 22nd will be Senior Dog Day.
 Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1st, will be the Novice Agility trial and Susane Hayes is looking for volunteers. Please contact her.

Karla Smith announced that yard passes will be available in February and they will now be window clings. If you have 2 cars you will need 2 window clings because the number on the yard pass is connected to the license plate.

Marianne announced that if you haven't voted yet for board members, please do so.

Len Hoehne announced that he teaches Canine CPR and First Aid class and the class comes with a first aid book. The class will be on March 28th from 8 am -12 pm. The cost for members is \$35 and non-members \$45.

Deb Krsnich went through the Wisconsin legislative alerts and legislation was in process for misrepresentation of service animals and a bill was brought forward and was vetoed by Governor Evers.

There are protections for search and rescue dogs so that hotels cannot discriminate against these dogs. This was recommended but not voted on yet.

Animal testing facilities and breeders must keep extra records for those animals that are adopted out.

Cindy Viet with K9 Closet provided different logos that can be printed/embroidered on many items.

Bethany announced there will be an ACT trial on Saturday, January 17th at the club.

Gabby stated that if you have not renewed your membership, please do so at this time.

Membership Attendees:

2nd Meeting: Shannon Fligg and Breanna Weber

1st Meeting: Jennifer Altmann, Bill Heiges, Becky Kauth, Heidi Leder, Vicki Vogel

Old Business: None

New Business: Gabby announced that the next monthly meeting the club will be taking donations for dog food and other related items.

It was asked that the board decide on the date for the Awards banquet. It was asked that it be the 2nd Thursday in June. The board said they will discuss at their next board meeting.

The voting has been tallied, and Jackie Koberiecki won the open board position. Marianne Laird announced that by acclamation that Margie Hohman will continue to be the President, Marianne Laird will continue to be the Vice President, Gabby Finnegan will continue to be the Treasurer. Kayla Fink will take the Secretary position. The membership approved.

Cry and Brag was held.
 50/50 Raffle was drawn.
 Meeting was adjourned.
 Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Rymer
 Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22nd, 2026

Attendees: Margie, Kayla F, Gabby, Kayla B, Jackie, Barb, & Marianne

Call to order: 6:33pm

President Report: Nothing to report just welcomed back Jackie as a board member and Kayla F as secretary.

Vice President Report: Would like to increase class fees \$5 bringing them from \$95 to \$100 even. This increase would not go into effect until after the summer break. Margie made the motion - Barb second - Motion Approved

Secretary Report: Thank yous and Christmas Cards were read. Thank you from UW Madison for donation made at the end of the year.

Treasurer Report:

December had a positive income due to classes for January. Gabby would like to see us invest some of our money in a better way for the club for a better return on investment. The board was open to this but would like her to bring a proposal for option to a board meeting and from there options will be presented to the membership to be voted on.

Went over the profit and losses for the winter show for. Not all income and expenses have been recorded for the winter show.

The 2026 Budget is still being worked on. If you need any budget changes, please email

winnegamiedctreasurer@gmail.com

Security Camera - to upgrade cameras it is a \$5,000 improvement. The wiring of the cameras are old so they would have to go up into the ceiling. There would be one in each room that is 360, camera for each door, outside ones for the yard. They'd be in color, sound, and 2 way talking. No motion made to move forward with the upgrade.

Ordering Office / Business Supplies - Recommendation to get Kleenex, paper towels, etc. in bulk so we aren't running to Target or Walmart for quick pick up.

Gabby is meeting Vizance to go over the coverage for the Philadelphia Insurance plan - got us a new agent.

New Members

Members for approval Shannon Fligg & Breanna Weber
Motion to accept by Jackie - Kayla B Second - Motion Approved

Margie - read a concern of a past member whose dues lapsed but can't come to member meetings because she can't drive at night. Barb said she will meet them at the club during the day to be able to meet her membership requirements in the daytime.

New Business:

-The city of Menasha would like a picture taken with their K9 dog. Going to email them to see if they will come to the February meeting to speak to the membership as well as take a picture with their K-9 Dog.

Laura - traveling trophy chair - would like the club to purchase a new trophy cabinet. We are going to adjust the library to the historical cabinet and have a new location for the historical. The traveling trophy will go into the library cabinet, and a lock will be purchased.

