

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be March 2, 2010 at the Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30.

CALENDAR

March 2 – meeting & Barkbusters presentation
April 6 - meeting
April 9 - Spring Show
May 4 - meeting
June Picnic- Date to be announced
July 6 - meeting
August 3 - meeting
September 4- Responsible Dog Ownership Day
September 7 meeting- RDOD Meeting
October 5 meeting- Nominations for club officers from the floor
November 2 meeting- Installation of officers and pizza party.
December Christmas Party-date to be announced

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Welcome to new member Mary Lathlean, 5750 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, Oxford, CT 06478203-463-8677 mlathlean@yahoo.com
Breed: Rottweiler. Applicant Dawn Lowery has met her requirements and has been approved by the board she will be voted on by the general membership at the next meeting.
Dues notices were sent out at the end of January. If you have not received yours or misplaced it, please contact Eve. We would appreciate it if you would renew your dues promptly or if not renewing, please let Eve know.

From the President

Happy New Year!
WOW! Is it cold outside! It's a great time to train your dog in the house. 5 -10 minutes in the kitchen is all it takes on these cold winter days. Get a jump on the spring outdoor training.

A preview of the upcoming year:

Trap Falls KC will be joining forces with the Easton Lions Club and the Little Leos to host Responsible Dog Ownership Day on Sept 4, 2010. This year's location will be in Easton at the Samuel Staples Elementary School located at 515 Morehouse Rd.

This years Chairperson will be Cindy Sherman and her assistant chairperson will be Ron Egidio.

The Lions Club will do all the preliminary work such as advertising, set up, vendors, raffles and contributing to demos.

Our club will show up as a vendor. We will still have two rings, one for all day agility and the other for demos. We will need a chairperson for "Meet the Breed" and a chairperson for demos. Please contact Cindy or Ron to volunteer for either chairperson position. If you have a demo idea or a vendor idea get them to us so we can forward them to the appropriate person.

Donations were made to local shelters in January 2010. The towns that were donated to were Shelton, Trumbull, Milford, Stratford, Ansonia and Fairfield. The shelters were called and asked what they needed. Donated items were bags of dog and cat food, toys, blankets and flea products. Two crates that were given to the club from Linda McClain's estate were also donated. A letter was made for each shelter donating the items in memory of Linda.

Cindy Sherman has replaced Diane Deslandes as our recording secretary for the upcoming year. Diane stepped down in December of 2009.

APRIL SHOW

It's that time of year again! Looking for Stewards and Steward Apprentices for our Dog Show, Friday April 9, 2010. As an apprentice you learn how to steward for Breed, Obedience, or Rally. Stewards, give out the numbers, call the classes into the ring, ensure ribbons and prizes are ready and otherwise assist the judge. It's a great opportunity to see the dog show

from another view as well as being FUN. Please call or e-mail if you are interested. Jane Edmunds at 203-986-1310 or elmud@att.net.

Any club member that can come to the show and help out in any way should contact Jane or our show chair, Peggy Esposito.

2009 AKC Good Sportsmanship Medallion



Laura Wells presenting the AKC Good Sportsmanship Medallion to Peg Demaine for her participation and commitment to obedience training for Trap Falls KC.

WAGS AND BRAGS



Mina finally got a new little brother! After losing her best friend Fenster 3 years ago, Mina finally decided on a Smooth Fox Terrier (Terror). Dennis (yes Dennis the Menace) AKC name Foxjar Runnin with the Devil. (Did I not see the signs!). Originally purchased as a show puppy, he grew a little too long, so was returned to the breeder, (how does anyone do that?) He is 16 months old and a pile of fun! Dennis & Mina reside with club member, Jane Edmunds.

Congratulations to Siena Castellana Di Morghengo MH CDX RAE. According to the Nov/Dec 2009 issue of Front and Finish Magazine, she is the number one ranked Spinone in the 2008 Delaney Obedience Ratings. The Jan/Feb 2010 issue of Front and Finish magazine again ranked her as the number one obedience Spinone for 2008 in the First and Foremost Rating System.

This is the second time Siena has been ranked as the number one Spinone in obedience.

