

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## September-October 2008

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## MEETING NOTICE

The November 4, 2008 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30. Officers will be installed and we will have pizza so bring your appetites. The December meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 7, 2009.

## CALENDAR

**November 4** meeting-we still need a speaker.  
**December 7** will be our Christmas Party.

## Membership news

Applicants Scott and Lynn Kovack have met their requirements and have been approved by the board. They will be voted on by the general membership at the next meeting..

If any member of TFKC knows of a reason the applicant should not be admitted into the club, please contact a club officer or board member.  
(Reported by Eva Skrabl)

## ELECTIONS

No nominations from the floor were made at the October meeting and the following slate was elected:

President: Laura Wells  
Vice President: Eve Skrabl  
Treasurer: Laura Hovanec  
Recording Secretary: Deb Lindsey  
Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Saray

Director-Board Member: Lauren Friedman  
Director-Board Member: Jo Ann Roeter

## Responsible Dog Ownership Day

On September 20, 2008 we held our RDOD at Old Mine Park. I would like to thank each and everyone of you who helped make this day a great success and

the best RDOD we have ever had. Arlene Zingale did a great job on publicity as evidenced by all the news articles, radio and TV coverage that we had. Karen Drumm and Bev Winner had thirty vendors on site and Laura Wells had many dogs for our meet the breed tents with dogs. Lauren Friedman did a great last minute job of getting demonstrations for the center ring and did all the CGC evaluations. It is estimated that we had just under one thousand people attend this event. We still have some t-shirts for sale at a cost of only \$10.00. Hurry they are going fast. Please see Laura Hovanec if you want one.

**Now is the time to start planning for next year so please consider where you can help and volunteer.**

## AKC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT



Laura Wells presenting the award to Arlene Zingale

The AKC Good Sportsmanship Award is an award presented on behalf of the AKC to one outstanding volunteer on an annual basis by each kennel club. This

year's recipient is Arlene Zingale who did such an outstanding job as the club's publicity chair. Congratulations Arlene.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December meeting will be the Christmas party. Trap Falls Kennel Club's annual Christmas party will be Sunday December 7, 2008 from 1-5pm at Laura Hovanec's house at 140 Partridge town Road in Naugatuck.

People with last names beginning with A thru K are asked to bring an appetizer, last names beginning with L-Z are asked to bring a dessert.

All are asked to bring a (\$5.00)"doggie grab bag"

Please R.S.V.P. to Laura at 203-723-4187 or email: [jlhova@att.net](mailto:jlhova@att.net) by December 3, 2008.

**THIS YEAR ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE HAVING A CONTEST FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY PET PHOTO! BRING A "HOLIDAY" PICTURE OF YOUR PET**

Directions:

From Bridgeport, take Rt. 8 north to exit 28. Go straight to 2<sup>nd</sup> light and take a left on Rt. 68 west. Take Rt. 68W to Rt. 63N; take a right at light onto 63. Go approx ½ mile and take a left on Field St. (Irving Gas station is on the corner before Field street and Hop Brook Golf Course is across the street.) Take Field to Timothy (street sign is on the left) *take a right*. Go to 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign and take a left on Partridge town Road. #140 at the end of the cul-de-sac.

From I-84 east or west, take exit 17. Go South on Rt 63 to Irving Gas station on right, take a right on Field and follow directions above.

**AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING WE NEED MEMBERS TO BRING ITEMS TO HELP FILL THE RAFFLE BASKETS THAT WILL BE RAFFLED AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.** If you can't make the meeting contact Jane Edmunds at 876-1310 or Lauren Friedman at 877-6157 to make arrangements to drop off the items before the party.

## CLASSES

Please tune to the club website for class information. We need some volunteers to assist at the classes. Please call Margie Miles at 924-2985 to volunteer

## WWW.TRAPFALLS.ORG

Our website has been updated and completely redone. Please be sure to check it out

## APRIL SHOW

The April 3, 2009 show is fast approaching and Jane Edmunds is looking for someone who wants to learn how to be a chief ring steward which is a very rewarding and satisfying position. Call Jane at 876-1310 or e-mail [elmud@att.net](mailto:elmud@att.net) . You will not be disappointed.

