

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be February 2, 2016 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The March meeting will be March 1, 2016 at Apple Rehab.

CALENDAR 2016

February 2- meeting

March 1- meeting

April 5- meeting

April 10- TFKC Show

May 3- meeting

June 7- meeting

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

Board and Officers for 2016.

President - Laura Wells

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Board Member - Dee Vetrano

(Board members serving second year: Debbie

Lindsay, Rose Napoleone, Ron Egidio)

Past President board member position: Chris Sweetwood

April 2016 Show

CLUB MEMBERS NEEDED

TFKC's show will be April 10, 2016 at the Big E. We still need a few volunteers to steward for obedience and rally. No experience is necessary, we provide on the job training. Please contact me at

csweetwood@att.net or call Dee Vetrano (203) 746-2611.

Chris Sweetwood

2016 Obedience/Rally Chair

RDOD

RDO Day 2015 Demos were very well attended and were a lot of fun! Our K-9 Cop demos from Monroe and Newtown were very informative and full of activity. Demonstrating several times throughout the day, the public loved the 'drug finds' and 'a bad guy take downs' and 'bite work'. There were also several opportunities for question and answer periods. One of our Monroe teams even participated in showing off 'other' abilities in our 'best costume' contest. We held several contests for the general public and their dogs. Two of the most popular were 'Best Kisser' and 'Best Dressed'. We had great participation for all our contests and the winners and runner-ups were acknowledged with applause and everyone went home with a prize. This was a great way for the public to have fun with their dogs and be proud of themselves, Our very engaging demo speaker, Pat Wright aka "The Dog Listener of the East" gave a wonderful demonstration on explaining the "inner nature" of dogs and why they behave the way they do. TFKC was offering Canine Good Citizen and Canine Good Citizen "A" testing throughout the day. Therefore to give the public an idea as to what is involved in the testing, a demonstration was given of all the aspects of the test. This encouraged the public to try the test for themselves. It was a very successful day with a load of fun, entertainment and education. (Lisa Peters)

For 2015 RDO Day we had the following breeds represented:

Belgian Tervuren

Beauceron

Bull Mastiff

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Chinese Crested

Czechoslovakian Vlcak

Dachshund

Doberman Pinscher
French Bulldog
German Shepherd
Golden Retriever
Irish Wolfhound
Newfoundland
Poodle
Rottweiler
Rough Collie
Shetland Sheepdog
Siberian Husky
Spinone Italiano
Whippet

All of the owners were wonderful, they had information about their breed to help educate the public make the correct dog choices. The dogs that came in were friendly and open to all of the people that came to visit. Thanks, Karen Battistelli

