



MAY

2024

OPEN MEETING
APRIL 17TH

The Barking *Times*

FORT WAYNE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & OPEN MEETING

We would like to welcome all the new members to FWOTC. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the board members, listed here on the front page. Our Executive Board meeting will be April 14, if you have anything you want be heard at that meeting please contact me or any Board Member. My email is crazyshelties3@gmail.com and my number is 260-602-0955.

We have several events coming up soon and hopefully you are able to come out and enjoy. We would never be able to have the events without your help, it is always greatly appreciated. For those beginning in a venue it is also a great way to learn how the trials are conducted. As always, you can earn PAWS Points too. Contact information is listed with each:

The VST Tracking Test will be held April 21. Track plotting will be on Saturday, April 20. If you're interested in helping, please contact Marlene Hill at hmhill@msn.com. Also on April 20-21 is the UKC Nosework Trial at the Whitley County Fairgrounds. If you are able to help, contact Patrice Reider at Brindie3@msn.com

The Obedience Trial is on May3-5. It will be held in our building and the 4H building next door. There are no classes April 29-May 2 due to setting up for the trial. As we get closer we will be sending out set up info. If you are able to help, please contact Patrice Reider at Brindie3@msn.com

The following week we are hosting an agility trial on May 10-12 at Adventureretails. It'll be a fun weekend and I hope you can make it. There will be more info on this following as we get closer to the event.

Finally I would like to remind everyone to slow down as you drive into the Fairgrounds, as the weather gets nicer (I hope) there will be more dogs and people walking around. Also please pick up after your dog both inside the building and outside. Keeping the area clean makes for a better area for our club members

Thanks
Steve

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NEW MEMBERS

Ginger Ridgeway – GSD

Wendy Walmsley – Micro Goldendoodle

Sarah Farrarini – Aussie

Sandy Schaper – Goldendoodle

Kennedy Saggars – Std Poodle

Anne Osantowski – Eng. Setter

Ann Petro – Vizsla

Rebecca Tilma – Goldendoodle



CONCERNS, ISSUES, PROBLEMS

When it comes to resolving any problem, concern or issue, it is important that the appropriate persons are notified and involved. Please use the partial list below to help you resolve any issue. If you're not sure who to contact, you may get in touch with any board member and we will do our best to refer you to the correct person. Public Night, Obedience Night, and Agility Night concerns should be brought to the attention of the appropriate D.O.T. The D.O.T. will then work with the club member(s), teachers, board members. It is important that everyone involved be aware, communicating and working for resolution.

PAWS points - Kelly Urick
Barking Times - Cory Dold
Dues - Steve Wheeler
Club Night - Leslie White
Non-Member - Julia Beerman
Agility (AM & PM) - Kathy Dullaghan
May & October Agility Trial - Diane Townsend
July & September Agility Trial - Charles Edwards
Obedience Trial - Patrice Reider
Tracking Coordinator - Marlene Hill



FWOTC Open Meeting
December 13, 2023

Steve opened the banquet with a welcome and a moment of silence to remember those we have lost. He announced that Leslie is in the hospital but will be going home soon.

An acknowledgement was made to Fran, Caroline, Bonnie, Nancy and Mary who set up the banquet tables and decorated.

Following the meal the formal meeting was called to order at 8:16.

The Club presented Steve with a gift - a sweatshirt with his dogs and a card.

Treasurer's Report:

Kelly presented a copy of the budget and provided copies for review. Overall, registrations for trials are down and expenses are up. The club lost \$2,400 over the year for the trials. The classes saw an increase in revenue. The club is still running in positive numbers overall.

The budget is recommending slight increases to the categories based on current expenditures. There was a discussion about how to assign the expense of ribbons. The general consensus was to continue to assign the ribbons to the trials.

Patrice moved to accept the stated budget. JJ seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The current accounts are:

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| Checking | \$41,507.40 |
| Savings | \$35,709.02 |
| CD | \$100,000.00 |

Sunshine

Dee lost Colt.

Julia's granddaughter has been cleared for her scoliosis.

Donations:

Last session - Wells and Whitley

This session - Adams and Blue Line

New members:

See attached

There was a discussion about when the Club would be making decision moving agility trials to Adventuretails. There was interest in creating a special meeting to make this decision.