THE ALL STAR TOURNAMENT

When dog fanciers speak of obedience, agility or rally competition, most are referring to trials sanctioned by the various registries such as the American Kennel Club (AKC), the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA), the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), the United Kennel Club (UKC) and other, individual registries. However, there is also a long tradition of tournaments, events where handlers and their dogs, who compete in different registries and in different countries, can compete against one another.

The All Star Performance Dog Association (ASPDA) will be hosting its 7th All Star Obedience, Agility and Rally Championships on August 6, 7 and 8, 2010, in York, PA. This competition follows in the tradition of the Gaines obedience tournaments, which set the standard for over 20 years, but now includes agility and rally, too! A tournament was then, and All Star remains now, a fabulous event, where competitors are treated like the fine sportswomen and men they are. After all, just qualifying for All Star means a team has demonstrated a high level of ability! All Stars' entry fee includes a bag or small duffel, filled with goodies and a certificate of achievement and small medallion on a ribbon. All Stars wants to make each and every competitor feel welcome. No titles are awarded, but those who have attended are justifiably proud of that achievement.

So, come out and try a tournament! The tournament tradition of offering high-level competition for all levels, from many different registries, continues. Remember, you do not have to only compete in AKC events to qualify. For more information, go to www.allstardogs.org See you there!



FREE:

I have a case of about 12 -15 RED tablecloths from way back when Trap Falls colors were red. They are clean and stored in my basement, time to clean house!

If anyone wants them they can have them, if not they are going to GOODWILL.

I have a medium sized crate that was Linda's. It is a little older as it has the corner pins to hold it together. If anyone wants it they can have it. If not I will donate it to a pound if anyone knows a pound that can use a crate Call Laura Wells at 203-929-1332

2009 Christmas Party Photos



Special Thanks to Laura Hovanec and her family for hosting this special event!

Orlando to Host AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in 2011

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be returning to Orlando, Florida following the 2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California. The 2011 show will take place December 17th

and 18th in Orlando. The event has previously been hosted in Orlando, Tampa and Long Beach.

"In an effort to satisfy constituent requests for balanced geographical representation and to accommodate our continued growth, we have selected a new venue in Orlando, Florida to host the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for the next several years," said AKC Chairman Ronald Menaker. "We appreciate the excellent service the city of Long Beach and its Convention Center have provided us and we know that our world-class event will share the same success in Orlando."

The 2011 show will be held at the new "state of the art" Orange County Convention Center, the second largest convention center in the nation. Situated in the heart of Orlando's tourism district and only 15 minutes away from the Orlando International Airport, the convention center is surrounded by more than 113,000 hotel rooms. Amenities on-site include three full-service restaurants, eight food courts and parking. Its prime location on International Drive will offer exhibitors hundreds of outstanding shopping, dining and entertainment options.

"We are excited about the opportunity to host the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in this award-winning facility with over 600,000 square feet of space," said Michael Canalizo, Director of AKC Event Management. "We know it will provide all of our exhibitors and competitors a great platform in which to compete."

"We are so pleased that the American Kennel Club has once again selected Orlando to host their AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for 2011 through 2015. Families, often including their pets, enjoy visiting Orlando year round. We are thrilled to welcome the show's more than 25,000 attendees to our exciting destination during these upcoming prestigious international events," said Gary Sain, president and CEO of the Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day 2010

TFKC is partnering with the Easton Leos/Lions club to put on RDOD 2010 on Sat, Sept 4 on the athletic fields of Samuel Staples Elementary School on Morehouse Rd, in Easton CT. While the Leos are doing most of the work as far as organizing vendors, media, security, etc., we still need club members to volunteer as stewards, help set up, clean up, help coordinate our club events there, and distribute flyers. Submitted by Cynthia Sherman.

From the AKC

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the AKC Canine Partners program. This exciting new program

allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts. This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly and change the program format so a majority of clubs would have the option to take advantage of the opportunity to allow mixed breeds to compete in existing Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning April 1, 2010.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact AKC Canine Partners if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.
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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.

DEADLINE for the March-April newsletter is March 7, 2010