

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be February 5, 2013 at the Apple Rehab/ Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2013

February 5- meeting

March 5- meeting

April 2- meeting

April 7- TFKC Show

May 7- meeting

June picnic date to be announced

August 6- meeting

September 3- meeting

RDOD date to be announced

October 1- meeting

November 5- meeting

December Christmas party date to be announced

Christmas Party

Please join us in thanking our Christmas party host Jane Edmunds for opening her house to the membership and insuring we had a memorable event.

April Show

This year's conformation show will be at the Big "E" in Springfield, MA on April 7, 2013. We are still looking for volunteers to help steward Obedience and Rally. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. Lauren Friedman (203) 877-6157 or e-mail at LMF13@att.net. Remember we still need club members to help out with the show in many other areas. If you can help please contact any board member or officer

On the Road Again



Once again, Trap Falls had a successful outing November 17, when President Laura Wells and club member Dona Campbell, along with her registered therapy dogs, Rikki and Hannah put their best paws (and feet) forward as they presented a program on Doggie Safety and Etiquette to a Brownie troop in Weston. The girls got to participate in the demonstrations and both kids and Moms asked a lot of good questions about training. This is part of Trap Falls' ongoing public education effort to inform groups and organizations about safety and etiquette around dogs.

If any club member has group who they think would like to participate in this program, contact Cindy Sherman at cindytfkc@gmail.com.

Sandy Hook

We watched in horror as the details of the tragedy unfolded in Newtown. We are all deeply saddened.

Please feel some gratification that Trap Falls Kennel Club donated \$500.00 to Newtown Police Department in October to help pay for equipment for police dogs. There was a police dog with Officer Matt Hayes shown on the TV news that showed our donation being utilized.

Some Trap Falls club members with certified therapy dogs have responded to assist in comforting the many people affected by this tragedy and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the community and our club.

Relief in Sight for Animal Care & Control in Staten Island



Craig, board member Cindy Sherman and her dog, Steffi.

Trap Falls recently sent \$1,000.00 and 3 huge boxes of supplies to aid the decimated Animal Care & Control Center (ACC) in Staten Island, NY. Having suffered the ravages of Storm Sandy, most of ACC's metropolitan New York shelters were pretty beaten up, but Staten Island was hardest hit, so the Board voted to send money and much needed supplies to the shelter. Many thanks to the club members who donated items. Craig Paige, owner of Southbury Business & Shipping again helped out with our efforts

TFKC Classes

Remember — if your dog or new pup needs some discipline, guidance and training, Trap Falls can provide it. Training classes are ongoing in obedience and CGC Prep. CGC Tests will be given 4 times a year. Additionally, if someone you work with or know is interested in training their dogs with our expert staff of instructors, please let them know about our terrific classes. Registration forms are available on our website: http://www.trapfalls.org/Dog_Training.html or

folks can call our training hotline at 203-450-9485. You can also email tfkctraining@gmail.com and we'll get back to you promptly. Classes start up again in January in Obedience; AKC Puppy STAR; Puppy Socialization, and Introduction to Rally. Classes are held in Shelton at Pawz for Wellness and Apple Rehab Shelton Lakes.

TFKC 2012 Accomplishments

As the year 2012 comes to a close; we wanted to advise you of the accomplishments that Trap Falls Kennel Club has made this year.

1. We held our first "Sunday" show on Easter on April 8. It was a big success with over 1200 entries!
2. We made a \$200 donation in March to Stratford's 'Paws Across Stratford' sponsored by Sterling House Pantry of Stratford. This pantry is available to those who need help feeding their pets. It helps pets stay with their owners rather than landing in shelters.
3. We collected pet items at our annual RDO day in Naugatuck in September. Those donations were given to Naugatuck Animal Shelter.
4. We donated \$500 to Newtown Police Department to help purchase safety equipment for their canine unit in October.
5. We donated \$1000 and sent supplies to Staten Island Animal Shelter after Hurricane Sandy in November.
6. We made several goodwill visits to Libraries & Brownie Troops this year to teach and demonstrate the importance of training and having a dog who is a good canine good citizen, using our therapy dogs and their handlers as part of AKC's Canine Ambassador Program.
7. Many club members and their dogs participated in Meet the Breed events in Hartford, NYC and Cabalas.
8. We have continued to expand our obedience training with a variety of classes. We have been getting good feedback and interest in them.