Braggs

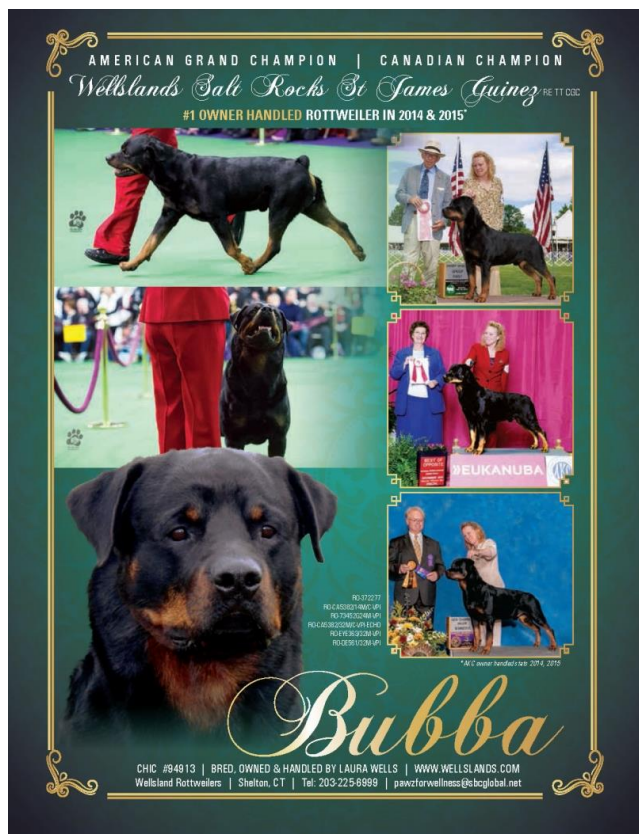


Catherine and Derek Buttiker participated in the Meet the Breed with their German Shepherd, Dakota. Dakota passed her CGC test earlier this year with Catherine as her handler in our training class. They exhibited great Responsible Dog Ownership and had a great time talking to other dog owners. They have applied for TFKC membership. Please welcome them at the next meeting. (Cindy Richardson)



DAKOTA, CINDY RICHARDSON
Dakota is my six-year-old purebred Rottweiler. I met her two weeks after she was born with her other 10 litter mates. My friend was her breeder. I was allowed to "baby sit" them every weekend. And at eight weeks, she came home with me. We've been together ever since. She is very sweet and loves everyone. A true ambassador to her breed!

I was very proud when my Dakota's photo was included in UIL's corporate magazine for the third quarter" (Cindy Richardson)



AmGrCh/CanCh Wellslands Salt Rocks St James Guinez RE TT CGC, "Bubba" was featured in *Show Sight - the Dog Show Magazine* (www.showsightonline.com) in the November issue. Pages 352 - 381 feature a Rottweiler section. Bubba retired Oct 10, 2015 as the #1 Owner Handled Rottweiler in the country for a second year in a row and can be seen on page 378 of the magazine. He will be heading to Eukanuba in Orlando, Florida for the Owner handled finals on Dec 11, 2015. He has already started his next venture, carting! (Laura Wells)

CHF

Dr. Cindy Otto and her team at the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Vet Working Dog Center have monitored the health and behavior of the search and rescue dogs involved in the 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts in New York City and Washington DC since October 2001.

[The long-term medical surveillance study](#), funded for the past 14 years by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), began with the enrollment of 95 of the search and rescue dogs deployed to the World Trade Center, the Staten Island Landfill, and the Pentagon following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Fifty-five non-deployed search and rescue dogs also served as controls for the study. According to Dr. Cindy Otto, "The ability to follow these dogs

and document the health and behavioral effects of their heroic service is invaluable."

Today, three of these remarkable dogs are still living and continue to be monitored as part of the study. Morgan, a 16-and-a-half year old English Springer Spaniel and Bretagne, a 16- year-old Golden Retriever were both deployed in the rescue and recovery efforts following 9/11. Tookie a 15-and-a-half-year-old year old Airedale Terrier, is part of the non-deployed control group.

Participating dogs are monitored through annual examinations, which include blood tests and chest radiographs. Data from these tests are being analyzed to determine the health impact of deployment on the search and rescue dogs. According to Otto, the preliminary data have not shown a significant difference in incidence of cancer or in the median age at death between the deployed and control dogs, but this additional funding will allow for the complete analysis of the full set of data. "Insights from this long-term medical surveillance study will provide vital information to handlers, trainers, and veterinary professionals on the health and well-being of dogs deployed on search and rescue missions," said Dr. Diane Brown, Chief Scientific Officer of CHF, "and may provide insights to human exposures as well. CHF is honored to have provided study funding over the course of the entire lifetimes of these working dogs following their exposures on 9/11."

The full article can be accessed at www.akcchf.org/september11study.

AKC Delegate News

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF AKC MARKETPLACE

Platform boasts a new colorful platform for responsible breeders to advertise litters

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club (AKC®) is pleased to announce the launch of AKC Marketplace with enhanced form and functionality to better serve responsible breeders with the opportunity to promote themselves directly to potential dog owners.

Through interactive profile pages, unlimited listings and a user-friendly experience, *AKC Marketplace* helps breeders get in front of more dog owners, showcase all they do for their dogs and find good homes for their puppies.

Improvements to *AKC Marketplace* include:

- New homepage with better functionality.
- Advanced searching and filtering capability.

