



WAGS *and* TALES

March 2026



2026 Senior Dog Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 02/28-03/01 WDC Novice Agility Trial
- 03/05 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 03/12 Monthly Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 03/28 Canine First Aid & CPR class
- 04/02 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 04/11 Canine Good Citizen testing
- 04/18 Beth Knotts Agility Seminar – seminar is full

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April News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **March 15** to

WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – February 5th, 2026

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Motion to approve minutes: Deb Krsnich 2nd Mary Schulz

Motion Approved by members

President: Thanks for the Winter Show and everyone who volunteered. A reminder that this is a volunteer club and that means we need members to volunteer. We had to go to outside people for ring stewards.

Reminder for Kennel Cough that means that all dogs in your home are exposed so please do not attend events with your dogs if any dog in your house has kennel cough.

Reminder in March we will continue to collect for Helping Paws Pet Pantry as well as February.

Secretary Report: Reminder that Board Meeting was moved to Feb 12. Membership Directory was submitted to AKC. Thank you from UW Madison for the end of year donation.

Treasurer Report: Thanked all the volunteers because this makes us able to continue to be successful as a club. We need waivers signed every calendar year, especially non-members who are coming in during floor rentals. If the guest is unsure if they have signed one for the calendar year it is better that they sign a new one. They can be found on top of the cabinets in the office and to be placed in the drawer with completed forms.

ACT Trial came in as a profit at the start of January.

January was a big month for the club – we did come in at a profit.

Drop Ins / Floor Rentals can be paid via PayPal the QR code for this can be found on the tables in each room, as well as in the cabinet where treats can be bought. Please be sure you are filling out the note/message, so Gabby knows what it is for.

Committees:

Wall Plaques: Peggy Stevens - If your dog has received an AKC Title in 2025 you need to go on the website, fill out the form and turn it in. Peggy has a mailbox in the office that can have filled out forms with copies of certificates

Yard Permits: Karla Smith – We now have window clings for yard passes. Only approved members are eligible for yard passes. There is a form on the website/newsletter that can be filled out and sent with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and then a yard pass will be sent to the member. Individual passes are free for the first window cling, additional are \$1 for a second vehicle. Family memberships get 2 with additional available for \$1 each. Replacement window clings are \$1.

K9 Kloset: Cindy Veit – we sell apparel for the dog club. Cindy showed various samples of products that are available. Most items are available in other colors than just blue. There are also multiple logos that are available to be used.

Senior Dog Day: Jackie Kobierecki – will be held February 22 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Any dog based on their age or if you feel they are a senior. We would like to have members sign up ahead of time.

Rally Trial: Jackie Kobierecki – February 13 & 14 – need a few more volunteers for Saturday. The trial is now full.

Legislative Committee: Deb Krsnich – Nothing currently noted for Wisconsin. 1) In HAWAII the House Committee on Agriculture and Food Systems deferred consideration on House Bill 1594, a proposal that would have mandated the sterilization of dogs being imported into the state. If a House Bill is deferred, it means that the committee has chosen not to move forward with it at that time. The bill may be rescheduled for consideration later but is not dead unless explicitly stated. 2) The House companion to FLORIDA Senate Bill 1356, House Bill 1521, is now scheduled to be heard by subcommittee on Feb 5. This bill would require dog breeders to register with the state and establish new operational regulations that are vague and allows for anti-breeder organizations to manage a bounty program on breeders based on unsubstantiated complaints. AKC felt this was more reasonable than some extreme breeder bills but remains problematic. 3) Senate Bill 707 in VIRGINIA banning "debarking" was approved and assigned to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and could be heard as early as Feb 5. 4) PHILADELPHIA City Council will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, Feb 12, and likely to vote on a proposal imposing a 3-year moratorium on dog breeding and on the sale and transfer of puppies under 7 months of age in Philadelphia. 5) Discussed the importance of reading and understanding petitions before signing and cited the example of Oregon where there is a push for a November ballot issue that will criminalize husbandry practices, criminalize artificial insemination of animals, and many other common veterinary procedures used in farming, ranching and breeding. 6) The CDC import rules are still in place and unlikely to change, regarding puppy importing. 7) Covered CDC rules regarding traveling when crossing borders of the United States, and that you can go online and complete a certificate for free, for each pet, that is good for 6 months at a particular entry point.