We all love dogs and are a strong club and our membership can only make us stronger. Our educational impact on the community goes farther than we may ever know. A big "Thank you" goes out to everyone. We have a great website and a board of knowledgeable persons. If you ever have any questions refer to either of them for the answers that you may be looking for.

Trap Falls Kennel Club Board Members

CERF and Microchip Clinic

There will be a CERF Clinic with Dr. Ruth Marrion DVM, DACVO, PhD, on Saturday March 2nd beginning at 10am. Appointment times will be scheduled by pre-registration on a first come first serve basis. You can Pre-Register until February 24, 2013 and the fee is \$35 per dog and the event will be

held at the Morning Star Farm Pet Resort, 317 County Home Rd (Route 21), Thompson CT. Please contact Lisa Knight at ChivalryESS@aol.com or call her at 860-928-7191

Wishing you a Happy Valentines Day



"Another day, another soul-crushing blind date."

NAME: Drago AGE: 4

VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday 14 February '13

Congratulations to Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THD JHR CGC TDIEVA who is appearing in the Workman Publishing Companies "Bad Dog 2013 Page A Day" calendar.

AKC Delegate News

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN BECOMES AN OFFICIAL AKC TITLE

New York, NY - In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC(r)'s Canine Good Citizen(r) test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club(r) title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC(r) has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

"We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title," said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. "The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn."

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

* CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

* CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting this form: <http://images.akc.org/cgc/GK9TC6.pdf>

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title application will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Learn more about CGC as a title here: <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/title.cfm>

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine Partners SM number. If your dog doesn't already have an AKC number, learn how to obtain one here: <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/title.cfm#answer6>

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live. Get started or find a CGC instructor or approved AKC CGC evaluator: http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine_good_citizen/links.cfm

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT AND TWO TITLES ENHANCE AKC POINTING BREED FIELD TRIAL PROGRAM

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club(r) (AKC(r)) is expanding its Pointing Breed Field Trial program with several new offerings: the AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship and two new titles, Grand Field Champion and Grand Amateur Field Champion.

"We're pleased to add the Walking Gun Dog Championship and the Grand titles to the activities available in AKC's field events program," said Doug Ljungren, VP of Companion and Performance Events. "AKC hunting tests and field trials allow for participation at many different levels, from novice dogs and owners to the highly experienced. The AKC wants to provide an opportunity for all sporting dog owners to enjoy their dogs in the field. The Walking Gun Dog Championship and the Grand titles add to the breadth of AKC's field activities."

AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship

Walking field trial stakes, where the handler is on foot, make it easy to get involved in pointing breed field trials. Today, more than 20% of AKC's gun dog stakes are walking, which represents a fourfold increase over the past ten years. Walking stakes have encouraged the owners of dogs earning the Master Hunter title in the Hunting Test program - where all handlers must walk, like a hunter normally would -- to transition into walking field trials, where there is no requirement for a horse.

To acknowledge and promote this growing segment of the sport, the AKC has created the AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship. The inaugural event will be held at the Mingo Sportsman Club near Bloomingdale, Ohio (50 miles west of Pittsburgh, PA) starting Saturday, April 27, 2013. The event format will be one-hour, single series, non-retrieving. All dogs that have earned a placement in any AKC gun dog stake or have been awarded the Master Hunter title are welcome to enter. The winner of this annual event will be crowned National Walking Gun Dog Champion (NWGDC).

Bookmark the AKC website (http://classic.akc.org/events/field_trials/pointing_breeds/gun_dog_championships/index.cfm) or join the new AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AKCwalkinggundogchampionship/>) to receive regular updates on the event as they become available.