- Easy access to Parent Club and breed standard information for each breed.
 - Enhanced breeder profile pages to include litter, health and vaccination information.
 - Addition of unlimited photo and video galleries for breeders to showcase their puppies.
 - Easy access to “How To Pick A Puppy” Handbook.
- “The enhanced *AKC Marketplace* will allow breeders to engage with potential dog owners, share their knowledge of their breed and ultimately help people find the right breed for their lifestyle,” said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO, AKC. “Our team has worked diligently to make the necessary improvements to make this the best place possible for breeders to showcase their litters. In 2016, staff will fulfill my vision of expanding the platform to include groomers, veterinarians, dog sitters and other dog-related service providers.”

Breeders that sign up for *AKC Marketplace* receive:

- A **dedicated profile page** with the ability to host video, images and more. Breeders who are involved in AKC recognition programs, such as Breeder of Merit and Bred with H.E.A.R.T., will automatically have that distinction on their profile.
- A trusted **AKC.org vanity URL** to share when dealing with potential buyers
- **Unlimited litter listings** to showcase available puppies.
- **Profile page analytics**, technical assistance and customer service support

Breeders can have unlimited use of *AKC Marketplace* for \$99/year or have the option to sign up for the \$10/month plan (which has a \$20 one-time sign-up fee) at www.marketplace.akc.org.

The American Kennel Club Announces Strategic Partnership with FidoTV

*New Network Debuts “All Dogs, All Day” Family
Entertainment on Dish Network*

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (The AKC®) would like to announce that it has partnered with new network FidoTV, the first television programming channel dedicated solely to dog lovers on Dish Network (Channel 245). As part of this strategic partnership, FidoTV will air the 2015 American Kennel Club/Eukanuba National Championship evening events December 12th and 13th. FidoTV will broadcast the show live from the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The show will also be live-streamed on AKC.org and live.eukanuba.com

The AKC will also provide additional programming, including live conformation shows, informational clips, PSAs and events from around the country, while also offering their expertise and input on feature programming.

Led by CEO and founder Tad Walden, FidoTV’s television channel, mobile app and website (Fidotvchannel.com) will connect dog lovers with entertainment and support services for their dogs. All programming is 100% canine related, family-friendly and includes shows from around the world as well as original programming, movies and special live events involving dg shows and agility competitions.

“We are beyond excited to partner with FidoTV on this new endeavor,” said Ron Menaker, Chairman of The American Kennel Club. “This channel is unique and offers dedicated programming that will appeal to the large demographics of dog owners and dog lovers everywhere. We look forward to creating premium content and growing with the network.”

FidoTV’s programming will also feature a range of scripted series including documentary-style programs on hero dogs and working dogs, crime interest stories on police dog teams from around the world and a reality show about puppies, which follows families as they choose the right dog.

AKC PAC

The AKC Government Relations Department has monitored more than 1,700 dog-related bills this year. Far too many of these bills undermine American dog ownership, unjustly restrict responsible dog breeding, and threaten the future of purebred dogs.

Now, many of the legislators who supported these bad bills are running for re-election.

The AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) needs your help to send the message that good dog owners will not support lawmakers who attack purebred dog ownership and responsible breeding.

We rely on you—the members of AKC clubs—to donate to the AKC PAC. Help spread the word to your fellow club members and encourage them to make their 2015 contributions soon. Even \$30, the cost of a dog show entry, can make a real difference.

Is your name on the [2015 AKC PAC Donor Honor Roll](#) yet? There’s still time to make your 2015 AKC

PAC donation and be recognized at the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship*.

[Click here to make your 2015 donation TODAY.](#)

Scroll down and enter your AKC club name to access the online donation form. Or you can download and print a mail-in form by clicking [here](#).

There's no better value. 100% of your donations to the AKC PAC are used to support the campaigns of candidates who share our commitment to fair and reasonable legislation that protects dogs and the rights of responsible dog owners.