## WAGS AND BRAGS

Pat Kuchma's 8 1/2 year old Border Collie Torc-Caora Con's Caladonian Torc RN,FMCH, accumulated enough points at a flyball tournament in August, to achieve his Flyball Master Champion title (15,000 points). We are now looking forward to pheasant hunting season



Torc



"Peggy enjoying the RDOD Match", owned by Jo-ann Jackson

## HOW TO MAKE A PUPPY PIE

Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered, then add the following ingredients.

- 1 cup patience
- 1 cup understanding

1 pinch correction  
1 cup hard work  
2 cups praise and 1 1/2 cups fun  
Blend well.  
Heat with warmth of your heart until raised or until puppy has doubled in size.  
Mix with owner until consistency is such that owner and puppy are one.

Enjoy!

## AKC News

### SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club faces enormous challenges in reversing the continuing decline in registrations. Today, we are losing market share at an alarming rate, especially in the retail sector. We are being challenged competitively and financially. The declining registrations and associated core revenues, if allowed to continue, will fundamentally change our organization going forward. Make no mistake, the very future of the AKC and our sport is at risk.

We can all remember some of the premier "name brands" and companies of the past, leaders in their field. The ones that we thought would be around forever. These giants, these household names, held the same standing as the AKC. Companies such as: Westinghouse, Pan American Airlines, Standard Oil Company, EF Hutton, Woolworth's, Montgomery Ward, just to name a few.

Today, there are at least 30 All-Breed registries in addition to the AKC, whose combined registration numbers exceed that of the AKC. If this trend is allowed to continue, if we do not stop the hemorrhaging of declining registrations, we will no longer be the premier registry in the world, let alone in our country.

Management has been directed by the Board to aggressively pursue all dogs eligible for AKC registration. We intend to reach out, communicate, and educate those in the retail sector as to why an AKC puppy is the gold standard and why they should be registered with American Kennel Club. In achieving this objective we intend to continue to "raise the bar" by vigorously enforcing our policies. This action is essential to protect and preserve our leadership.

As the pre-eminent and only not-for-profit registry, we live our values everyday with our commitment to the integrity of our registry and the excellence of our inspections program.

Having AKC involved through our compliance and inspection programs elevates the quality of AKC puppies.

Our Compliance Program allows us to educate breeders about puppy socialization, genetic health

screening, grooming, exercise requirements and adherence to breed standards. This is the benchmark of excellence we expect of all AKC breeders whether under mandatory or random inspections.

In 1996, when the Board first passed our care and conditions policies we knew it was, and still, is the right thing to do. We know that insisting upon good breeding practices is the right thing to do. And we intend to continue to do the right things for dogs. The American Kennel Club provides what no other registry provides. In order to continue to be the dog's champion, we must remain a strong, viable organization.

We are losing litters, dogs and entire colonies to competing registries. If litters and dogs aren't registered with AKC, we can't inspect them, we can't help the breeders and we can't grow our sport. AKC used to dominate the marketplace. Even places like Macy's and Gimbels sold AKC puppies. Many pet owners who bought these puppies, and I was one of them, tried their hand at showing and breeding. These owners who purchased their first purebred from a retail outlet, not only added to AKC's registrations, but those who wanted to advance in the sport, then sought out fanciers to continue their journey.

The available pool of AKC registrable puppies is being lost to other registries, along with potential participants in the sport. As we lose registrations, we also lose our core revenues, our ability to generate alternative revenues and our legislative influence. We need to get back on track growing our influence as the premier registry in the world.

We know that AKC puppies and our breeders are the best. They are the "Gold Standard" in the marketplace. We need to continue to reinforce that. Let's not allow those other registries to weaken us or put us out of business. Let's not allow them to make AKC a nostalgic memory as well.