New Titles: Grand Field Champion and Grand Amateur Field Champion

Two new field titles are planned for Pointing Breeds: Grand Field Champion (GFC) and Grand Amateur Field Champion (GAFC). The titles will allow owners who have put in the work and time to develop a fully trained field trial dog the opportunity to continue working toward a goal and participating in field trials.

In order to earn points toward Grand titles, a dog must already have earned a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion title. Points toward the Grand titles must be earned in one hour or longer stakes which will be called "Grand" stakes. To be awarded a Grand title, a dog will need to earn six points under the existing point system in Grand stakes, including one three point or greater win. The new Grand stakes are additions to the existing field trial program and can be offered at the discretion of the host club. Starting in July 2013, clubs may start applying for Grand stakes to be offered at trials held after January 1, 2014.

Clubs without the resources to offer Grand stakes may continue to run their trials like they always have. Clubs interested in offering Grand stakes could run the stake by adding a course, running it on Friday or Monday, or hosting an additional trial if the grounds allow.

The last time a new title was added to the AKC field trial program was 1966 when the Amateur Field Champion title was introduced.

To learn more about the Grand titles or the upcoming Championship, visit the AKC website or contact PerformanceEvents@akc.org.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Celebrating Grassroots Efforts by AKC Clubs

New York, NY - Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland made four very successful movies together from 1939 to 1942. Interestingly, each movie - starting with Babes in Arms - followed pretty much the same overarching storyline. In order to put a spotlight on some worthy cause, the young stars and their friends would follow Mickey's rousing and motivating call to action: "Hey kids, let's put on a show!"

Last month, the AKC put on a show with the spotlight on purebred dogs - AKC Meet the Breeds®. The "Broadway" version of the show took place in New York and was an enormous success, thanks especially to Gina DiNardo, Michael Canalizo, and

the dedicated AKC Staff, and the dogs and their people who were the show itself.

That very same weekend a little more than 100 miles away in Hartford, CT, another meet the breeds type-event took place (in this instance, it was acceptable to have two "shows" less than 200 miles from each other). Like the AKC Meet the Breeds New York, this "Showcase of AKC Breeds" was a rousing success in educating the public about purebred dogs. The genesis of this event was 20 years ago when the South Windsor Kennel Club and its president, Peggy Wampold, probably had the same epiphany as Mickey Rooney. This year, 14 AKC clubs, the Connecticut Dog Federation, and the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs joined the chorus of "Hey kids, let's put on a show!" and delivered almost every recognized breed plus a few in FSS, hundreds of knowledgeable dog people, and some 30,000 spectators who learned about purebred dogs. (EDITORS NOTE: Siena, Drago, Lauren Friedman and Chris Sweetwood were just a few of many dog owners who participated in this event)



This initiative is a perfect example of an important differentiator for the AKC. Unlike almost all other organizations, we have more than 5,000 clubs capable of some very effective grassroots efforts. In our mission to educate the public about purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership - and the necessity to educate and build relationships with legislators - the passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated fancy is the ultimate persuasion force. It is through informed interaction and positive experiences like this that the public will fully understand the important role purebred dogs play in our lives - and why having one in their lives is so desirable, also.

These critical grassroots efforts are recognized by the American Kennel Club as extraordinary contributions to purebred dogs. We established the American Kennel Club Community Achievement Awards in support and appreciation of the

outstanding public education and legislative efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. Recipients of the award are selected for successfully promoting responsible dog ownership within their communities or for effectively introducing, monitoring or responding to legislative issues affecting dog ownership. Honorees receive a certificate of recognition, and their club or federation receives \$1,000 to further public education and strengthen government relations efforts within their community.

Nominations are accepted throughout the entire year and awards are granted once every quarter. One year's honorees included a federation that launched a grassroots effort to halt a piece of potentially harmful legislation to purebred dog owners, an individual club member who made presentations about responsible dog ownership to more than 1,000 school children; and a club that has consistently been an integral part of its community by donating resources to schools and libraries and participating in area events to promote the sport and welfare of purebred dogs.

