



WAGS *and* TALES

June 2020



How to Wear a Mask

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 06/04 Monthly Membership Meeting
- 06/06 NACSW Odor Recognition Test rescheduled to 8/29
- 06/27 Canine Good Citizen Testing
- 06/27 Trick Dog Testing
- 07/02 Monthly Membership Meeting

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June News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **June 15** to

WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 16th, 2020

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

Winnegamie Dog Club Board Meeting April 16th, 2020

Present: Christina Rappel, Marge Hohman, Linda Milliren, Marie Murphy, Louise Torkelson, Gayle Kukulka, Jackie Kobierecki. Shannon Tischer and Kayla Baudhuin joined for a training update.

President: Christina opened and led meeting.

Secretary Report: The usual mail only this month.

Treasurer Report: Previous to meeting, Marie had sent out the monthly statement. Money is down for March because of closing the club for COVID restrictions. Sheltie and Golden clubs that had events cancelled due to COVID were refunded. Marie warned that April and May will show less money coming in.

Membership: Louise Torkelson reported that despite being closed, we have two prospective members. They will be allowed to use the yard initially while we are closed but will have to attend two meetings once we are up and running.

Committees:

Christina: Barb Hoffman sent in current info on Committees. The Committees are being reviewed to update for current club needs. The show committee is making progress. Brittany Kettleon Cornelius left show committee. If she changes her mind, she will be welcomed back. The latest from AKC is that a recommendation has been made for all to be cancelled through October but not official as of this meeting. There are a few items on calendar for June. ORT (Odor Recognition Test) lacking registrations, 4 or 5 only at the moment. No fun match in October. ORT will reschedule for probably August.

Stan reports that voting went well. We were covering two polling stations so had a bigger crowd.

Badgerland Cavalier Club cancelled their obedience/rally trial. They are having problems getting volunteers to help with set up, etc. So for now not planning on that trial in the future. They have 6 large rosette ribbons they are willing to give us. Jolene will be contacted to see if we should take them up on their offer.

Current class members have had only two looking for refund. When we resume new session limit classes to eight and all wear masks until Covid 19 resolves. Motion made to offer vouchers or refunds. Motion 2nded and passed. Announcement will also be placed in newsletter. Voucher will be good until September 21st of 2021.

Training videos being done by Directors of Training are wonderful. Can be found on YouTube, website, and Facebook.

Recommendation made to up the price of classes. Will review later.

Discussed start up process. Tricks title process discussed.

Shannon and Kayla joined the meeting. They report they will be doing more meetings and that they have checked on most of the other area training places and have not seen anyone else doing this. Facebook live events discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Milliren: The Stone Toad is charging a room fee and deposit now. That is \$500.00 with \$250.00 of that credited to the to the final bill. Because of this increase in cost, Marie asked that I check around for competing prices. I contacted eight places. We were either too large or too small for all but one. That one was \$3.00 more per meal and the appetizers were almost double so everyone agreed we will stay at the Stone Toad. Marie will cut a check and Friday I will take it to the Stone Toad.

Gail Kukulka: Trainers jackets will cost \$675.00 so that will be put off until there is class money coming in again. Decision was made to get only two jackets for Kayla and Shannon now. Gayle will supply order into to Marie and she will order and pay for jackets.

Christina: When we do rent building again to members, everyone must wear masks and limit groups to 10. Equipment must be sanitized. However, at the moment, those products are hard to come by and frequently sold out. Jackie will look at the diluted bleach alternative to make sure it is ok with equipment and dogs. All emails sent out to board must be acknowledged by ALL board members.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion made to end meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Milliren, Secretary

Message from the WDC President and Board of Directors

Dear Winnegamie Dog Club Membership,

We have some exciting, big plans on the horizon! The WDC Board of Directors, our Directors of Training, and our Building and Grounds Committee are all working diligently to ensure we can begin to return to in-person enjoyment of the facilities, remaining as safe as possible, and while protecting the integrity of the club.

Successfully transitioning to allow SAFE usage of the building and property is reliant on ALL members and class attendees following the rules. Please watch for updates on the Facebook page, the website, and read the monthly newsletter. This is your responsibility as members, and we cannot stress how important it will be to see an orchestrated compliance, with strong feedback and communication as we progress.

We are going to have growing pains as we continue to adjust and to learn. Our local community, and the larger dog training community, will be watching as we begin to navigate challenges and set the precedent for our new normal.

State, county, and local guidance may no longer be in place regarding the pandemic, but the virus remains.

Liability is also a club concern. It is the Board's hope that all members will make a commitment to be compassionate for their fellow members and the community that we serve, that they will not be made vulnerable due to negligence or selfishness by any other member or club attendee.

Our club membership meeting will take place on June 4th at 7p.m.