The final agreement was hold a February 5th special meeting on whether to move the agility trials to the new facility. The meeting will allow for a special vote for the club to reach a decision.

Bonita moved to adjourn the meeting. Tamra seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Chris Broni
Secretary

FWOTC OPEN MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm

Reading of the minutes from the last open meeting dispensed with no objection. Nancy Yeoman requested reading the minutes since they were not posted in the Barking Times she agreed it was fine as long as they are in the next in Barking Times

Treasurers Report – Kelly Kohlmeyer – Checking \$ 46,689.47 Savings \$ 3,710.85 CD \$ 100,846.43 CD has earned money. Nosework, Scentwork and UKC obedience.

1st vice – Patrice Reider – May trial is all set. Judges have been hired for 2025. Thanks Jean Smith for helping with judges.

2nd vice – Kelly Urick - The equipment box is filled. Working on changing the jump for obedience to displaceable and see what others are doing. Kelly would like anyone going to obedience trials to see what they are doing. This will not be required until 2025.

Club member DOT – Leslie White – Great sign up . We need beginner scent people

Agility DOT – Kathy Dullaghan – Last session went very well. Thanks everyone who helps set up in the morning. Some openings still available. We can always use help setting up the equipment in the morning.

Non-Member DOT – Julia Beerman - were pretty full

Corresponding secretary – Katie Sweeney - ditto

President Steve Wheeler - Furnace is being replaced. Pick up after your dogs and slow down driving

Committee Reports –

Obedience- Patrice Reider - Everything is ready for May

Agility July and September - Jane Bowman and Chuck Edwards. We have judges and its looking good

Agility May and October – Diane Townsend - Premium is ready anytime

Scentwork – Lynn Swager -- 2nd Detective trial this weekend is ifull except 1 opening on Saturday and we are doing Day of Show Entries

UKC – Jean Smith - Obedience Trial is next weekend. Entries are coming in. We will be doing Day of show as well and will have food available for \$7

Tracking – Marlene Hill – April 21st if you want to learn please volunteer

Social Media – Tamra Harris – she has been getting everything with premiums to put on the website.

Merchandise – JJ – Everyone got their shirts except one and that has been taken care of. Hopefully order more during the 3rd session. Nancy Yeoman asks if we can order pens again. Julia will order pens.

Fast Cat – Lori Herb – a person that has moved to the area swant help with barn hunt, fast cat, and also has interest in dock diving.

Marketing – Lori Herb – We will have a better turn out in the spring. Not doing the parade this summer

Paws Points – Kelly Urick – they are done except a couple days that need added

Barking Times- Cory Dold – we are going to change the format and will be giving write ups with the classes.

A request to add starting dates was made. Tamra would like to have the classes to put in the Barking Times as well. Leslie will get them to Tamra

Sunshine – Bonita and Ron lost Harley, Donna Funk lost Maggie, Ellie Bogue lost Sunny

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FWOTC OPEN MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Old Business –

Letter of intent has been passed out for the club members to read through - January 21, 2024. As a board we propose moving the July and September 2024 agility trials to Adventureetails. We will revisit the contract with Adventureetails following the 2024 trials. The May and October agility trials will be kept at the Plex. The cost of pulling out of the Plex for the four contracted trials 2024 and 2025 is \$9,740. The Plex contract can be revisited in 2025. We did move the dates out per AKC because it could have been an issue trying to change the location after a premium has been published.

Steve passed out and also read the contract with the Plex to the members of the club. He impressed upon the members to read the cancelation policy.

We opened the meeting to discussion. Several people voiced opinions and asked questions. Kelly Kohlmeyer spoke with a contract lawyer and says it would be small claims court in order to get out of it.

Julia Beerman made a motion we have all 4 trials at Adventureetails. May July September and October in 2024 and 2025. Leslie White second. Kelly, Tamra, Kathy D and Bonita counted the votes. There are only 8 no's so the motion passed.

Carol Michaels made a motion to get a lawyer to get out of the plex contract. Tamra feels we should call the plex first and explain we would like to be on a good relationship with them and hopefully get out of the contract. Steve will be asked to send a follow up letter stating what was discussed. Motion amended three people representing the club to discuss the contract with them and then follow up with a letter. If not agreed upon then consult a lawyers. Motion carried.