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/dog-import-form-instructions.html>

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12th, 2026

President: No Report

Vice President: No Report

Secretary: Reviewed email that was sent from a club member about kennel cough concerns. Put together a message to be posted on Facebook. Deb Krsnich confirmed she will be traveling to Slovakia for the FCI IGP-FH World Championship April 7-12, 2026. The board decided that the club portion of the 50/50 raffle at the March & April member meetings will be donated to Deb to help with some travel expenses of transporting her German Shepherd Birdie. Additional board members to be added to the club Facebook page to do additional posts. Floor Rental Cancellation was reviewed Requested to write a letter asking local businesses for dog/cat food donations for helping paws pet pantry.

Treasurer Report: Proposing that we increase the amount the club donates per year with a portion going to different areas of the Menasha Community so that we are active in the community. Going to investigate other Menasha outreach programs. Went over things that are in the 2026 Budget and discussed pieces that may not be needed any longer. Went over adjustments to the budget from previous years amounts. Discussed other options for investing. Proposed doing a specialty CD that would have more interest earned. Approved to move money into a specialty CD for 8 months. Motion made by Barb with second by Marianne - Motion Approved

Membership:

2nd Meeting Attendance:

- Jennifer Altmann – Golden Doodle
- Joanne Cascio – German Shepherd
- Bill Heiges – Golden Retriever
- Vicki Vogel – Boxer
- Wicklund, Trisha & McKenna - German Shepherd & Golden Retriever

1st Meeting Attendance:

- Jordaine All – Golden Retriever
- Jenn Cluckey – Brittany
- Sara Flater – Goldendoodle
- Mary Hayes & Mary Cloyes – Standard Poodles
- Dawn Linski – English Springer Spaniel
- Kelly Zoran – Australian Cattle Dog

Motion to approve new members by Jackie with Second by Marianne New Members
Approved

Old Business: Reviewed two pieces of the website and what information should be available. Limiting the amount of personal contact information and make a note to use Membership Directory for further contact information.

New Business: Mike Hansen would like to hold 5 ACT trials per calendar year. Looking to have 2 more trials in 2026 as the previous trial was a large success. Motion made by Barb with second by Jackie - Motion Approved
Approved getting building access to a member. Kayla F proposed to the board to spend an annual amount of \$110 to get signup.com for building floor rentals and other opportunities and move away from wejoin. Signup will bring email notifications to admin for rentals and cancellations, customizing email confirmations, reminders of rentals to members, and much more. Motion made by Jackie with second by Barb - Motion Approved
Implementation of SignUp will take place April 1 - this will allow time to inform membership of the change as well as go over the change of rental process with membership.
Discussed options for Volunteer process sign-ups. Pass around the clipboards during the meeting and have a clipboard on a common table. Additionally mentioned that SignUp could be utilized to have volunteer opportunities
Kayla B is going to work to present the training instructor and assistant perks.

Board meeting for March will be March 12 at 6:30.

Motion to adjourn by Jackie with a second by Kayla F meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

NOTICE

Margie and the Board Members will never email asking for money or gift cards. If you receive an email like this it is spam. Never click any links or respond.

Membership First Meeting

All, Jordaine
Golden Retriever

Cluckey, Jenn
Brittany

Flater, Sara
Goldendoodle

Hayes, Mary & Mary Cloyes
Standard Poodles

Linski, Dawn
English Springer Spaniel

Zoran, Kelly
Australian Cattle Dog

Membership Second Meeting

Altmann, Jennifer
Goldendoodle

Cascio, Joanne
German Shepherd

Heiges, Bill
Golden Retriever

Vogel, Vicki
Boxer

Wicklund, Trisha & McKenna
German Shepherd & Golden
Retriever

Member Meeting Minutes Continued:

Agility Trial: Susan Hayes – Novice Only trial on Feb 28 & March 1 need volunteers in the kitchen from about 9:00am to 1:00pm. Really needs the volunteers for March 1. Need donations for the raffle basket – always have a basket for the workers of the event and an NQ basket for any dogs that didn't qualify. Look for small items – please label for the event and leave them in the office.

