



# WAGS *and* TALES

May 2020



**Working from home**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 05/07 Monthly Membership Meeting CANCELED
- 05/08 Agility Run-throughs – CANCELED
- 05/25 N-M Memorial Day Parade CANCELED
- 06/04 Monthly Membership Meeting
- 06/06 NACSW Odor Recognition Test – CANCELED
- 06/27 Canine Good Citizen Testing
- 06/27 Trick Dog Testing

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### June News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **May 15** to

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

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES - March 19th, 2020

**Since there was no membership meeting in April, we are instead publishing the minutes from the March board meeting (which would normally have been read at the membership meeting).**

### **Winnegamie Dog Club Board Meeting March 19, 2020**

Meeting called to order.

**In attendance:** Christina, Jackie, Gayle, Marie, Louise, Linda, and Margie

**Secretary's Report:** Linda assured the board that the club voice mail is checked at least twice a week. Shared thank you from Tracy Rymer for donation. Shared CDC's approved cleaning products that will kill virus. List does not state what is safe for dogs. MSDs will have to be looked at to see what is pet safe.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie handed out the financial report for February. Novice agility made over \$1700. Len's Canine CPR class is full and another class will be done in June. There was a flyer developed and used for advertising on Facebook and we had a good response. We are about out of pens so another 500 will be ordered and we will look into adding the club Facebook site and check on a new look.

**President's Report:** Club continues to be closed with Corona virus pandemic. Ending for this lockdown is unknown at this time. Yellow ribbon policy discussed and paper explaining that policy was shared. It will be posted and gone over at the beginning of each class session. Non-active trainers were removed from the Facebook Trainers group. Christina is still investigating cleaning products and how to use.

**Membership Report:** Louise had a list of six new members, motion made and approved to approve membership. Those names are Emily Hines, Helen Thompson, Michelle Wright, Lindsey Newhauser, Christopher Kuechler, Debi and Tom Rohloff, Michelle and Paul Weller.

### **Other Reports:**

Linda Milliren: Will check with Stone Toad before we make a reservation for the Appreciation Dinner next February to check on deposit and salad menu change.

Jackie Kobierecki: Updated board on Nosework. Odor Recognition Test (ORT) is on website for June 6.

Christina Rappel: International Dog Show contacted, but has not responded. Will be cancelling. Voting will still be done here. Stan will follow about cleaning after voting. A You Tube Channel is being started by Directors of Training in an effort to supplement our regular training program now on hold with the virus lockdown. Kayla and Shannon will be added as Facebook administrators so that we are not dependent on one person and they are the ones who would have the most information to post. April Membership meeting is cancelled. Kim will send notice to the membership that the meeting is cancelled.

Louise Torkelson: Still need a temporary chair for fun match this fall. Pre-work will be done by Margie and Louise.

Temporary chair will really just have to work the day of event.  
Gayle Kukulka: Working on getting coats for the regular trainers.

Marie Murphy: CGC will be cancelled in April and rescheduled. Jolene will notify AKC and reschedule. Agility Novice trial went well. Seminar on agility coming up. Seminar is already full, but may be audited. More information on WDC web site. Lynn Busse is rescheduling her seminar.

The Late Spring training session will be cancelled. When we pick up classes, they will start on 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the session that was interrupted. If any people want a refund, they need to ask.

### **Old Business:**

Marie Murphy: Camera placement review was done and estimate was given. Our key program is outdated. There is a mini PC appliance available. The estimate for both the additional cameras and the mini PC appliance is \$1289.80. New data base for key list will be needed. Wireless keyboard and mouse also needed. Cost about \$25. Motion made and passed to purchase additional cameras and updated key system. We gave money to Pawburner. Event was cancelled and rescheduled. Money will be left with them for the rescheduled event.

### **New Business:**

**Christina:** Discussed adding a better liability waiver notice to our membership form and class registration forms. Christina will follow with attorney to get correct language to achieve that goal. Motion made and approved. Christina also brought up the need for timely and accurate incident reports to all injuries, bites or other serious incidents and that is usually the responsibility of the class instructor. Photos will be taken of all injuries or other evidence collected or photographed. Trainers to be reminded by Directors of Training. Insurance policy recently reviewed and it appears to be a very generic policy. Christina will look into something more specific to a dog club.

Christina wants us all to download ZOOM for meetings when we are unable to come to meetings. Training for using this APP will be coming.