Julia moved Jane bowman and Chuck Edwards be trial chairs. Point of Order was called by Kelly Urick due to lack of information. We will readdress this after the May trial.

Cindi Lee addresses Farm Dog 2 concurrent. A one day trial Kelly Urick will be trial secretary.. Oct 12 or 13 or 26 or 27. A decision was made to have the trial October 26, 2024 at Cindi Lees farm.

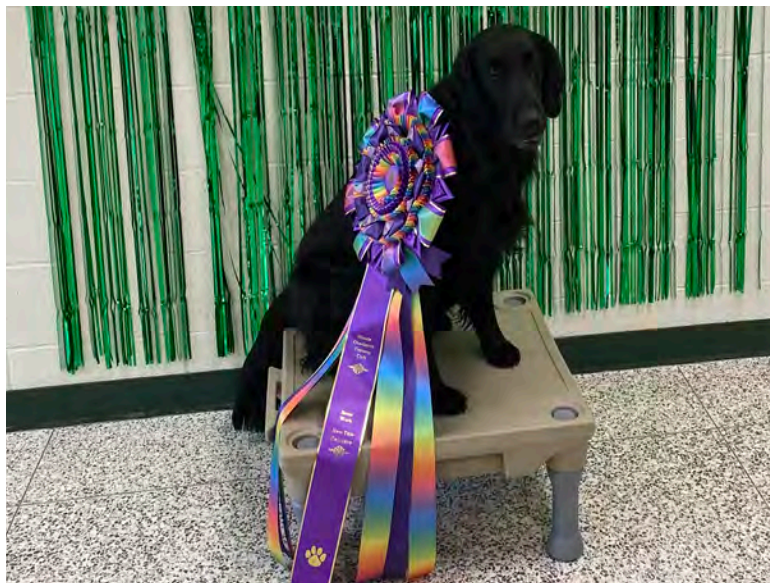
We will donate this session to Defiance and Dekalb counties.

New Members:

Ginger Ridgeway – GSD
Wendy Walmsley – Micro Goldendoodle
Sarah Farrarini – Aussie
Sandy Schaper – Goldendoodle
Kennedy Saggars – Std Poodle
Anne Osantowski – Eng. Setter
Ann Petro – Vizsla
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Meeting adjourned 8:50pm. Julia Beerman 1st Nancy Yeoman 2nd

