

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be March 1, 2016 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The April meeting will be April 5, 2016 at Apple Rehab.

CALENDAR 2016

March 1- meeting- **Help Willy's Friends**

April 5- meeting

April 10- TFKC Show

May 3- meeting

June 7- meeting-**Newtown Police K-9**

Demonstration

July- picnic, date to be announced

August 2- meeting

September 6- meeting

September RDOD- date to be announced

October 4- meeting

November 1- meeting

December- Christmas Party-date to be announced

Please join us on March 1, 2016 at 7 pm for our monthly meeting. We will feature Mark Paturzo from "Help Willy's Friends" of Durham, CT.

Help Willy's Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare charitable organization founded in 2006 by Mark & Sharon Paturzo of Durham, CT. Their inspiration is Willy, an Australian Shepherd-English Springer they adopted from a shelter in 2003. They provide shelters, pounds, rescue groups and related organizations with food, supplies & monetary donations for veterinary care for homeless dogs and cats. They offer some environmentally preferred cleaning products for purchase.

For more information please visit their website www.helpwillysfriends.org; The meeting is open to the general public.

Membership.

Dues notices have been sent out, please check your emails. I will be at the March meeting if anyone wishes to save on postage. If anyone needs a hard copy or has any questions, please contact me. sableskrabl@comcast.net or 203-732-5939. Thanks, Eve

Pucks and Paws

Last year we were invited to participate at Sound Tigers "Pucks and Paws Day" event at the Webster Harbor Arena in Bridgeport. Some of our members did a obedience demo to show well trained dogs. It was a fun night. We had a area in the lobby and we were broadcast on the "jumbotron" for those inside the hockey rink to see. We did our demo before the game and visitors stopped by our booth during the admission. The demo was approximately 30 minutes. We had a great response and we enjoyed showing our responsible dogs. The "Pucks and Paws" event is sponsored each year by the Sound Tigers Hockey Team to promote fun things to do with your dog. Owners are invited to bring their dog to a hockey game and the dogs are allowed to sit with their owners. Trap Falls members participating in the demo will receive tickets to enjoy the game also. The Sound Tigers will be playing the Springfield Falcons.

We would love to participate again but we need volunteers to do the demos.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. The event starts at 4 pm. Trap Falls participation would be over by 8:30 or 9:00 pm.

Thanks
Cindy Richardson

April 2016 Show CLUB MEMBERS NEEDED

TFKC's show will be April 10, 2016 at the Big E. We always need volunteers to steward for obedience and rally. No experience is necessary, we provide on the job training. This is your chance to participate and learn a new skill. Please contact me at csweetwood@att.net or call Dee Vetrano (203) 746-2611.

Chris Sweetwood
2016 Obedience/Rally Chair

Braggs

Reading to the Dogs - Tail Waggin Tutors
Derby Neck Library Derby, CT
By Bob and Sue Carter



Since 2010, Bob and I have been taking our Saint Bernard's to the Derby Neck Library as part of their Reading to the Dog program B.A.R.K – Be A Reading Kid. Over the last almost six years, we have had numerous children read to our Saints. First, Cosmo and Thor and now Thor and Apollo. The main objective of this program is to provide a relaxed, dog-friendly, non-judgmental atmosphere where children can practice their reading skills. It has been amazing to watch a child sit down next to one of the Saints and start reading. Many times we can barely hear them read but the dogs do. We are so proud of

our dogs and their gift of listening intently to a child read to them. Our Saints have amazed us over the years with their love of going to the library every month and snuggling as they are read to. This past month, Thor and Apollo presented to the Children's Librarian Kathy Gordon two copies of the "If I Ran the Dog Show" (part of the Cat in the Hat Learning Library). We can hardly wait for our next visit to have someone read this book to the Saints.

AKC Delegate News

The American Kennel Club Recognizes Working Dogs With AKC Canine Officer Program

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry, today announces that it is launching the **AKC Canine Officer Program**, in an effort to highlight the contributions of dogs working in public service. This program will recognize dogs that work for government agencies including police, military, border patrol, TSA, USDA, transit authorities and other programs. These modern day working dogs use inherited characteristics and skills that are valued and preserved by traditional performance events. They possess the skills, intelligence and necessary cooperative attitudes to excel at their jobs.

"Purpose-bred dogs serve our communities in various ways that provide an extra level of security for all of us." said Doug Ljungren, AKC's Vice President of Sports and Events. "We are partnering with our clubs to recognize their daily, valued contributions to our society and show our appreciation for all that they do."

The AKC will work with its many local clubs that currently support working dogs in their communities. A local club can submit a request for a 'Certificate of Appreciation' to the Sports Services department and the certificate will be awarded to the working dog in an official ceremony of their choosing. In addition to the certificate, the dog and the supporting club will receive a photo and profile on akc.org. Any working dog is eligible to receive the certificate and is not required to be registered with the AKC, however, the AKC will offer a free registration to the recipients if the government agency desires it.

Photos



Cindy Sherman's Steffi and new kitty Nika



This is Peyton. Our new rescue . She had a very bad case of mange. Our tfkc member Daryl Masone cared for her for seven weeks until she came to our home and became sister to Jacob
Laura Hovanec



Here is a photo from the Jan 2016 Snowstorm.
Am GrCh/ Can Ch Wilslands Salt Rocks St James
Guinez RE TT CGC, "Bubba" owned by Laura Wells

Christmas Party Photos





Fairfield Police Departments new K-9's



Plaques presented to the Police Departments for RDOD



DEADLINE for the March-April 2016 newsletter is April 1, 2016

Editors Comments: Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at csweetwood@att.net. Articles should be in MS Word or simply written in your e-mail. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due the high SPAM content these days.