Motion made to end meeting and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Milliren, Secretary

## Message from the WDC Board of Directors

### Important announcements!

Effective immediately, the Winnegamie Dog Club dog exercise yard is closed. The board of directors has been closely monitoring the ever-changing conditions related to our state's Safer At Home order and the Badger Bounce Back Plan. On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, Menasha Health Department advised that Winnegamie Dog Club temporarily close the exercise yard, in addition to our already having suspended building use. (Please see attached letter from the city of Menasha Health Department.)

The May membership meeting is canceled. The board of directors had hoped to hold the May membership meeting via Zoom video conferencing; however, there is great concern that this format would exclude members that do not have the equipment, technology, or interest in using this format. We apologize for any confusion.

The Winnegamie Dog Club Board Of Directors understands and shares the disappointment in the temporarily suspended use of our great club. While these circumstances are uncharted territory for all of us, and are beyond our control, we will continue to do our very best to maintain the integrity and health of our club. Should you have any concerns regarding club operations, please email the WDC Board of Directors. For concerns regarding the Menasha Health Department's letter and advisement, please contact Environmental Health Sanitarian, Todd Drews.

Please, take care and stay safe! We look forward to everyone joining together again in the future!

Sincerely,  
The Winnegamie Dog Club Board Of Directors



April 21, 2020

Ms. Christina Rappel  
Winnegamie Dog Club  
2043 Maniwoc Road  
Menasha, WI 54952

Re: Individuals setting up dog exercise features at your location.

Dear Ms. Rappel,

I have reviewed Governor Evers Order #28. I would interpret the use of Winnegamie Dog Club equipment and use of the Winnegamie Dog Club property as a sponsored organized activity by Winnegamie Dog Club. This type of activity related to pets is not considered essential based on language in the order. The only essential activities related to pets includes only essential veterinary care, boarding and food sales. Travel restrictions would also not cover this type of activity as being essential.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions regarding this information. I have attached Governor Evers order 28 "Safer at Home" as well as the FAQ document related to that order.

Sincerely,

Todd Drew, RS  
Environmental Health Sanitarian  
City of Menasha Health Department

Governor Evers Order #28 "Safer at Home"  
<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO28-SaferAtHome.pdf>

Order #28 FAQ sheet  
[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/16/file\\_attachments/1428997/2020-04-16%20Safer%20at%20Home%20extension%20FAQ.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/04/16/file_attachments/1428997/2020-04-16%20Safer%20at%20Home%20extension%20FAQ.pdf)

**Membership Applicants:**

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 Appleton, 54915  
 920-246-4486  
 Husky  
[Brendalynn0214@hotmail.com](mailto:Brendalynn0214@hotmail.com)

Karth Hope & Abigail (H)  
 16 Robincrest Ct  
 Appleton, 54915  
 920-475-9076  
 Aussie, Mixed Breed  
[Karth@ameritech.net](mailto:Karth@ameritech.net)

**Help Needed for the Fun Match October 3rd**

Louise and Margie will be out of town for the Fun Match October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will do all of the preshow prep, but need a volunteer to run the event.

Please contact Louise or Margie for more information at  
[latrst@hotmail.com](mailto:latrst@hotmail.com) (Louise) or  
[muttsgo@gmail.com](mailto:muttsgo@gmail.com) (Margie)

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 Appleton, WI 54912

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[www.winnegamieDogClub.com](http://www.winnegamieDogClub.com)

**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/WinnegamieDogClub](http://www.facebook.com/WinnegamieDogClub)

**Training Center**

2043 Manitowoc Road  
 Menasha, WI 54952

***The WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB***

*Is an all-breed dog club affiliated with the American Kennel Club (AKC). Established in 1958, the WDC exists for the purpose of advancing the cause and welfare of dogs, both the purebred and the mixed-breed variety.*

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## CLASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Spring and Late Spring sessions have been canceled.

People who were enrolled in the Spring session will receive a voucher (good for 18 months) to use when classes resume.

Please check the WDC Facebook page for training tips and videos: <https://www.facebook.com/WinnegamieDogClub>

## PREPARING OUR DOGS FOR LIFE IN TIMES OF A PANDEMIC

Now that the CDC is recommending that everyone wear a cloth mask in public, it's more important than ever to familiarize your dogs with the idea of a human wearing a mask. Five minutes now could make a difference later. Bethany Reilly suggested the following method to desensitize your dog.