- A mask will be required to be worn correctly over nose and mouth for anyone entering the building, at any time. If you do not have one, there will be disposable masks for sale for \$1 each. No mask, no access to the building.
- If you are feeling any potential symptoms, even if you are almost certain they are allergies, STAY HOME! If you appear even lightly symptomatic, you will be asked to leave.
- Volunteer hours can be earned by arriving at 5:30 p.m. to assist in setup and by staying after for takedown and disinfection.
- Please enter through the front door and exit through the side door.
- No food or drink allowed.
- Please use proper social distancing at all times, including in the parking lot. Please do not linger.
- Nothing will be passed around, so no amplification will be passed between the membership.
- No cry and brag.
- No raffle.
- Volunteer sign ups must be done at tables with the committee chair handling the clipboards, and the volunteer verbally sharing contact information.
- To keep the meeting informative but brief, committees are encouraged to present only if they have updated information to share.

Message from the WDC President and Board of Directors continued

Building rental/reservations will be available to members only beginning Monday, June 8, 2020!

- Rental times will be one early day rental between 8 a.m. and noon, and one late day rental between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. for each room.
- Before you can rent or reserve the building, you will be required to sign a COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Disinfection Agreement, and give it to Louise Torkelson. These will become available in the coming days.
- Louise will then let Stan know that you may pick up a key. Your borrowed key will be required to be returned to the drop box as you leave your reserved time.
- No more than two members to a reservation. No observers. This means two members can use a room, no extra people for the time being.
- If you are feeling any potential symptoms, even if you are almost certain they are allergies, STAY HOME.
- Social distancing must be maintained.
- Masks must be properly worn at all times (even if alone.)
- You must wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds immediately upon entering the building.
- New sanitation and disinfection rules are on the horizon and will be published on or before the beginning reservation/rental date. If you rent or reserve the space, you will be required to follow these rules as you finish up your time. This will include you being responsible for disinfecting any equipment you use.

Yard Usage Rules to Change Monday, June 8, 2020!

- Multiple members of a single-family household unit, and/or multiple club members may utilize the yard at the same time if they wish; however, social distancing must be observed, and masks used by all if you are not from the same household. No extra guests allowed. We continue to see club members via the cameras not respecting the safety parameters set. Please be observant of the rules.
- To prevent gatherings of vehicles or people on the property, please limit your visit to no more than 15 minutes, even if no one else is waiting in the parking lot to use the yard.
- By using the Winnegamie Dog Club yard, you are agreeing that Winnegamie Dog Club assumes no liability in the event of any injury or illness as a result of your usage of the yard or the tables and benches within.

Saturday, June 27, 2020 Canine Good Citizen and Tricks Testing is still on the calendar!

- As with all other events, masks will be required to be worn, and WDC will be taking great care to follow AKC's recommended safer practices, along with the safer practices guidance provided by WEDC and the CDC.

Message from the WDC President and Board of Directors continued

- We will need volunteers to make this event run smoothly, as there will be extra needs with maintaining social distancing and with disinfection practices. Please contact Jolene Johnson if you would like to volunteer.

Limited trial run of basic classes to start the week of Monday, July 6, 2020!

- During these difficult past few months many people have chosen to nurture joy in the form of a new puppy or dog! We have had a record number of requests for beginner level classes. We are hopeful to begin a limited, trial run of basic skills classes at that time. This will give us the opportunity to firm up our safety practices, while working towards reestablishment of our club's training schedule.
- Yard usage rules are likely to evolve at that time, as some instructors may take their classes outside in nice weather.
- If you are interested in teaching or being a class helper, you can stay up to date in the Winnegamie Trainers Group on Facebook.
- More information to follow!

Additional safety measures are currently in the works:

- Establishing "Entrance Only" and "Exit Only" doors to both the front and back rooms, and expanding entrance areas.
- Pursuing possible HVAC updates compliant with WEDC's recommend safer practices guidelines.
- All carpets are being removed from the building.
- Installing automated sanitizer stations at both entrances.
- Acquiring fast acting, pet safe, EPA-approved disinfectants for virucidal cleaning between each building use.
- Establishing a return training schedule which allows for recommended social distancing and proper disinfection, while still being enriching.
- Limiting the amount of people in the space at one time.
- Acquiring appropriate PPE for trainers.

We recognized that this is a lot of change, but we also know that we as a club have an incredibly strong membership. We know that we can creatively modify, allowing for the return of our hobbies and sports while being safe and protecting those that are vulnerable. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Christina M. Rappel
WDC President
&
The Winnegamie Dog Club Board of Directors

Help Needed for the Fun Match October 3rd

Louise and Margie will be out of town for the Fun Match October 3rd. 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 (Louise) or muttsgo@gmail.com (Margie)

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>

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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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Barb Hoffman
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Meeting Snacks

No food or drink will be served during meetings until further notice

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

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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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
- 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.

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*





**AKC TRICK DOG TESTING WILL BE OFFERED AT
WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB (back room)
on SATURDAY, JUNE 27th 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/>



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