

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be August 2, 2011 at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The September 6, 2011 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

August 2- meeting - "First Aid for your Dog" Dr. Susan Block, DVM will be our guest speaker.

September 6- meeting- Dr. Jackson seminar on Penn Hip

September 10- Responsible Dog Ownership Day

October 4- meeting

November 1-meeting

December Christmas party-date to be announced

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

RDO Day is September 10 this year at Riverwalk in Shelton. It will be an exciting day for Trap Falls as we salute dogs and their responsible owners. We all love dogs and we will be focusing how much they love us. There will be lots of demos and vendors. Our demos include CT Police Dog Work Dog Association, a 'freestyle' dance performance, Meet the Breeds Parade, Dog Park etiquette info, CGC/TDI information (and testing), AKC matches and some contests & raffles. Please show your support by volunteering to help all day or a couple of hours. Please contact me and advise what area you would like to support. Cindy Richardson 203 381 9490 CindyHaliwa@aol.com

April Show

Next years conformation show will be at the Big "E" in Springfield, MA on EASTER Sunday, April 8, 2012. I am 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.

WAGS and BRAGS



Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RE THD

At the April 2011 National Specialty Show Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RE THD completed his Rally Excellent title and went on to win Best of Opposite at the Parent Specialty show on April 30, 2011. Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE THD won first place in Rally Excellent with a perfect score of 100 and first place in Rally Advanced. Siena and Drago also won the Obedience Brace competition.

AKC Titles and Abbreviations

There are prefix and suffix titles

This is a partial listing of some of the more popular titles you will see. For a complete listing please go to the AKC website.

Prefix Titles:

Ch.

Champion:

Dogs must acquire 15 points, including 2 majors won under different judges and at least one point under a third different judge.

[Conformation]

OTCH

Obedience Trial Champion:

Dog must have won:

100 points;

Dog must receive at least one first place Open B, one first place Utility and a third first place ribbon in either class

First places must be awarded by 3 different judges
Must be at all-breed events One of the required first places may have been won at a Specialty Show.

Open B must have 6 in competition

Utility must have 3 in competition

[Obedience Trial]

Suffix Titles:

BN

Beginner Novice:

The letters BN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

[Obedience Trial]

CD

Companion Dog:

The letters CD may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

[Obedience Trial]

CDX

Companion Dog Excellent:

The letters CDX may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Open classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

[Obedience Trial]

EE

Endurance Earthdog:

Endurance Earthdog will be awarded to a dog which, on five occasions, passes both the Senior and Master classes at the same earthdog event [same event number].

[Earth dog]

GN

Graduate Novice

The letters GN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

[Obedience Trial]

HS

Herding Started:

Three qualifying scores in the Started classes 3

different judges at 3 different trials

[Herding Trial]

HT

Herding Tested:

For a title, a dog must qualify twice under 2 different judges. Dog may qualify twice in one day at the same event provided he/she is judged by different judges

[Herding Trial]

JC

Junior Courser:

A hound running alone shall receive certification from a Judge on one date, and a second certification from a different Judge at a later date, stating that the hound completed a 600-yard course with a minimum of four (4) turns. The hound must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption. The two runs can be on the same date at or in conjunction with a National Breed Specialty.

[Lure Coursing]

JE

Junior Earthdog:

A dog must have a record of having qualified in the Junior Earthdog test in two (2) AKC licensed or member club tests under two different Judges.

[Earth dog]

JH

Junior Hunter:

For a title, a dog must receive qualifying scores at 4 licensed or member tests.

[Hunting Test]

MH

Master Hunter:

For a title, a dog must receive qualifying scores at 6 licensed or member tests. If the dog has already received a SH, the dog need only qualify 5 times. German Wirehaired Pointers and Spinone Italiano must pass a Water Test at a licensed or member field trial or hunting test held by a Specialty Club for German Wirehaired Pointers, Spinone Italiano or Weimaraners.

[Hunting Test]

NA

Novice Agility:

For a title, dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Agility class under at least 2 different judges.

[Agility Trial]

RN AKC Rally® Novice:

The letters RN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.

[Rally Trial]

RA AKC Rally® Advanced:

The letters RA may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in advanced classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.
[Rally Trial]

RAE AKC Rally® Advanced Excellent:

The letters RAE may be added after a dog's name when it has received qualifying scores in both Advanced and Excellent classes at 10 licensed or member rally trials.
[Rally Trial]

RE AKC Rally® Excellent:

The letters RE may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Excellent classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.
[Rally Trial]

SH

Senior Hunter:

For a title, a dog must receive qualifying scores at 6 licensed or member tests. If the dog has already received a JH, the dog need only qualify 5 times. German Wirehaired Pointers and Spinone Italiano must pass a Water Test at a licensed or member field trial or hunting test held by a Specialty Club for German Wirehaired Pointers, Spinone Italiano or Weimaraners.
[Hunting Test]

TD

Tracking Dog:

Dog has been certified by two judges to have passed a licensed or member club TD test or at a combined TD/TDX test, or at a combined TD/VST test or a TD/TDX/VST test.
[Tracking Test]

UD

Utility Dog:

The American Kennel Club will issue a Utility Dog certificate for each registered dog, that has been certified by three obedience trial judges as having received qualifying Utility scores at three licensed or member obedience trials.
[Obedience Trial]

AKC Introduces New Therapy Dog Title -

New York, NY - I am pleased to announce an exciting new title open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or "THD," will launch June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their

owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others. Currently, it is estimated there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States. Volunteerism has exploded over the past decade, especially those with dog and owner teams working in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and at natural disasters.

As you know, the AKC annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We receive so many great nominations that we know there are many more dogs out there that deserve recognition. We have also received many requests from the fancy to award titles to therapy dogs as a way to recognize the "great work their dogs do." Additionally, earning a THD title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

The AKC will not certify therapy dogs. Instead, we're working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by therapy teams. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits.

To obtain a title an owner must complete an application along with evidence of documented visits. Application forms are available on the website at www.akc.org/akctherapydog. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000. If your dog qualifies we encourage you to apply for the title. For more information visit www.akc.org/akctherapydog or email akctherapydog@akc.org.

Ron Menaker
Chairman

HARTFORD TO SPONSOR CGC AND AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY

We're starting the new year with some great news! You may have noticed a new logo on your CGC testing materials. We are extremely pleased to announce that The Hartford Financial Services Group, one of the largest insurance companies in the U. S., has become the exclusive sponsor of the AKC Canine Good Citizen and STAR Puppy programs. Through this exciting new sponsorship The Hartford will be able to offer Auto & Home Insurance solutions to all AKC registered dog owners in the near future. (from the AKC)

TFKC Picnic

Thanks to Pat & Chris Como for welcoming Trap Falls to their home for our annual picnic. A great time was had by all (humans and dogs)! The food was awesome and the ambience was blissful.



DEADLINE for the September-October newsletter is September 7, 2011

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.