

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be September 2, 2014 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:00 p.m. Board meeting at 6:15 p.m. The main topic will be the K-9 Karnival/RDOD. The October 7, 2014 meeting will be at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2014

September 2- meeting

September-27 RDOD,

October 7- meeting

November 4- meeting

December- Christmas Party-date to be announced

K-9 Karnival 2014

First let me thank everyone who has volunteered to help TFKC host what promises to be the best RDOD we have ever held. I want to reserve a special thanks to Sarah Murphy, Jane Edmunds and TFKC Vice President Lauren Friedman for their hard work on the large number of vendors. Lauren was able to secure the event grounds and picnic tables at no cost, secure sponsors, obtain the port-o-lets, staff the agility demonstration ring, recruit the "Doggie Fun Zone" and has over sixty fellow dog owners coming to staff what will be our largest "Meet the Breeds" turnout in club history. Corresponding Secretary Cindy Richardson and Board member Lisa Peters have staffed our demonstration ring to insure we will have non-stop entertainment all day long to keep visitors interested in our responsible dog ownership message. Recording Secretary Cindy Sherman, our PR person has promoted the event throughout the area, including over thirty commercials on Star 99, the week before the event, arranged the Mayor's RDOD Proclamation, obtained the lawn signs and will operate the TFKC table. President Laura Wells and Dona Campbell will be doing our CGC testing with Sheri Reynolds, Yvette Elliott and Linda Chehy while Board Member Peg Demaine will operate the "My

dog can do this" booth. Board Member Debbie Lindsay is managing our photography booth. The set up and take down for the event will be Board Member Ron Egidio, Peggy Esposito and Lisa Peters along with Ed and Mimi Huntley, Eve Skrabl. Diane Yuravich worked hard to get raffle donations and Rosemarie Napoleone and Karen Battistelli will be staffing the raffle booth. Jan Miller and Rebecca Jarret will be assisting with agility demonstrations and/or meet the breeds. MaryAnn Hajducky will also help cover raffle, main and demo. At this point almost all of our preliminary work is done and on September 27th we have to put it all together. The jobs we need to fill on the big day are:

1. **Parking lot direction**
2. **Selling raffle tickets**
3. **Doggie Fun Zone ticket sales**
4. **Set up**
5. **Take down and clean up**
6. **TFKC table (public education/new membership recruitment)**
7. **Trash can set up**
- 8.

We still need any and all dog related items for the raffle baskets. Please bring what you can to the September meeting.

Please contact me with your thoughts or ideas either via e-mail or call me at 203-877-6157.

Chris Sweetwood, RDOD Chair

ANNUAL PICNIC

Please join us in thanking Karen Battistelli and her family who graciously hosted the event at their lovely home in Shelton along the Housatonic River. A great time was had by all.

Ansonia Animal Shelter Thanks TFKC



Recently TFKC presented a check for \$200.00 and a plaque to the Ansonia Animal Shelter to help support their efforts. Pictured is the Animal Control officer who graciously thanked the club and will display the plaque in their new shelter.

Nominations News

The board has appointed the nomination committee which will present their selections to the club secretary. If you are interested in holding office please contact any of the members.

Chairperson: Cindy Sherman,
Eve Skrabl
Karen Battistelli
Alternates:
Jan Miller
Jane Edmunds

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October meeting.

BRAGS



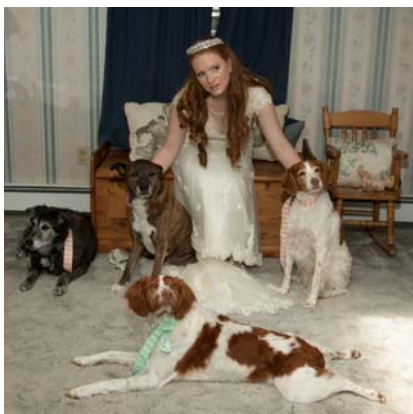
Am/Can Ch Wllslands Salt Rocks St James Guinez RA TT CGC is currently ranked the #1 Owner Handled Rottweiler in the country. As of July 18 he has accumulated 195 points.

