

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## MEETING NOTICE

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

## CALENDAR

**September 4- Responsible Dog Ownership Day**

**September 7** 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**

Special thanks to Laura Hovanec and her wonderful family for hosting the club's picnic.

## President's message

Why did we all join the kennel club? I know I joined because I love dogs and being social with dog people. I wanted to learn more about dogs and be around knowledgeable people to help me be a better dog person. As the years have gone on I have fallen in love with being part of the kennel club and enjoy the variety of folks that come along with it. I like mentoring the novice dog owners and helping them the way I was helped in the beginning of my dog career. I believe the foundation of the kennel club is to educate the public and the novice dog fancier and teach us all about good sportsmanship in the sport of dogs. I am here to have fun with my dogs.

Why did you join the kennel club?

I would ask you in person but I haven't seen you at any meetings lately. I hope all is well and the dogs are fine.

Maybe I will see you at RDO Day? It is the club's day to shine in public education. We have obedience and rally matches scheduled, CGC testing. Lots of great

breeds will be represented and it is your turn, as a club member, to help educate the public. I hope to see everyone there.

Laura Wells  
President

## Membership News:

Rosemarie and Sal Napoleone have met their application requirements and have been passed by the board. The general membership will vote on them at the next meeting.

If any member of TFKC knows of any reason these applicants should not be admitted into the club, please contact a club officer or board member.

Members Eric and Cheryl Peterson, who have been members since 1989, left Wednesday to live in California, to be near their daughter and her family. They have always been active in the club and will be sadly missed. It was nice that they took time away from packing Tuesday night to come to the meeting, to say goodbye.

## RDOD

Calling all members! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Responsible Dog Ownership Day is around the corner: "Wet Kisses and Dirty Paws" will be held Saturday Sept 4 from 10:30 – 4:30 pm at the Samuel Staples Elementary School in Easton. TFKC and the Easton Leos are hosting this special RDO Day this year. It is already a well-communicated and marketed event with the Easton Leos publicizing it in regional and state newspapers, magazines, and TV programs. The big features will be Obedience and Rally Matches and demos; CGC Testing; Meet the Breeds; Micro-chipping; Police Dog and Fidelco Guide Dog demos; Best Kisser, Tail-Wagger. There will also be Adoption Groups on hand, a Kids Zone, Auctions, Raffles and plenty of refreshments.

TFKC will appear on local Cable show Pet Talk on Channel 12 the weekend of Aug 21 to promote the

event: Pet Talk airs Saturday: 9am, 12:30, 4 and 10:30 pm; Sunday 9am, 3, and 8:30pm, so if anyone can tape it, that would be great.

Please come and volunteer your time and services to make this event a huge success! All Trap Falls members and AKC Match participants will be admitted without paying admission fee. There will be someone at the gate from Trap Falls Kennel Club. If you have any questions please contact any club officer or the chairperson's.

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## WAGS and BRAGS



Hans

I finished Han's on 3/14/10 under Judge Mrs. Terry Depietro at the Monticello NY Kennel club show and took best of winners to finish his championship. All his points were mostly accumulated under Laura Wells and 5 points myself. Great job to Laura and a big Thank you. His official name is Onques' Charmer Hans RA. Hans has also been Temperament tested (TT); passed the herding instinct test (HIT); has been certified by TDI as a therapy dog and passed his CGC test.



Indy

Wellslands Greatest Spectacle aka Indy also took her 1st rally leg at the age of 7 months at CRC in Lancaster PA. She has also received her puppy stars and CGC by age 6 months. Submitted by Lynn Kovack



Torc

At the Barkaritaville Flyball tournament on August 1, 2010, 10 1/2 year old border collie Torc achieved his Flyball ONYX title, having accumulated enough points to reach the 20,000 mark. Torc has been flyball racing for over 9 years, and I am so proud of my boy being able to achieve this special title. He is now formally known as: Caora Con's Caladonian Torc, RN, SR, ONYX

On 7/11/2010, at the SCAT CPE Agility trial, 3 year old rescue English Setter Patches completed the requirements for his CPE Level 1 title, with a 1st place in Jackpot. Also, on 6/12/2010, at the Gemini Dogs Flyball tournament, Patches accumulated enough points to achieve his Flyball Dog Champion - Silver title. Also, on 6/12/2010, at the Gemini Dogs Flyball tournament, Patches accumulated enough points to achieve his Flyball Dog Champion-Silver title. He is now formally known as: Ohio Patch, CL1, FDCH-S

On 7/18/2010, at the Sleeping Giant Kennel Club's UKC trial, 6 year old rescue border collie Folly qualified for her 3rd UKC Novice leg and title with a score of 195 and 2nd place, from the Novice B class. She is now formally known as: Northwood's Redneck Girl, RN, CD, ASCA-CD, UKC-CD, CL1, FM. Submitted by Pat Kuchma.