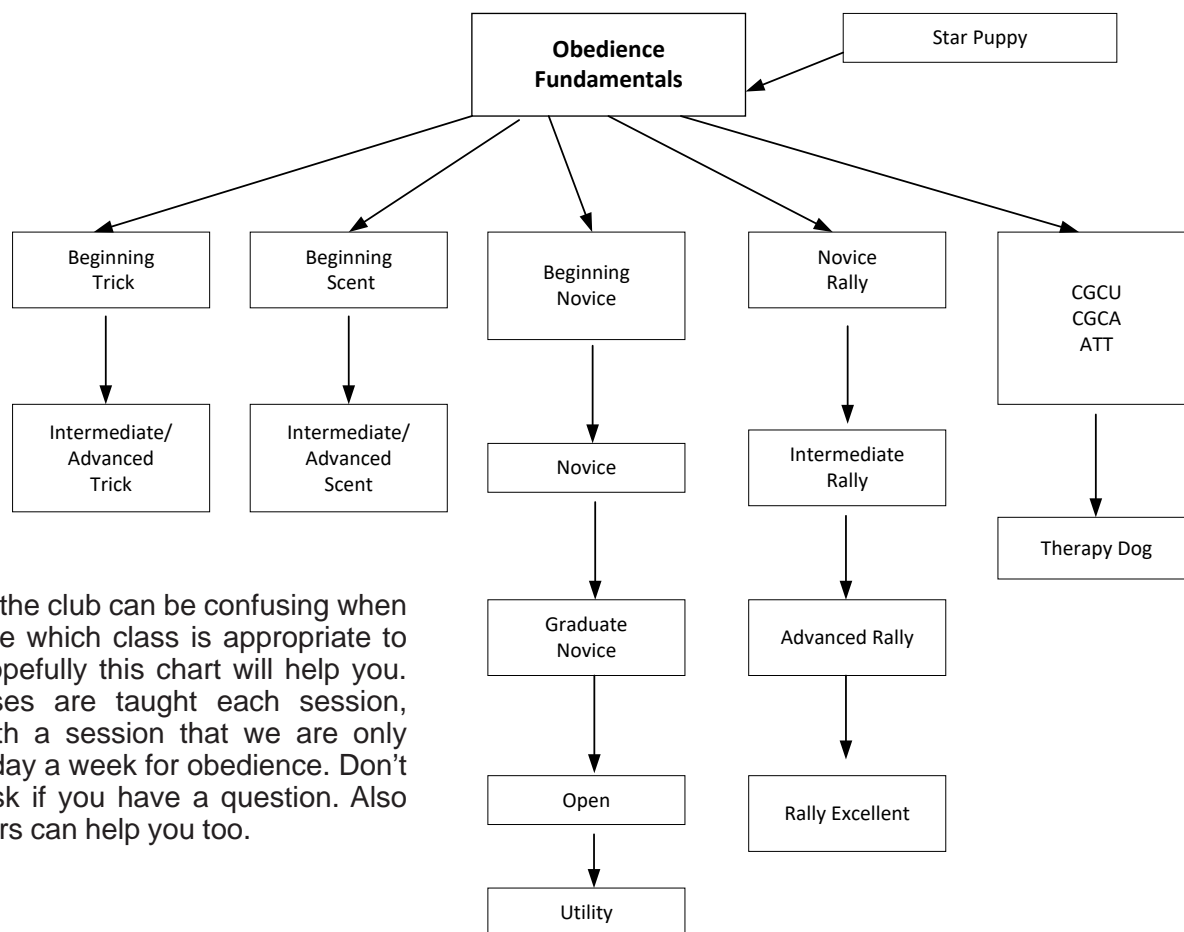
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Kate Barton's Flat-Coat Carly finished her Detective 2 title in Muncie on 3/16!

Congrats!

FLOW CHART OF CLASSES



Being new to the club can be confusing when trying to figure which class is appropriate to take next. Hopefully this chart will help you. Not all classes are taught each session, especially with a session that we are only here for one day a week for obedience. Don't hesitate to ask if you have a question. Also your instructors can help you too.



STEPS TO SIGN-UP FOR A CLASS

1. Find the appropriate class(es) for you to take. If you have any questions about which class that is, you can check with your teacher or the appropriate DOT. We welcome questions, so please don't hesitate.
2. On Sign-Up day, no sooner than 11am, send your information including the handler's full name, email address, phone number, dog's name, breed, age and method of payment along with the class(es) requested to the appropriate sign-up person . They are:
Evening Obedience: Leslie White, fwotc.pm@gmail.com, 260-298-4649
Morning Obedience: Sharon Cullmann, fwotc.am@gmail.com, 260-704-1133
Agility: Kathy Dullaghan, fwotc.agility@gmail.com
- Sign-Up starts the Sunday before the Open Meeting at 11am. The Sign-up period continues until the following Sunday. Some classes can fill quickly so the closer to 11am you send your request on the first day, the better. Sending it at 11am is the best.
3. You should receive a confirmation within 3 days.
4. Have fun with your dog!!

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN EXERCISES

1. Accepting a friendly stranger. Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with handler. 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 casual interest but not jump up.
6. Sit and down on command/Staying in place. Handler shows dog can do 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, shake hands, exchange pleasantries, move on. Dogs can show casual interest.
9. Reaction to distraction. 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 6 ft. leash by an evaluator.



MEMBER OBEDIENCE CLASSES TUESDAY MORNING! APRIL 23RD – JUNE 6TH, 2024

9:00AM - 10:00AM ALL THINGS NOVICE

INSTRUCTORS: LESLIE WHITE/ BILL OTTER

This class will cover all exercises for UKC and AKC pre-novice through novice exercises. There will be two levels of dogs working in this class. Handler and dog will learn to perform exercises according to their level. Two rings and two instructors will be used for this class so everyone will have adequate practice time. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals

11:00AM - 12:00PM OBEDIENCE FUNDAMENTALS

INSTRUCTOR: JULIA BEERMAN

FREE TO NEW MEMBERS: Basic sit, stay, recall and heel exercises will be taught. The dog must be able to pass the proficiency skills outlined in the AKC CGC before moving on to other classes.