For decades we collected millions of registration dollars from AKC pet owners. These millions overwhelmingly subsidized our sport. Today, this scenario no longer exists. Twenty-five years ago almost all of our revenue was registration related. Last year less than one half of our revenues came from registrations. Dog registrations peaked at 1.5 million in 1992. By the end of 2008 it is projected we will register only 725,000 dogs. This is a staggering 53% decline.

It was not that long ago, that there were only two All Breed registries

- the AKC and UKC. Today there are at least 30 All-Breed registries. Going forward, we need to do whatever is necessary to stop our registration free fall. We can and will be aggressive in pursuing all AKC-registrable dogs and do so while upholding our values and high standards.

As we go forward, let me make it clear to all, that the AKC will continue to enthusiastically support the Parent Clubs' Codes of Ethics including, as it relates

to their members' sale of puppies through commercial entities.

If the current trend continues and dog registrations decline to 250,000 over the next several years, AKC will face an annual revenue shortfall of \$40 million.

To put this in perspective, if this scenario occurred, and we relied solely on raising the event service fees to make up for this revenue shortfall, the fee would be a staggering \$20 per entry. Our preference would be to grow our registrations to the point that we could lower, not increase event fees. Some would say the obvious solution is a significant reduction in expenses. However, a \$40 million revenue shortfall would necessitate a reduction of our expenses by two-thirds. This is totally unrealistic.

Let me remind you that since 2002 we have reduced our headcount by more than 50 employees and aggressively controlled expenses, which have remained relatively flat since 2003, in spite of inflation. Our problem is clearly not an expense problem. It's a revenue problem and a serious revenue problem.

We need to secure our AKC and our sport so that future dog lovers can experience the same joys and passions we have so fortunately enjoyed for more than a century. No one is suggesting we lose sight of our rich heritage and traditions, but let's not allow the stated goal of our competitors to become a reality.

As Bill Wrigley Jr. said recently in the New York Times, "We must respect the past...but at all times do what is right for the future."

Ron Menaker  
Chairman

### **AKC Group Realignment Committee – Proposed Breeds & Groups**

This is the list of the proposed new dog groups from a presentation to the Delegates on September 8, 2008 by the AKC Group Realignment Committee. These will in all probability become the new groups that you will see in the show ring sometime next year. It is important to note that it was reported that all of the National Breed Clubs that administer each of the breeds have agreed with their placement within the groups:

#### **Group 1: Sporting – Pointers and Setters (11) (12)**

Brittany  
Pointer  
Pointer (German Shorthaired)  
Pointer (German Wirehaired)  
Setter (English)  
Setter (Gordon)  
Setter (Irish)  
*Setter (Irish Red & White) Miscellaneous 6/27/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09*  
Spinone Italiano  
Vizsla  
Weimaraner  
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

#### **Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers and Spaniels (17) (18)**

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)  
Retriever (Curly-Coated)  
Retriever (Flat-Coated)  
Retriever (Golden)  
Retriever (Labrador)  
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)

Spaniel (American Water)  
*Spaniel (Boykin) – Miscellaneous 1/1/08*  
Spaniel (Clumber)  
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB  
Spaniel (Cocker) Black  
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color  
Spaniel (English Cocker)  
Spaniel (English Springer)  
Spaniel (Field)  
Spaniel (Irish Water)  
Spaniel (Sussex)  
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

#### **Group 3: Scent Hounds (14) (17)**

Basset Hound  
Beagle (13")  
Beagle (15")  
Black and Tan Coonhound  
Bloodhound  
*Bluetick Coonhound - Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Dachshund (Longhaired)  
Dachshund (Smooth)  
Dachshund (Wirehaired)  
English Foxhound  
Foxhound (American)  
Harrier  
Otterhound  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen  
Plott  
*Redbone Coonhound – Miscellaneous 9/1/2001*  
*Trening Walker – Miscellaneous 1/1/2009*

#### **Group 4: Sight Hounds (11)**

Afghan Hound  
Basenji  
Borzoi  
Greyhound  
Ibizan Hound  
Irish Wolfhound  
Italian Greyhound  
Pharaoh Hound  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Saluki  
Scottish Deerhound  
Whippet