On July 12, 2010, Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE TDIEVA TWT and Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RA TDIEVA TWT received their Tail Waggin Tutor (TWT) titles from Therapy Dogs International. The TWT title is awarded in recognition of 100 library visits in support of TDI's reading program. They are the first Spinone to earn the TWT titles.

**New titling class:** The new Beginners Novice (BN) Optional Titling Class became effective July 1, 2010. The class seems to be generating a lot of interest for the clubs who have added it to the list of classes for their events.

The Beginner Novice Class is for dogs that have not earned the BN title.

The Beginner Novice (BN) letter may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by "two" different judges to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at "three" licensed or member trials.

Beginner Novice information can be located in the AKC Obedience Regulations amended to January 1, Chapter 6, page 43.

## AKC News

### Three Breeds Gain Full AKC Recognition

The American Kennel Club is pleased to welcome the Cane Corso, Icelandic Sheepdog and Leonberger as the 165th, 166th, and 167th AKC recognized breeds. The new breeds became eligible for AKC registration on June 1, 2010.

The Cane Corso is a muscular and large-boned breed and is distinguished by his noble, majestic and powerful presence. The Cane Corso is easily trained, and affectionate to his owner and family.

The only native dog of Iceland, and indispensable to the Icelandic people, the Icelandic Sheepdog is playful, inquisitive, hardy and agile. The Icelandic Sheepdog adapted its working style to Iceland's local terrain and farming techniques since its arrival to the country in AD 874 – 930.

The Leonberger is a calm, graceful, non-aggressive breed,

originally bred as a family, farm and draft dog. Today the breed's most important task is being a reliable family companion. In fact, Leonbergers are often called the "nanny" dog because of their affinity for children.

### More than 1,000 Dogs and Cats Set to Take Over NYC at the Second Annual Meet the Breeds

The American Kennel Club and the Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) return to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City on October 16th & 17th with more than 1,000 dogs and cats to host the second annual Meet the Breeds.™ Meet the Breeds, sponsored by Pet Partners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, is the world's largest extravaganza of cats and dogs and offers pet lovers the unique opportunity to play with some of the rarest dog and cat breeds while learning from the experts about responsible pet ownership and choosing the right pet for their lifestyle.

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### AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAYS UNLEASHED

-- Hundreds of Nationwide Events Listed  
on [www.akc.org/rdod](http://www.akc.org/rdod) --

New York, NY - Interested in learning training and grooming tips from the pros? Looking for a new canine family member? Or want to start competing in AKC events? Then be sure to mark "AKC® Responsible Dog Ownership Days" on your calendar. This month-long celebration includes hundreds of organizations around the country holding free events filled with fun and engaging activities for every current or future dog owner. AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events are held throughout September and are listed on [www.akc.org/rdod](http://www.akc.org/rdod)

This year, you can weigh in about your own responsible ownership habits. In the spirit of this month-long celebration, the AKC has created a fun, light-hearted AKC RDO Days survey to learn more about America's doggie "dos" and "don'ts." Take the survey and the AKC will announce the survey results at the beginning of September to kick-off AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days.

"Dogs are considered to be members of the family and the best way to return the love of your dog is to be a responsible owner," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "We encourage everyone to attend an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days event near them to both have fun and learn about all the different ways to have fun and do more with your dog."

Each AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event is unique but many include AKC Rally®, Obedience and Agility demonstrations, meet the breeds, microchip clinics, breed rescue information, legislation seminars, therapy dog/service dog demonstrations, health clinics, safety around dogs for kids, giveaways and other entertaining and educational activities. If you want to show your friends and family how well-mannered your dog can be, take the AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Test. This 10-step test rewards well-mannered, obedient dogs - and is offered at many events.