11:30AM - 1:00PM CGCU/ CGCA

INSTRUCTOR: SHARON CULLMANN

This class teaches dog and handler teams the skills needed to pass the AKC CGCU and CGCA tests. This class will meet at the club and sometimes out in the community. Testing for these titles will be given at the end of the class. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals and CGC skills passed.

MEMBER OBEDIENCE CLASSES THURSDAY MORNING! APRIL 23RD – JUNE 6TH, 2024

9:00AM - 10:00AM BEGINNING SCENT

INSTRUCTORS: NANCY YEOMAN/ MARY KENDALL

This class will give you the opportunity to begin the sport of scent detection. Dog and handler will become more confident and independent as they learn to work together as a team and search for an odor. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals

9:00AM - 10:00AM INTERMEDIATE RALLY

INSTRUCTORS: LESLIE WHITE/ DANA ANSPACH

This class teaches the dog and handler teams the AKC Rally Intermediate Signs and exercises. Two courses will be set up for the third through the sixth week of classes. This will give everyone adequate practice in working courses at the intermediate level. Prerequisite: ability to work Novice Rally Signs

10:30AM - 11:30AM ADVANCED/ EXCELLENT RALLY

INSTRUCTORS: LESLIE WHITE/ BONITA HOWE

This class teaches the AKC Advanced Rally jump and Excellent level signs. All three rings will be used for this class. Those starting this class on leash will begin to work off leash when ready. Two complete courses will be set up each week with excellent signs set up in middle ring. Prerequisite: Intermediate Rally Class

11:30AM - 12:30PM ADVANCED/ EXCELLENT RALLY

INSTRUCTORS: LESLIE WHITE/ BONITA HOWE

This class teaches the AKC Advanced Rally jump and Excellent level signs. All three rings will be used for this class. Those starting this class on leash will begin to work off leash when ready. Two complete courses will be set up each week with excellent signs set up in middle ring. Prerequisite: Intermediate Rally Class



MEMBER AGILITY CLASSES WEDNESDAY!

APRIL 23RD – JUNE 6TH, 2024

REGISTRATION FOR AGILITY CLASSES:

Email --- fwotc.agility@gmail.com

10:00AM - 11:00AM Sequencing to Show

This class is for those planning on showing, including our trial. Dogs must be proficient on all equipment or comfortable bypassing the obstacles. Open to all levels of dogs showing.

11:00AM - 12:00PM Beginner Sequencing

This class works on sequencing & gaining a better understanding of crosses. Focusing on basic handling techniques & working smoother as a team is key. It will also focus on improving dogs' comfort with obstacles. This is the next step after fundamentals & after fundamentals.

12:00PM - 1:00PM After Intro Instructor: Steve Wheeler

This class will continue teaching agility skills by building on what you learned in the Intro class.

1:00PM - 2:00PM Intro to Agility Instructor: Steve Wheeler

Prerequisite to this class dogs must have taken and passed the Sub Novice Class. This class will cover the Agility basics.

5:30PM - 6:00PM - Master Sequencing

This class will focus on techniques for those showing at the higher levels such as excellent & premier. We will focus on more advanced handling techniques to become a consistent & successful pair at the higher levels. Dogs must be proficient on all equipment.

6:00PM - 6:45PM - Intro to Agility/Beyond Intro Instructor: Kathy Dullaghan/Patrice Reider

This class works on sequencing & gaining a better understanding of additional handling techniques. Focusing on basic handling techniques & working smoother as a team is key. We will spend some time in the beginning of each class to work on weaves and the end of contact behaviors.

6:45PM - 7:30PM - Beginning Sequencing & Handling Instructor: Kathy Dullaghan

This class works on sequencing & gaining a better understanding of additional handling techniques. Focusing on basic handling techniques & working smoother as a team is key. We will spend some time in the beginning of each class to work on weaves and the end of contact behaviors.