Laura - Also would like to have the Awards Dinner to always be the 2nd Thursday in June. Motion by Jackie Gabby Second - Motion Approved. 2026 Awards Dinner is set for June 11.

Awards forms are getting updated on the website.

Jon - is doing an assessment to find out about the foundation and the building assessment due to building settling over time causing issues with doors. Asking Jon to put together a list of improvements the building needs and we will look at priority and lay out a 3-5-year plan.

Mad dog products sent us a bunch of samples - these could be ordered for in the k9 closet / leash treat closet. Could also be used for trophy options. Gabby is going to request a price list and minimums and then bring the items to the next member meeting for members to see and show chairs to look at for prize options.

Laurel - requested an updated Facebook messaging group for verifying calendar and times being blocked out. Motion made by Jackie - Gabby Second - Motion Approved

Incident Reports must be filled out for anything that happens at classes. Instructors must still have a record of the incident even if the person involved doesn't want to go be seen by a doctor. Incident reports should be filled out whether during class, floor rental, or meeting at the club this includes but is not limited to falls, bitten, dog fights, etc. Records need to be recorded.

Food donation - Helping Paws Pet Pantry located in Neenah - give food to people who want to keep their pet but can't afford food. Give out enough food to those in need in a 3-month supply. Plan to add them to the list for donations in December.

Membership First Meeting

Altmann, Jennifer
Goldendoodle

Heiges, Bill
Golden Retriever

Kauth, Becky
Airedale

Leder, Heidi
German Shepherd

Vogel, Vicki
Boxer

Membership Second Meeting

Fligg, Shannon
Golden Retriever

Weber, Breanna
Silken Windhound

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www.winnegamieDogClub.com

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**Please Bring Donations To The February
and March Meetings**

**We are making donations to the Helping Paws
Pet Pantry, please bring donations of dog and cat
food to the February and March Member
meetings.**

Board Meeting Minutes continued

A \$500 monetary donation to be made now. Motion made by Barb - Margie Second - Motion Approved

Meeting Speakers list:

March - Simply Smith specializes in anxiety, shyness, and home services.

Journey together service dogs

Urgent Care - Dr Alissa Dankers Transcend Veterinary Clinic

Propose to membership to not have the July 2 meeting due to holiday.

Jackie reported that the Rally trial in February is almost full.

Board Meeting for February is the 12th at 6:30pm

Adjourn 8:27 pm by Kayla F - Margie Second - Motion Approved



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

- **TRICKS INSTRUCTOR** – Back up instructor for Tricks Class. An opportunity to learn and teach your own dog tricks and the tricks class. Kristen will train in teaching basic tricks. Contact Kristen Diermeier at diermekm@gmail.com or Jackie Kobierecki @ nursejlk@gmail.com for more information.
- Rally Trials Friday, Feb 13 & Saturday, Feb 14. Learn more about Rally Obedience and earn volunteer hours. Contact Jackie Kobierecki at nursejlk@gmail.com for more information.
- CGC prep class – assist in evaluating dogs for CGC testing, Feb 4 or Feb 11, 6:30 – 7:15 pm class. Earn volunteer hours. Contact Jackie Kobierecki at nursejlk@gmail.com for more information.
- Help keep our club house clean. Individuals interested in vacuuming the training rooms. Earn volunteer hours. Contact Marianne Laird at royalelaird@yahoo.com for information on days/times.
- Nose work program is in search of places (schools, businesses, etc.) to search when not in session. The dog club has insurance & rental fees for use of facilities/buildings. Please contact Jackie Kobierecki at nursejlk@gmail.com for more information.

Traveling Trophy Competitive Awards will be presented at our annual WDC membership banquet held in June. These are for WDC members who competed at AKC dog shows between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025 and submit an application. Rules and information about these awards can be found on the WDC website. Look under: Membership – Forms – Traveling Trophy Awards Information. Note: There is more than one page to look at so scroll down to see it all.

Conformation Awards Include:

WDC Owner-Handled Dog of the Year
Mary Strange Award
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 Award – Regular
WDC Agility Dog of the Year Award -- Preferred

Note: I need the name, location & date of AKC shows and the award or score your dog received.