The third quarter 2012 winners are the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club for their two-day AKC Canine Learning Experience and the Obedience Training Club of Wichita Falls for their numerous educational events throughout the year. Complete information on the extraordinary efforts of these clubs is available at http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4772.

What does it take to accomplish success like that? Eddie Rickenbacker, a World War I air ace and Medal of Honor recipient, race car driver, automotive designer, military consultant, and creator and long-time leader of Eastern Airlines gave probably the best insight into that question. His thoughts on character serve as an excellent description of the people behind the work that goes into the AKC Community Achievement Awards: "The four cornerstones of character," he said, "are initiative, imagination, individuality and independence." Interestingly, those appear to be four words that aptly describe the fancy.

As we each consider the challenges we face from those who do not share our passion for purebred dogs, who would eliminate our right to breed, and even our right to own our dogs, it is important to remember that the will of an educated public is our path to winning. Bringing our knowledge and passion to them starts with each of us at the grassroots level possessing the indomitable spirit portrayed in the movies by Mickey Rooney. And in life by Peggy Wampold and her hard-working associates.
Sincerely,
Alan Kalter
Chairman



I received a call about 3 months ago from a woman who had a relationship with TFKC dating back to the late 1960's. She wanted to know if we wanted the older set of jumps she had in her garage. Ron met up with her and he picked up the jumps. I asked her to do a brief write up about her history and here it is.
Laura Wells

Of Dogs, Owners, and Times Past

I have been active in breeding, showing, owning, and loving Amor Poodles for more than forty years. I can remember attending Elm City KC and Quinnipiac Poodle Club meetings, having been fortunate to hear the "old timers" present lectures. I go back far enough to have heard presentations by Poodle breeders, Sherman and Hayes Blake Hoyt, Kitty Howell, Beck Mason, as well as obedience trainers such as Kay Riley and Dee Dee Beck, a student of Blanche Saunders. I am happy to be able to provide my own recollections of some dog lore that may be of interest to Trap Falls KC members.

In the 1960's, Joe McShane, conducted obedience training classes at the Mix Avenue, Hamden Fire House. When I was barely a teenager, my parents drove me to the weekly classes so I could train (and civilize) our first Poodle, a little gray mini. We all admired the star of the training classes, Missy, a black mini shown to many obedience titles by Babe Greene. Her husband, Ben tagged along and cheered, until we convinced Ben to get a mini of his own. Soon, a silver mini, Beau, joined the Green family and became Ben's constant companion. Eventually, Joe McShane retired and Ben Greene took on the training classes, with Missy and Beau, always sitting in the audience overseeing Ben's work. Babe and Ben Greene were loyal members of Elm

City Kennel Club for many years. When the Greene's retired from training and showing dogs, Ben asked me if I would like to have the set of obedience jumps he himself had made. At the time, I was just starting my foundation bitch, Kayes Prix d'Attente (Lia) in Open classes. I was honored that Ben offered me the jumps and I thought of Babe and Ben, Missy and Beau, every time I used them. I am glad that the Ben's jumps will continue to be appreciated and out to good use. I hope that the jumps will remind others of the "old timers" who are no longer with us, but left their mark on pure bred dogs forever. Judi Randi, Amor Poodles

DEADLINE for the March-April newsletter is March 7, 2013

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at csweetwood@att.net for evaluation for the newsletter. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due to the high SPAM content these days. Chris Sweetwood.

Member Photos



Madeline, Choo Choo, Mommy, Patty with Antlers, Ruthie, Mira and Mally, Happy Holidays from our home to yours!! Submitted by Daryl Masone



Boris Katzenberg and Finn.



Pat Como's dog Picasso Moon



Dona Campbell's Hannah, Rikki, Charlie and Gracie



Cindy, Maryann, Sam and Dakota



Wellsland Rottweilers, and Bubba hope everyone had a nice Holiday season. "He sees you when you're sleeping"



Cindy Sherman's dog Steffi.

Some of our greatest historical and artistic treasures we place with curators in museums; others we take for walks.

Roger Caras