The Owner Handled Competition starts Oct 10 of each year and ends Oct 9 of the following year. We have a few more shows planned before Oct 9, 2014 to hopefully add a few more points onto our ranking to guarantee an invite to Eukanuba in December in Tampa FL. Submitted by Laura Wells.



Isildurs Morning Star "Isi" won back to back majors in Springfield on July 4, 2014 and July 5, 2014. Isi is sired by CH Kirwin's Sir Lancelot and out of Starlite's Bell of the Ball. He is being handled by Meagan Ulfers.

Also July 30, 2014 he won a 5 point major to finish his championship in Salem, Virginia. Ed and I are so proud of our boy! Submitted by Ed and Mimi Huntley.



Left to Right: Gracie (who passed away on 8/12/14), Charlie, Susie, Hannah and Front and center is Rikki.

Dona and Joe Campbell's daughter was married April 26th and of course all the family members were part of the wedding!



Hannah has once again received the Southern New England Brittany Clubs Agility and Obedience dog of the year... this is second agility dog of the year, winning 2012 and her 3rd obedience dog of the year, winning 2009 and 2010. Her brother Rikki took the obedience award for 2011 and 2012(submitted by D. Campbell)

AKC Delegate News

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) today released [new regulations](#), effective November 17, that will restrict the importation of puppies younger than 6 months of age into the continental United States *for the purpose of resale, research or veterinary treatment. The new regulations do not restrict individuals who wish to import dogs they intend to keep for personal use, such as a pet or as part of a breeding program.*

The AKC is pleased about the finalization of these regulations, which implement an amendment to the 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110-246/ 7 U.S.C. 2148) supported and developed by the American Kennel Club and a number of other animal welfare groups. ***The rule addresses public health concerns about the large numbers of puppies that are imported with little oversight into the United States for the purpose of resale or adoption.*** The AKC supported and [provided some remarks](#) during the rule's public comment in September - October 2011.

The rule is designed to assure the health and welfare of dogs that are imported into the US from overseas. In many cases, these animals come from unknown origins (strays or street dogs) or unregulated high volume commercial breeders and may pose health and temperament risks to both the human and canine populations they come into contact with. The measure is expected to curtail the "dumping" of puppies from unknown origins or substandard breeding facilities on US markets, where in many cases they may be marketed as "rescues".

Strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act is supported by the American Kennel Club and other animal welfare organizations who recognize that that a large number of puppies are being bred overseas and imported into the United States in order to bypass the welfare regulations and standards required of U.S. breeders. In many cases, irresponsibly bred and undocumented foreign puppies end up at shelters, rescues or other informal or unregulated retail venues. Diseases borne by such animals can create public health risks for both animal and human populations.

What the Rule Does:

The new regulations allow for implementation of section 18 of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), which "prohibits the importation of dogs into the United States for resale purposes, unless the Secretary determines that the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccinations, and are at least 6 months of age."

The regulations provide guidance needed by US Customs to prevent the continued "dumping" of unregulated foreign puppies for resale onto US markets. The underlying law (7 U.S.C. 2133) defines resale to include "any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months to another person, for more than de minimis consideration."

The new rule further clarifies that USDA considers *de minimis* to have "the standard dictionary meaning, which, according to Merriam-Webster is, 'lacking significance or importance; so minor as to merit disregard.'" In most cases, adoption fees would not be considered *de minimis*; hence there is not a specific exemption for rescue dogs.

Similarly, the rule also clarifies that "consideration" means, "the inducement to a contract or other legal transaction; specifically: An Act or forbearance or the promise thereof done or given by one party in return for the act or promise of another."

The rule does not consider that dogs imported for training as working or service dogs to be imported for the purposes of resale. Therefore, the rule will not apply to the importation of those types of dogs. APHIS recognizes that not all dogs that are imported for training purposes ultimately achieve their final training goals, and some may be subsequently transferred. However, APHIS also warns that if puppies are imported for working, personal use or other exempted categories, and "it appears that a person is importing dogs for resale, research or veterinary treatment without meeting the requirements of the rule, [APHIS] may initiate an investigation and take appropriate action based on the results of that investigation."