Membership: Barb Hoffman –

2nd Meeting Attendance:

Jennifer Altmann – Golden Doodle

Joanne Cascio – German Shepherd

Bill Heiges – Golden Retriever

Vicki Vogel – Boxer

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Kelly Zoran – Australian Cattle Dog

First Aid: Len Hoehne – CPR Class will be \$35 for WDC Members \$40 for non-members this cost does include a K-9 First-Aid book. Cover dog CPR, rescue breathing, hyperthermia, hypothermia, bleeding, and more. Class is Saturday March 28, from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

New Business: A member asked about doing volunteers via the website or looking into doing volunteer signs up on the website.

Cry and Brag took place

50/50 Raffle

Motion to Adjourn: Len 2nd Amy Meeting adjourned

Speaker for March Meeting – will be A Journey Together Service Dog.

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www.winnegamieDogClub.com

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Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Testing

The Canine Good Citizen testing will be held on April 11, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm at the dog club. Trick testing will be held at the same time.

We still need volunteers for this, so please let me know if you are available. You can volunteer and test your dog that same day too. No skills required, we will train you - it's very easy.

Contact Shari Lloyd(skl555@gmail.com) with any questions.

Please Bring Donations to the March Meeting

During the March member meeting we will still be collecting dog and cat food donations for the Helping Paws Pet Pantry. Here are items she mentioned would be helpful.

- Purina Dog Chow
 - Purina Puppy Chow
 - Purina Cat Chow
 - Purina Kitten Chow
 - Purina brand cat and dog treats
 - Milk Bones
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March Guest Speaker - Journey Together Service Dog - March 5, 2026

Training service dogs is both challenging and deeply meaningful — and guiding incarcerated individuals to train those dogs adds a unique layer of purpose. For 13 years, Journey Together Service Dog has partnered with Oshkosh Correctional Institution to raise and train service dogs within the prison. This session offers an inside look at how the program works and follows a puppy’s path from early training to placement with someone in need.

Carol Sturm



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

NOTICE

For the March & April 50/50 raffles, the club portion will be donated to Deb Krsnich to help with expenses of transporting her German Shepherd Dog Birdie to the FCI IGP-FH World Championship being held in Slovakia on April 7-12, 2026. She is competing with 8-year-old German Shepherd Dog named Wa'kohSesko' von Lindesfarne. Her name means "peacock" in the Oneida language, so her call name is Birdie

FEBRUARY 2026 RALLY TRIAL

Congratulations to teams who entered and showed in the Winnegamie Dog Club rally trials February 13 & 14.

The trial filled quickly with a waiting list for all classes.

Thanks to:

Mary and Damian Burke who served respectively as Chairperson and Secretary.

The judges Anna Lorenz and Cathy Jo Converse, who both set up fun and challenging courses. They were great to work with.

Any trial needs the help of all the volunteers that we have at Winnegamie Dog Club, including the building committee members who made sure the building was ready and set up, stewards, kitchen crew, bakers of the dog and people treats, and clean-up crew.

Thank you all!!

Interested in learning more about Canine Rally? Check out <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-resource-center> or check out Rally classes at the Winnegamie Dog Club web site.

Trial Chair – Mary Burke

Secretary – Damian Burke

Volunteer Coordinator – Anne Haberkorn

Submitted by Jackie Kobierecki, Rally Chair





Winnegamie Dog Club is holding a pet food drive. The purpose of this community is to provide pet food to families who may not be able to provide food for their pets. This drive will help keep dogs/pets at home with their family. We will be collecting food/treats thru the month of March. Food donations can be brought to the WDC building.

Any questions? ask any board member:

Margie Holman	920-851-8023
Marianne Laird	414-303-1195
Kayla Fink	920-202-2028
Gabby Finnegan	920-415-8458
Barb Hoffman	920-851-3350
Kayla Baudhuin	920-410—5075
Jackie Kobierecki	920-428-2864

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:

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 Dequaine at crystals214@yahoo.com.



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 28, 2026 8:00 am until 12:00 pm

Winnegamie Dog Club
2043 Manitowoc Road
Menasha, WI 54952

COST: \$45.00

Registration deadline is **March 26, 2026**

Cost includes class and K-9 Medic book

FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

No dogs allowed in class—please leave your dogs at home

Sign up today; class size is limited!

Sign up on-line at winnegamiedogclub.com or mail form as shown below

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

Len Hoehne at: lhoehne@new.rr.com OR Text to (920) 427-0057

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 26, 2026 FEE IS 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 11, 2026
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*

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/>



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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