[Thank you for your support.](#)

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Dr. Arnold Goldman, CT Federation of Dog Clubs Win 2015 Bebout Legislative Leadership Award

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce that Dr. Arnold L. Goldman, DVM, MPH and the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners have been named winners of the 2015 Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation.

Together with the Connecticut Federation, of which he is a trustee, Dr. Goldman and the federation have demonstrated innovative leadership in educating Connecticut residents about responsible dog ownership, pet health, animal welfare, public health issues, crisis planning, and emergency response for animals.

The Connecticut federation takes an active role in monitoring and testifying on legislation that may impact dog owners in the state. In addition, the federation participates in numerous educational activities including pet expos, dog shows, fairs, and public events at shopping centers and other community centers.

Dr. Goldman is a leader in animal welfare policy and has been active in bringing attention to illegal and inhumane pet trafficking issues in the state and around the country. He has testified numerous times on canine legislative issues in both Connecticut and New York and developed compromise legislation addressing retail pet sales and consumer protection that serves as a model for other communities nationwide.

Dr. Goldman is also widely recognized as a leader in the veterinary field. He is a long-time leader in the

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and was chosen by colleagues as Connecticut Veterinarian of the Year for 2008. He has served as president of the New England Veterinary Medical Association, the Connecticut Veterinary Association, and the National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs. Dr. Goldman is currently running for AVMA District 1 Director. Dr. Goldman created or collaborated with colleagues to create the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Foundation; CTSART, the Connecticut State Animal Response Team; Companions-in-Crisis, a domestic violence program; and HAVEN, a substance abuse program for veterinarians.

"We are thrilled to honor Dr. Goldman and the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners for their leadership in responsible dog ownership and public policy. Their work is a model and an inspiration for dog lovers and communities throughout the country," said Sheila Goffe, AKC's Director of Government Relations. "We look forward to presenting this award to them personally next month."

Named for the late Director of the AKC Government Relations Department, the "Bebout Award" recognizes federations and dog owner/breeder organizations that have been actively involved in educating legislators about responsible dog ownership issues and have worked to preserve the rights of responsible owners and breeders.

Misuse of Service Dogs Hurts the Disabled and Responsible Dog Owners
[By: Government Relations Department](#)

Would you lie to get a handicapped parking placard? Would you fake an injury that required the use of a wheelchair to obtain special services? Would you feign a life-threatening illness to qualify for a Make-A-Wish trip?

Most people would never do these things because they harm those who are truly disabled and need special assistance. However, it appears that many people do not feel the same way when it comes to service dogs. Sales of fake service dog vests, patches, and backpacks have skyrocketed in recent years, allowing owners who outfit their pet with this gear to enter restaurants, ride with a dog in an airplane cabin, or claim other special accommodations intended for people with disabilities. This behavior is just as dishonest and damaging as the examples above.

As we head into the heavy holiday travel period and as fanciers prepare to travel to the world's premier dog show, the [AKC/Eukanuba National Championship](#), it is of the utmost importance that we

demonstrate our commitment to respecting service dog laws by holding ourselves to the highest standards.

This year Florida took additional action to protect legitimate service dogs and their owners by adopting [House Bill 71](#), which provides that knowingly and willfully misrepresenting oneself as being qualified to use a service animal or being a trainer of a service animal is a second degree misdemeanor. Upon conviction the offender would be required to perform thirty hours of community service that serves individuals with disabilities.

The American Kennel Club has always been a strong supporter of service dogs and [strongly condemns the misrepresentation of pets as service dogs](#). AKC club members initiated the use of dogs in wartime that led to the development of dogs to assist the disabled. AKC supports the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws that assure special accommodations for individuals with service animals. Dog enthusiasts take pride in the accomplishments of these amazing animals and applaud their contributions to society that help disabled individuals live more independently. This makes the abuse of these laws all the more distressing.

Bringing untrained dogs into situations for which they are ill-equipped puts everyone at risk. Recently, the California legislature held a [select Committee hearing](#) on the problems created by fake service dogs.