Application deadline: first class mail postmarked by May 01, 2026, or email received by midnight May 05, 2026, to blsteidl@centurylink.net

Questions? Email: blsteidl@centurylink.net or call: 920-867-4245.

Link to the WDC website: <https://winnegamiedogclub.com/membership/forms/>

Smiles & best wishes -- Laura Steidl, Traveling Trophy Committee Chair

2026 Winter Conformation Show

A Huge THANK YOU to all those who were ring stewards at our conformation show in January. Many were scheduled ahead, many volunteered the day of, and many stepped up after showing their own dogs to fill in where necessary. Heartfelt thanks to: Kayla Fink, Barb Ziegelbauer, Deb Tousey, Carol Sturm, Jennifer Picard, Jackie Kobierecki, Jean Bernier, Marianne Laird, Julie Schuh, Paula Spiering, Sara Hallam, Anna Peters, Anne Schmidt, Barb Hoffman, Mary Schulz, Tom Schulz, Marge Hohman, Kathy Landro, Meghan Vos, Kay Detampel, Bonnie Leonard, Karen Gaines.

Sincerely,
Gwen Newman
Chief Ring Steward





**PRESENTS:
SENIOR
DOG DAY**

WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22rd, 2026 10AM -

1PM WHERE: WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB

WHAT: FUN WITH YOUR SENIOR DOG!

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED - COST \$5
DAY OF REGISTRATION IS ACCEPTED**



BRING YOUR SENIOR DOG (AGES 7 +) FOR A FUN FILLED DAY JUST FOR THEM!

- NOSEWORK GAMES**
- RALLY GAMES**
- SENIOR RECALL**
- TRICKS**
- SENIOR EXERCISES**
- ANIMAL COMMUNICATOR**
- MASSAGE by PATTI BINDER**
- DOG TREATS 4 SALE**
- SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS (for the people)**

This event is for Winnegamie Dog Club Members only 920-540-2667



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 are in need of someone to vacuum after classes (at 8:30pm) on Monday and Tuesday evenings or early in the morning before classes (8:00am-9:00am) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Please contact Marianne Laird (royalelaird@yahoo.com) or 414-303-1195 if you can help.

NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

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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 Dequaine at crystals214@yahoo.com.

SENIOR DOG DAY REGISTRATION

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22nd, 2026

10am - 1pm

Handler's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ **Email:** _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ **Breed:** _____

Age: _____ **Sex of Dog:** _____ **Spayed/Neutered:** **Yes** **No**

I hereby acknowledge and agree that any injury or damage inflicted by any dog owned or trained by me at any Winnegamie Dog Club Inc. event is my responsibility and shall not be the responsibility of the dog club or result in any liability to the club, its instructors or assistant instructors, or staff. I further acknowledge and agree that no club member, instructor, or any other person of the Winnegamie Dog Club Inc. shall be responsible or liable for injury or damage to any person, or for loss of or injury to my property. I fully understand that Winnegamie Dog Club Inc. and its members and instructors accept and assume no responsibility for the actions being trained or participating in events, which may result in liability. I agree to observe and be bound by the obedience training rules aforementioned by the Winnegamie Dog Club Inc.

Handler Signature: _____

Date: _____

Vaccinations Current: DHPP _____ **Rabies** _____

Mail completed form and check payable to "WDC" and copy of current vaccinations to:

Jackie Kobierecki
1421 S Alicia Dr
Appleton, WI 54914

2026 WDC YARD PERMITS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

A 2026 Yard Permit is required to use the club's front and back fenced yards.

- **Starting in 2026, Yard Passes are now Stickers with the WDC logo.** Please affix the sticker to the front window—either lower left or lower right. 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. 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.
- 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 mail the completed application with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Tr, Oshkosh, WI 54904
- 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 any board member.

2026 YARD PERMIT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership:

Household (includes 2 free yard permits)

License Plate Numbers: 1st Plate _____ 2nd Plate _____

Individual (Includes 1 free yard permit)

License Plate Number: _____

ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1.00/yard pass. Make check out to **WDC**):

Number of extra Permits: _____ License Plate Numbers: _____

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



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