#### **Group 5: Working (23) (25)**

Anatolian Shepherd  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Black Russian Terrier  
Boxer  
Bullmastiff  
*Cane Corso – Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Dalmatian  
Doberman Pinscher  
Dogue de Bordeaux  
German Pinscher  
Giant Schnauzer  
Great Dane  
Great Pyrenees  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Komondor  
Kuvasz  
*Leonberger – Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Mastiff  
Neapolitan Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Rottweiler  
Saint Bernard  
Standard Schnauzer  
Tibetan Mastiff

#### **Group 6: Terriers (28) (29)**

Airedale Terrier

Australian Terrier  
American Staffordshire Terrier  
Bedlington Terrier  
Border Terrier  
Bull Terrier (Colored)  
Bull Terrier (White)  
Cairn Terrier  
*Cesky Terrier – Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier  
Fox Terrier (Smooth)  
Fox Terrier (Wire)  
Glen of Imaal Terrier  
Irish Terrier  
Kerry Blue Terrier  
Lakeland Terrier  
Manchester Terrier (Standard)  
Miniature Bull Terrier  
Miniature Schnauzer  
Norfolk Terrier  
Norwich Terrier  
Parson Russell Terrier  
Scottish Terrier  
Sealyham Terrier  
Skye Terrier  
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier  
Welsh Terrier  
West Highland White Terrier

**Group 7: Toys (21)**

Affenpinscher  
Brussels Griffon  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Chihuahua (Long Coat)  
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)  
English Toy Spaniel (Blenheim & Prince Charles)  
English Toy Spaniel (King Charles & Ruby)  
Havanese  
Japanese Chin  
Maltese  
Manchester Terrier (Toy)  
Miniature Pinscher  
Papillon  
Pekingese  
Pomeranian  
Poodle (Toy)  
Pug  
Shih Tzu  
Silky Terrier  
Toy Fox Terrier  
Yorkshire Terrier

**Group 8: Companion (11)**

Bichon Frise  
Boston Terrier  
Bulldog  
Chinese Crested  
French Bulldog  
Lhasa Apso  
Lowchen  
Poodle (Miniature)  
Poodle (Standard)  
Tibetan Spaniel  
Tibetan Terrier  
*Xoloitzcuintli – Miscellaneous – 1/1/2009*

**Group 9: Herding (20) (21)**

Australian Cattle Dog  
Australian Shepherd  
Bearded Collie  
Beauceron  
Belgian Malinois  
Belgian Tervuren  
Belgian Sheepdog  
Border Collie

Bouvier des Flandres  
Briard  
Canaan Dog  
Cardigan Welsh Corgi  
Collie (Rough)  
Collie (Smooth)  
*Entlebucher Mountain Dog – Miscellaneous 1/1/2009*  
German Shepherd  
Old English Sheepdog  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
Polish Lowland Sheepdog  
Puli  
*Pyrenean Shepherd – Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09*  
Shetland Sheepdog

**Group 10: Northern (13) (16)**

Akita  
Alaskan Malamute  
American Eskimo Dog  
Chinese Shar-Pei  
Chow Chow  
*Finnish Lapphund – Miscellaneous 1/1/2009*  
Finnish Spitz  
*Icelandic Sheepdog – Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Keeshond  
*Norwegian Buhund – Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09*  
*Norwegian Lundehund – Miscellaneous 7/1/08*  
Norwegian Elkhound  
Samoyed  
Siberian Husky  
Schipperke  
Shiba Inu  
Swedish Vallhund

**New Obedience Regulations Launch in 2009**

The AKC Board of Directors recently approved the recommendations of the AKC Obedience Advisory Committee. These recommendations include new Optional Titling classes and new Non-Regular classes, as well as changes to the regulations designed to improve the overall obedience program. The majority of these changes will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2009, while other changes will become active in 2010 or 2011.

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweet@optonline.net](mailto:csweet@optonline.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. This newsletter is being e-mailed to everyone whom the club has an e-mail address for, to save on mailing costs.

**DEADLINE for the November-  
December newsletter is  
December 7, 2008**