Listings of all events can be found and searched by state at [www.akc.org/rdod](http://www.akc.org/rdod). The site will be updated weekly to reflect new additions. Over 200 local events have been entered to date, including:

- 9/4 - Trap Falls Kennel Club, Easton, Connecticut - AKC Canine Good Citizen® Testing; AKC CAR microchip clinic; AKC Rally and Obedience matches; vendors and demonstrations
- 9/11 - Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Agility, Obedience and Police K-9 demos; Meet breeders and learn about the pros and cons of their breed; free dog photos, caricatures, doggy massages and face-painting; discounted micro chipping; and fifteen different breed rescue groups and therapy dog groups on-site.
- 9/18 - Seneca Siberian Husky Club, Brockport, New York - Demonstrations of dog sports including sledding, agility, rally, and flyball; meet therapy and police K9 dogs and some of AKC's 167 breeds; attend classes on first aid and traveling with your dog; speak to a professional behaviorist, vet, trainer and pet communicator; and enjoy kids' activities like crafts, coloring, and a safety class.
- 9/20 - Hartford Obedience Training Club, West Springfield, Massachusetts - Demonstrations of AKC Canine Good Citizen® test exercises; information about disaster planning in case of emergency; and a mini-Meet the Breeds before and after all demonstrations. AKC will celebrate its own AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Raleigh, N.C. on Saturday, September 25. The event will feature many AKC-recognized breeds, agility and

obedience demonstrations, AKC CGC® testing, low-cost AKC CAR micro chipping, goodie bags and much more. Organizations interested in hosting an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days event should contact the AKC at [communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org) or visit <http://www.akc.org/rdod> AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days are sponsored by Invisible Fence® Brand, Hill's® Science Diet® Small & Toy Breed Dog Food and ADT Security Services. These organizations will be highlighting their commitment to responsible dog ownership this September by working with event-hosting organizations across the country to provide resources and information for pet owners.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **AKC Adds New Titles in Conformation, Companion and Performance Events --**

New York, NY - Since the start of the year, each event type - conformation, companion and performance - now offers its exhibitors a brand new AKC title. The conformation and performance titles will appeal to the long-time exhibitor while the companion title will help bring along the novice handler or inexperienced dog.

Last month, Conformation added the Grand Champion title. Judges now have the opportunity of awarding Grand Championship points to their Best of Breed and Best of Opposite winners as well as to additional AKC Champions with the Select Dog and Select Bitch award. We believe this title gives breeders and owners a new way to showcase the quality of their breeding stock to judges and other breeders and exhibitors alike. We encourage you to take advantage of the enhanced conformation title.

We are proud to announce that we already have the first AKC Grand Champion in history - a 4-year old Weimaraner named GCH Monterra's Best Bet, MH - who finished his title in six consecutive shows. As an additional recognition for dogs that complete their Grand Champion title, they will also receive an invitation to the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship. Starting this summer, Companion events will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title. This title is an excellent competitive event for both

the novice handler and dog. Most exercises, a blend from Rally and Companion Dog, are completed on-leash. In the Performance area, Earthdog competitors now have the opportunity to earn a new title - the Endurance Earthdog - the first addition since the program's inception in 1993. This EE title provides a new challenge for dogs that have earned their Master Earthdog title by requiring them to earn five double qualifications in master and senior. A Border Terrier named "Rosemary" recently earned the first ever EE title.

As you know, Parent Clubs also have a variety of breed specific sports and events. The Board recently approved a program to allow the recording of parent club performance event titles if AKC does not provide a test for these breed-specific skills. The Bloodhound Club of America is the first to apply for acknowledgment of its titles with their "man-trailing event". If your parent club would like to participate in this new program please contact Performance Events AVP Doug Ljungren at DVL@akc.org.

As you can see, it's an exciting time for AKC exhibitors. Whether you want to compete further, add more titles or participate in parent club events, we hope these new AKC titles will inspire you to reach higher goals, remain longer on the competitive trail, and provide you with more ways to bond with your dog.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker  
Chairman

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **AKC Companion Animal Recovery Canine Support and Relief Fund Spearheads Disaster Preparedness --**

New York, NY - With this year's hurricane season forecast to be especially treacherous and the recent tornadoes, wildfires and floods that have plagued communities across the United States, our attention naturally turns to the safety of our companion animals.

Since the creation of the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR) Canine Support and Relief Fund in 2002, AKC and AKC CAR have played a major role in our country's largest disaster relief efforts. During

Hurricane Katrina in 2005, AKC and AKC CAR delivered vital aid and provided multiple airlifts for displaced dogs in dire need of assistance. In doing so, our organizations helped set the standard for rescue efforts by communities and state governments, which have since become better prepared to handle the challenges they face in the event of catastrophe. Similarly, AKC Clubs are assured of our assistance in response to disaster. However, increasingly, both AKC CAR and AKC Clubs are shifting the focus from disaster relief to disaster preparedness.