Okay, so this is not a fun thought, but given the times, it might be sensible to accustom your dogs to the sight of people wearing masks. Dogs can react oddly to people wearing strange hats, men with facial hair, etc. One way or another, your dog may encounter someone wearing a mask in the upcoming months, and it would be better for everyone if your dog doesn't unexpectedly freak out. I'd suggest making some sort of mask or pseudo mask with household objects...a bandanna, scarf, something like that, and play with your dog as you normally would. Mine was tentative at first but adjusted very quickly. Just a few times might make a difference later on. And hey, if the need never arises, no harm done. Just a few minutes of being goofy with your doggo. Stay safe and wash your hands!

## Notice from the Directors of Training

Given the extension of the Safer at Home Order until May 26th, 2020, the Winnegamie Dog Club has decided to officially cancel the Spring Session that was in progress prior to the initial order. We will resume classes and activities based on the recommendations of the local, state, and national health organizations going forward.

Those enrolled in the Spring Session will receive an email notification of this change, and those who paid a class fee will receive a voucher for a future class of choice once we are able to resume group training at the club.

While the lack of classes has been disappointing for students, please know that your instructors and the Directors of Training share in that feeling and are committed to helping in any way we can. In an effort to allow you to continue to work with your dogs despite not being able to physically attend classes, we have created our "QuaranTraining" Series! This is a series of videos covering different training topics and games. Each video is "released" one at a time to give you the opportunity to practice. Many of the topics are taught in progressive segments, so be sure to catch them all! The videos can be accessed through the links on our Facebook posts, so if you haven't already, I encourage you to "Like" and follow Winnegamie Dog Club on Facebook so that you don't miss out on the fun! If you do not utilize Facebook and would like to receive the links to the videos via email, please reach out to [wdc-dot@googlegroups.com](mailto:wdc-dot@googlegroups.com) to be added to the email list.

Please note that the videos at the dog club were recorded prior to the Safer at Home order being put in place. Additionally, while one particular training technique may not work for every dog, our videos contain techniques that we find to be effective for most dogs.

Pro Tip! As more people are wearing face masks while out and about, we recommend that you begin to accustom your dog to being comfortable seeing people with masks on. While it may seem silly to us, a face mask, just like a large hat, facial hair, or umbrella, can create a frightened or nervous response in dogs. Wear a mask yourself at home for short periods of time and reward your dog with treats or playtime to begin to develop a positive association with the sight of a face mask. With continued exposure, your dog will become more comfortable seeing humans with these strange things on our faces!

Please reach out with questions. We are still here to help in whatever way we can during this difficult and unprecedented time. We appreciate you very much!

Kayla Baudhuin and Shannon Tischer

WDC Directors of Training

[wdc-dot@googlegroups.com](mailto:wdc-dot@googlegroups.com)







# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Barb Hoffman  
920-851-3350  
[blhoffwi@gmail.com](mailto:blhoffwi@gmail.com)

### Meeting Snacks

Earn one hour by attending monthly meetings and bringing a snack (limited to 4 hours per year).

Dates: First Thursday of the month (Except December)

Contact Mary Anne Herwig  
[missmalh59@gmail.com](mailto:missmalh59@gmail.com) 920-841-4653.

## 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, email:

[wdc-dot@googlegroups.com](mailto:wdc-dot@googlegroups.com)

## CLEANING

Most Friday's beginning at 8:00 a.m. Help is needed to clean the building. Contact Stan to confirm dates/times at 920-722-8536.

## NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

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920-470-6634

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 Pam Siebert (contact Pam to schedule an evaluation)

## **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 [pulihouse@new.rr.com](mailto:pulihouse@new.rr.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 Julie Schuh at [pulihouse@new.rr.com](mailto:pulihouse@new.rr.com).

# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

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

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

**9:00 AM – Noon**

**Entry Fee: \$10.00**

**(To be paid on day of test – no pre-entry)**

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.

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

**UPDATE: As of November 2010, use of harnesses is allowed during testing. Loose leash rules still apply.**

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  
[http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)







**AKC TRICK DOG TESTING WILL BE OFFERED AT  
WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB (back room)  
on SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
Testing fee: \$10 per dog**

#### **TRICK DOG TITLE INFO**

- AKC Trick Dog titles are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record.
- The processing fee for each title is \$25. Multiple titles for the same dog can be sent in together, each one will be processed in succession after each previous title has been added and printed.
- Dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number to earn a title.
- All dogs can get a number, including purebreds and mixed breeds.