Testimony at this hearing provided several examples of how these dogs create dangers both for those with legitimate service dogs and for the public at large. Canine Companions for Independence, a leader in the service dog arena, has started a [petition](#) to restrict the sale of these vests and identification because of the problems they are creating. Service dogs are trained to behave submissively when they encounter another dog. They are socialized to know to lie out of the way under a table in a restaurant or stay at their owner's side. They are trained to not react to noises and disturbances that upset other dogs. Untrained animals fraudulently presented as service dogs in public places have been known to start fights, get up on restaurant furniture, relieve themselves in stores, and damage property. Perhaps the most disturbing effect of this trend is that it is those with legitimate service dogs are being denied access to public places where they have the right to go because of the poor behavior of pets and their owners who fraudulently attempt to pass them off as service dogs. It's easy to understand how a business owner who has had bad experiences with ill-disciplined fake "service dogs" can become wary of all dogs and resist allowing legitimate service dogs into their place of business.

Due to the broadness of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, it is difficult to address this problem legally and few of us would want to see additional impediments for those with service dogs. Therefore it's up to dog owners to behave with integrity and

honesty. AKC looks to those who compete in AKC events and belong to our clubs to be leaders on all issues related to responsible dog ownership and this is no exception. Please think about the benefit that service animals bring to those with disabilities and the potential problems that misrepresentation of a dog as a service animal can create. Let's be the first to honor specially trained service dogs by respecting

The American Kennel Club Appoints Dr. Jerry Klein Chief Veterinary Officer

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club (AKC®) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jerry Klein to Chief Veterinary Officer.

Dr. Klein brings with him over 35 years of experience in the Veterinary field. Currently, he is the Supervising Veterinarian at the Chicago Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center. He is an active member of several professional organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association, Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society, as well as The Afghan Hound Club of America and Fox Terrier Club of Chicago. Dr. Klein has also been a licensed judge for The American Kennel Club for 30 years, judging on both the national and international levels.

In his role as Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Klein will act as the AKC's official spokesperson and policy leader surrounding the preexisting and enhanced health commitments of the AKC. He will serve as the organization's principle authority on canine health, veterinary policy and initiate relevant wellness campaigns. Dr. Klein will report to Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary.

"We are proud to welcome Dr. Jerry Klein to the AKC in his new consultancy role," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO. "Jerry's demonstrated expertise in canine health and dedication to the health and welfare of our trusted companions will be a valuable asset to our organization. I look forward to his many important contributions."

RDOD Photos

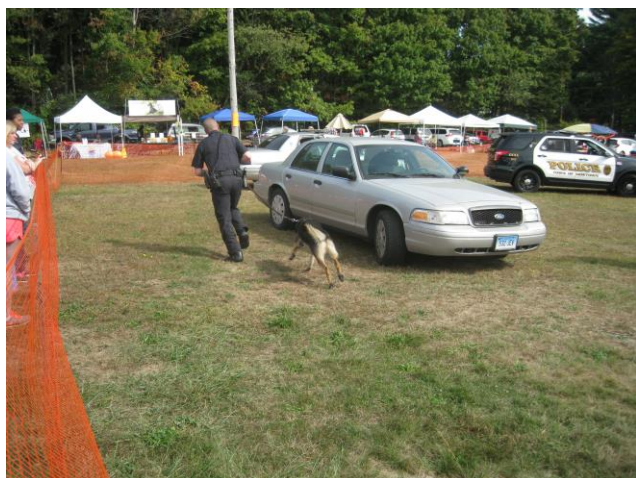


Judi Naughtright with her dog ZuZu participated at our 2015 RDO Day. Judi and ZuZu graciously volunteered to man the "Reading Corner" and oversee the dogs reading to the kids. Welcome Judi as an applicant the next time you see her. (Laura Wells)



Bear and I with some of the clients that live at the assisted living facility Benchmark at Split Rock in Shelton. They came to see Bear at RDO Day and watch all of the wonderful dogs. Karen Battestelli.





**DEADLINE for the January-
February 2016 newsletter is
February 7, 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. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the membership for my failure to publish the September-October newsletter. With our trip out west life just got in the way. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due the high SPAM content these days.