So far in 2010, the Fund has donated nearly \$400,000 to organizations across the nation, including more than \$215,000 in grants to Search and Rescue organizations for equipment and preparedness training. A \$25,000 donation to the United States Police Canine Association (Region 7) - in honor of the NYPD K-9 teams that assisted with earthquake relief efforts in Haiti - will enhance ongoing SAR education of law enforcement K-9s and their handlers. A grant given to the National Search Dog Alliance in Houston, Texas, will help subsidize costs of training seminars, while S.T.R.I.K.E. in West Milton, Pennsylvania, has used their funds to purchase supplies such as search and rescue vests and GPS equipment. AKC CAR just recently donated a total of \$35,000 to the state of Delaware's Kent County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc. and to the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART), enabling both organizations to acquire CAMEL (Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer) units, which will aid in state preparedness. CAMEL units are supplied to organizations by the North Carolina State Animal Response Team (NC SART) which AKC CAR has worked with over the years on other similar donations. The trailers provide immediate shelter when disaster strikes and contain items such as crates, a generator, first aid kits, a pressure washer, power cords, animal ID bands, dog bowls and more. Once unloaded, the trailer also serves as a local command center. In addition to the CAMEL trailers, another state in the area - Massachusetts -also received a \$5,000 disaster preparedness grant to specifically address evacuation needs

on Cape Cod. The State of Massachusetts Animal Response Team (SMART) will spearhead that effort.

In the spirit of preparedness, we urge and invite all AKC clubs to create a disaster plan that addresses what club and community members should do to help in case of disaster. Not only does taking this action ensure the safety of your animals, but it is a public service for your community and fulfills one of the eligibility requirements to host future dog shows. You can also get involved by making a donation at <http://www.akc.org/donations/>. Thanks to your continued support, we'll be able to provide much needed disaster preparedness and relief resources for companion animals across the country. Sincerely,

Ron Menaker  
Chairman

**FIRST 10 AKC GRAND CHAMPIONS IN EACH BREED TO RECEIVE SPECIAL MEDALLION**

**First-Ever AKC Grand Champion "Stoli" Recognized at Oklahoma Dog Show -**

New York, NY - In recognition of the newest American Kennel Club® Grand Champion conformation title, a special blue enamel AKC Medallion will be sent to the owners of the first 10 Grand Champion title holders in each AKC-recognized breed to mark this historic achievement.

To kick off the Grand Champion medallion program Director of AKC Event Management Michael Canalizo, joined by AKC Board Member Lee Arnold and Executive Field Representative Sue Vroom, made a special presentation to the first-ever Grand Champion, GCH Monterra's Best Bet, MH, a 4-year-old Weimaraner affectionately known as "Stoli" bred and owned by Elizabeth Krupinski and co-owned by Timothy Bintner of Elizabeth, Colorado and handled by Tad Walden. Stoli received a special gold AKC Medallion at the Oklahoma City Kennel Club show on July 2, 2010.

"We are pleased to present the first 10 Grand Champions in each breed with this special AKC Medallion," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "Completing the Grand Champion title is quite a feat and we are excited to recognize the dogs and their owners for all that they have accomplished."

AKC will send a congratulatory letter and one medallion to the owners following verification of the title. Owners and co-owners may order extra medallions by written request. For more information, contact Bobby Birdsong, Director of AKC Event Operations at [bwb@akc.org](mailto:bwb@akc.org). All dogs that complete their Grand Championship will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California to be held on Dec. 4 and 5, 2010. As Grand Championships are completed all dogs will be listed on the AKC website.

**Tip:**

If you sprinkle a little baking soda on your carpet and then let sit for 30 minutes or so and then brush out in your pet's linens it will keep them smelling fresh. Add 1/2 cup baking soda to wash water when washing pet blankets to help clean and deodorize. Cindy Richardson

## **DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY**

**by Connie Cleveland**

On the occasion of my tenth anniversary; my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us.

At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table. He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"

That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and

put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.

Are you a joy stealer?

"You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.

"I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."

"I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."

"I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance, " said to the winner.

"Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.

"Boy, aren't you glad Mrs. Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."

"You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."

"That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.

Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream.

"No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Basset in Utility class.

"I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes.

"Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first time dog owner setting out to do both.

When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I

received when those last 35 points were earned? If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment. My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. "Darn it," I said, as he came out of the ring," she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?"

Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.

I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.

## **DEADLINE for the September-October newsletter is October 7, 2010**

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto: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.