#### **5 TRICK DOG TITLES**

##### **Novice Trick Dog (TKN)**

The dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title.

##### **Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI)**

The dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks.

##### **Advanced Trick Dog (TKA)**

The dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 10 tricks from the Advanced list.

##### **Trick Dog Performer (TKP)**

In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks previously learned.

##### **Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE)**

Testing of this truly elite trick dog level requires the dog to perform 10 tricks with at least 5 props and there must be a story.

**For a complete list of tricks for each level, go to the AKC website:**

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

## **WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB RULES FOR YARD USAGE**

- ♥ One of the benefits of club membership is the use of the yard to run your dogs. Therefore, you must be an APPROVED CLUB MEMBER to enjoy it.
  
- ♥ To identify you to other club members, you MUST have a yard pass hanging from your vehicle's rear view mirror. This can be obtained from WDC's Yard Pass Chairperson after you are an approved member. If you walk or bicycle to the club, carry the yard pass with you. Club members who see a vehicle without a yard pass are instructed to call the Menasha Police Department.
  
- ♥ Picking up after your dog(s) is VERY IMPORTANT. As you're doing so, don't hesitate to pick up any that is missed by someone else. Most likely you like how clean the yard is, and it can only be kept that way through a joint effort from all of us.
  
- ♥ If someone else is using the yard when you arrive, be sure to ASK PERMISSION to bring your dog(s) in. Not every dog wants playmates.
  
- ♥ If you are using the yard and choose to let your dog(s) play without new playmates, please be aware there is a 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT from the time the next person arrives. If no one is waiting, feel free to use the yard as long as you like.
  
- ♥ For the safety of the dogs and people, please do not use LONG LINES on dogs and refrain from using PRONG COLLARS when dogs are playing with each other.
  
- ♥ If the training center is rented out for a day or weekend, the yard will be closed, since BUILDING RENTAL also INCLUDES the exclusive use of the YARD. Dates will be posted before the event in the newsletter and/or on the bulletin board by the yard.
  
- ♥ Occasionally the yard is SATURATED WITH WATER, and dogs running and playing will tear up the lawn and could become hurt. During these times (usually in the spring), the yard will be closed. It will be posted on the bulletin board near the entrance and on the website.
  
- ♥ By adhering to these rules, we can all be assured that the yard will continue to be a place where we can enjoy some active time with our best friends.



## WDC YARD PERMITS

- A current Yard Permit is required to use the club's front and back fenced yards. The permits change yearly.
- **ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE NEW PERMITS BY MAY 1.**
- Please discard your old permit and place the new one in the clear plastic pocket hanger. Hang it from your rearview mirror while using the yard. If you bike or walk to the club, carry the permit with you.
- **Please keep the pocket hanger for future use.**
- **Household** Memberships may have **two FREE** permits. **Single** memberships may have **one FREE permit**. Extra permits are \$1 each, and extra plastic hangers are \$2 each. If your permit is damaged or stolen, replacement permits can be obtained for a \$3 fee (\$1 for permit and \$2 for hanger).
- If you get a new license plate number, you will need to get a new permit.
- We need your help – please help enforce the yard-use policy! Look at the yard users' cars to make sure a current yard permit is displayed. If someone using the yard doesn't have a permit, please courteously ask them 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 a WDC member. If someone is abusing the posted rules, give the license plate number and complaint to any board member or Linda Allen.
- Feedback/concerns/suggestions ... contact Linda Allen or any board member.
- To obtain a yard permit, **complete the application below** and bring with you to the membership meeting, where Linda or Michael Allen will be on hand to distribute permits, or mail the completed application **with a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope** to Linda at the address on the form.

*Please review and adhere to the yard rules posted on the WDC website*

### YARD PERMIT APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:     Household (2 FREE yard permits; hangers included with new application only)  
                                   Single (1 FREE parking permit; hanger included with new application only)

Number of Yard Permits Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1 for each permit; \$2 for each hanger – include check or money order payable to WDC):

Number of Extra Yard Permits Needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Extra Plastic Hangers Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bring completed application to a monthly membership meeting or mail **with a stamped, self-addressed #10 (business-sized) envelope** to:

Linda Allen  
1730 North Outagamie Street  
Appleton, WI 54914  
**Questions:** Contact Linda at 920-731-4202



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