7:30PM - 8:30PM - Novice-Open Instructor: Kathy Dullaghan

This class will focus on techniques for those who are showing at the novice/open level. We will continue to focus on team building & gaining skills to become successful at the novice & open level. Dogs must be proficient on all equipment or comfortable bypassing the obstacles. We will spend some time in the beginning of each class to work on weaves and the end of contact behaviors. We will end the class by running a whole course or just working on specific handling techniques.

Notes for all classes:

Master, Novice/Open, and Beginners Sequencing will all need to bring crates, so you can walk the sequences. It is important for you to understand where you are going & keep your team successful. No training collars inside of class, as they are not allowed in the ring at a show and they are also a safety hazard. All classes are limited to 10 teams.

BE READY TO RUN WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN
THIS WILL KEEP THINGS MOVING AND MAXIMIZE TIME



MEMBER OBEDIENCE CLASSES THURSDAY NIGHT! APRIL 23RD – JUNE 6TH, 2024

REGISTRATION FOR THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES:

Email --- fwotc.pm@gmail.com

5:00PM - 6:00PM GRAD NOVICE/ OPEN OBEDIENCE

INSTRUCTOR: SANDY HOFFMANN

This class will introduce skills on two levels of obedience. Dog and Handler teams will work on learning to shape to a dumbbell and will do recalls over broad and high jumps or they will be working on carrying dumbbells over the high jump and retrieving a dumbbell over a jump as well as on the flat. Skills from both UKC and AKC disciplines will be taught and practiced. Prerequisite: Ability to perform an off-leash heeling pattern, dogs MUST be comfortable working in the ring with other dogs.

6:00PM - 7:00PM CGCU/ CGCA

INSTRUCTORS: JJ DAGGETT

This class teaches dog and handler teams the skills needed to pass the AKC CGCU and CGCA tests. This class will meet at the club and sometimes out in the community. Testing for these titles will be given at the end of the class. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals and CGC skills passed.

6:00PM - 7:00PM NOVICE OBEDIENCE

INSTRUCTOR: LESLIE WHITE

This class teaches dog and handler teams the UKC and AKC Novice and AKC Preferred Novice exercises. Off-leash heeling is introduced in this class as well as Honor Dog and the Stand for Exam. Prerequisite: Beginner Novice and a team that is ready to begin heeling off-leash

7:00PM - 8:00PM INTERMEDIATE SCENT

INSTRUCTOR: NANCY WRIGHT

Dog and Handler teams will work together and learn new techniques to search for more and varied hides and new scents. Teams will become more confident and independent in their searches in this class. This class will be held outdoors. Prerequisite: Beginning Scent

7:00PM - 8:00PM AKC NOVICE RALLY

INSTRUCTOR: LYNNE WAHLSTROHM

This class teaches dog and handler teams the Novice Rally signs. All teams will learn to move through Novice Rally courses. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals

7:00PM - 8:00PM BEG NOVICE OBEDIENCE

INSTRUCTORS: MARY LOUISE TORRE/ BONITA HOWE

This class teaches dog and handler teams UKC and AKC Beginner Novice exercises. This class will help to improve your dog's focus on you and prepare you and your dog for off-leash heeling. The high jump is introduced. Prerequisite: Obedience Fundamentals

8:00PM - 9:00PM OBEDIENCE FUNDAMENTALS RING 1

INSTRUCTORS: KATARINA ZUNIGA/ JULIA BEERMAN

FREE TO NEW MEMBERS: Basic sit, stay, recall and heel exercises will be taught. The dog must be able to pass the proficiency skills outlined in the AKC CGC before moving on to other classes.

8:00PM - 9:00PM OBEDIENCE FUNDAMENTALS RING 2

INSTRUCTORS: JJ DAGGETT/ MARY LOUISE TORRE

FREE TO NEW MEMBERS: Basic sit, stay, recall and heel exercises will be taught. The dog must be able to pass the proficiency skills outlined in the AKC CGC before moving on to other classes.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

April 14 Class sign-up

April 17 Open Meeting

April 20-21 VST Tracking,
Purdue University Fort Wayne

April 20-21 UKC Nosework,
Whitley County Fairgrounds

April 23-May3 NO CLASSES

May 3-5 AKC Obedience Trial,
Allen County Fairgrounds

May 10-12 AKC Agility Trial
Adventuretails



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