The new regulations do not restrict individuals who wish to import dogs they intend to keep for personal use, such as a pet or as part of a breeding program. The U.S. Centers for Diseases Control (CDC) govern importation of dog imported into the U.S. Although the CDC does not require general health certificates for pet dogs, many airlines, transporters and states do will require

this information. Pets are also subject to inspection upon entry and dogs that do not have rabies certificates may be required to complete a period of confinement, demonstrate proof of rabies immunization, or obtain a rabies vaccination prior to or upon arrival. For more information about importing a pet visit the [US Centers for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov) website.

Disaster Preparedness Be Proactive: Prepare

If there is an up side to Katrina, it is that the majority of people and particularly the government have finally recognized the necessity of planning and accountability for pets in times of disaster. Both of these groups now know that our bond with animals influences human behavior in times of crises.

Never has the phrase "Be Prepared" been more relevant than it is today, not just for Scouts, but for us all. Hurricane Katrina became the rallying cry for acknowledging, "Yes, something *can* happen in my backyard." Preparedness is essential for your life and the lives of your pets. Your pets depend entirely on you, so **PREPARE**.

- **Plan** – all aspects of your own emergency response for both you and your pets. Ideally, design for two scenarios, one if you are confined to your home for several days and another if you and your pet have to evacuate. Elements for both of these plans include, but are not limited to, supplies (including food and medications), finding the safest parts of your home and escape routes if you are ordered to evacuate or your home becomes unsafe.
- **Research** – various destinations as well as escape routes. Investigate routes in several directions, in the event that one or more may be blocked and impassible. Practice a "dry run" for each route so that if you have to improvise, you will be able to do it quickly and without jeopardy.
- **Equip** – your home *and* your vehicle with emergency supplies and provisions. Include an easily readable map with routes highlighted, waterproof containers for food and medications; water; bowls; leashes; and collapsible carriers or crates. Don't forget permanent identification such as a microchip for pets (1-800-252-7894 or www.akcreunite.org), medical and/or insurance records for you and your pets (www.akcphp.com), and a photo and description of your pet, as well as proof of ownership. A First Aid kit is also a necessity; most of the contents can be used for both humans and pets.
- **Practice** – emergency situations and include your pets. Try to do a drill for each type of emergency that may hit your area. Over a period of time, practice until you can get the start-to-finish time down to a minimum. Experiment with pretending to be confined to your home. Make it a game for your pets whether "in home" or "on the road," and your pets will be more at ease if the real thing strikes.
- **Add** – subtract and change supplies periodically. Medications that are out-of-date become ineffective

at best and toxic at worst. Food can become stale or worse. Even water stored long-term can take on the taste of its container. Consider changing bedding for crates, and check to see that leads and collars still fit and are in good repair.

- **Review** – all plans and preparations regularly. "Safe havens" may change or cease to exist. Roads may be closed or new ones built. Landmarks may be torn down or names changed. If friends have volunteered to help, make sure those offers are still viable. Your plans as well as your vehicle preparation should be appropriate for various temperatures and seasons.

And perhaps the most important of all;

- **Establish** – an ongoing relationship with local authorities, such as offices of emergency management (OEMs) and dog clubs in a given area. FEMA dictates that in times of emergency, jurisdiction will be ceded to local authorities where the disaster occurs. Planning and Communication with dog clubs in your area will create a team effect that can avoid duplication of resources and efforts, as well as produce strength and a more efficient result.

This does not mean that concerned local individuals cannot help in a generalized effort.

What it *does* mean is that everyone will have to establish an ongoing relationship with the local authorities considerably in advance of any specific disaster, as well as fulfill any requirements the local authorities may establish, as many areas are making lists of those people eligible to help. This is often in addition to the requirements set by FEMA. This has been established post-Katrina, because it has been generally agreed by all emergency workers that many of the so-called "spontaneous" people in these situations have not had a positive affect on relief efforts.

Above all ---

PLAN YOUR RESPONSE

And

-----RESPOND TO YOUR PLAN.

**DEADLINE for the July-August
newsletter is October 7, 2014**

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.