

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## July-August 2015

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be September 1, 2015 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The October meeting will be October 3, 2015 at Apple Rehab.

## CALENDAR 2015

**September 1- meeting**  
**September 26- RDOD (K9 Karnival)**  
**October 6- meeting**  
**November 3- meeting**  
**December- Christmas Party-date to be announced**

## April 2016 Show

### CLUB MEMBERS NEEDED

TFKC's show will be April 10, 2016 at the Big E. Volunteers are needed now to steward for obedience and rally. No experience is necessary, we provide on the job training. Please contact me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto:csweetwood@att.net) or call Dee Vetrano (203) 746-2611.

Chris Sweetwood  
2016 Obedience/Rally Chair

## RDOD

This year our RDO day will be held in Monroe. It will be held on Saturday September 26, 2015 at 706 Monroe Turnpike (which is the corner of Rt 110 and 111).

Please save the date to attend and participate. It is a lot of fun and to make sure everyone gets a chance to enjoy it we need member participation. We will offer demos, meet the breed, raffles, CGC testing, and contests. You don't have to be "in charge" or commit to all day; you can help for a couple of hours. We need members to help with selling raffle tickets, meet the breed, CGC "crowd", parking assistance.

Please be a part of our biggest pet event of the year. We have gotten AKC awards on 2008, 2013, and 2014 and recognition for 2011. Let's keep the tradition going!!

Let me know where you can help!

Submitted by Cindy Richardson

## RDOD CEREMONY

Please join us for the ceremony to declare that September 26, 2015 is Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Monroe.

On Tuesday Sept 1, 2015 at 2-2:30pm at the Monroe Town Hall: Rm 206, 7 Fan Hill Rd, Monroe in the First Selectman's office. Come one, Come all!

Submitted by Cindy Richardson

### AKC Delegate News

## Event Operations News

Event Operation is committed to providing clubs and exhibitors regular communication regarding new, changed, and clarified rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. Several items at the July 2015 Board meeting were approved that have an impact on clubs and we wanted to take this opportunity to notify and explain them to you.

### **AKC National Owner-Handled Series updates (effective October 8, 2015)**

#### **Ribbon Colors**

In order to bring consistency to this program, the following required ribbon colors have been adopted for NOHS events:

NOHS Best of Breed/Variety – Maroon  
NOHS Group 1 – Neon Pink  
NOHS Group 2 – Neon Green  
NOHS Group 3 – Teal  
NOHS Group 4 – Cream

NOHS Best in Show – Turquoise  
NOHS Reserve Best in Show – Light Green

### Judges Guidelines

- A single judge *should not* be used to do all the NOHS Groups & Best in Show
- A judge *should not* be assigned the NOHS Group prior to judging that same group for the all-breed show.

### Junior Showmanship Master Class Criteria (effective October 7, 2015)

The eligibility criteria for the Masters Class will be earning 10 Best Junior Handler awards with competition. The calendar for this class remains consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. **As a reminder**, all clubs offering Junior Showmanship competition must offer the Master Class.

### Apprentice Judge Training

The Board of Directors at its June 2015 meeting adopted a new Conformation Judging Approval Process to be effective September 1, 2015. Included in the Board's new policy is the ability for prospective breed judges to gain education by completing Apprentice Training experiences in that breed. Apprentice Trainings involve the prospective breed judge observing the judging from inside of the ring. The Mentor and Apprentice may discretely discuss the entry during the judging.

Prospective judges who wish to complete Apprentice Training experiences are required to schedule and receive consent from the Show Chairman and Mentor Judge prior to the opening of the show. There are additional requirements before an experience may be completed or who may serve as a mentor judge which are not the responsibility of the Chair to confirm have been met. AKC Judging Operations will confirm all requirements have been met before educational credit is assigned for a completed experience. No Apprentice Trainings may be scheduled prior to September 1, 2015.

### Conformation Judges Books (effective January 1, 2016)

In order to reduce confusion regarding the purpose of check boxes for judges and exhibitors, the following changes have been made to the Conformation Judges' Book format:

- Remove the check box for withholding Winners & Reserve
- Remove the check box next to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex
- Change the wording of Grand Championship points to: *If withholding Grand Championship points from Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex please note GCH points withheld by the appropriate number.*

### 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition Professional Handler Definition (effective October 1, 2015)

In order to make the definition of professional handler consistent with the AKC NOHS definition the following change was approved:

*Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years. Dogs may not be exhibited by current assistants and household members of a professional handler.*

### 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition Show Report (reminder)

We have situations where a Report of Open Show or 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy form is not submitted when there are no entries for the competition. This causes a delay in results processing as we have to contact the club to determine the status of the report. When a club schedules a 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition, a Report of Open Show or 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy form must be submitted as part of results processing even when there were no entries in the competition.

### Practice Rings at Conformation Events

Clubs are encouraged to set-up show-and-go practice rings at their events. There are a number of benefits to this including providing stress-free mentoring to interested new exhibitors and allowing new exhibitors and younger dogs the opportunity to have a positive experience at an event. You can read an article written by AKC Executive Field Representative Sandra D'Andrea on the benefits of offering practice rings at an event [here](#).

## AKC Goal: Working to Reduce the Need for Animal Shelters

Dog lovers all over the U.S. have reason to celebrate news from the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), which recently concluded one of the most in-depth studies of shelter data yet, and found that the number of dogs entering U.S. shelters has dropped to new lows. Digging deeper into the matter, NAIA also learned that only about three percent of dogs in our country's shelters are purebreds.

The study paints a new picture of the current state of shelters, often perceived as overcrowded dumping grounds for unwanted and indiscriminately-bred animals. In fact, many of today's shelters must turn to overseas sources to fill a growing demand for rescue dogs, relying on a widespread but little known importation practice called "relocation".

Fortunately, the evidence points to light at the end of the tunnel for homeless U.S. dogs. But how did it happen? Education about responsible dog ownership has been AKC's message for more than 130 years, and it seems the message is getting through. Today, more than 83 percent of pet dogs are neutered and microchipping has become commonplace. Here are just some of AKC's educational initiatives that have laid the foundation for healthy, happy and lifelong relationships with our dogs:

AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Days campaign in the month of September guides the public toward choosing the right pet for one's lifestyle and understanding the lifelong commitment of owning a dog. RDO Days are "edutainment" for the whole family. Find an event near you this September. Every February, New York City "goes to the dogs," when AKC Meet the Breeds® brings together responsible breeders and dog lovers for hands-on learning experiences and advice about how to responsibly choose and own a dog.

The AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) program, now in its 25th year, is the leading behavior-based dog training curriculum in America. The CGC program upholds positive reinforcement methods to help puppies and dogs achieve important skills to make them the best pets they can be. The program has proven that trained dogs have the best chance of staying with their owners and out of shelters. A recent survey showed that one year after CGC training, 99 percent still owned their dogs. AKC actively develops and promotes continuing education for purebred dog breeders. Our programs such as Breeder of Merit reward and acknowledge breeders who uphold codes of ethics and routinely perform health tests on their puppies. Through our compliance department, the AKC inspects kennels to ensure that our standards for care and conditions are met before puppies leave for

new homes. AKC's compliance department has been visiting kennels and educating breeders since the 1970's.

AKC advises new puppy owners about spaying and neutering dogs not intended for breeding programs.

Read more about the do's and don'ts here.

AKC Reunite is dedicated to microchipping as many dogs as possible in order to keep them safely under their owners' care and to help reunite lost pets with their owners. AKC Reunite has donated more than \$6 million in microchip scanners, disaster relief trailers and search and rescue assistance to communities nationwide.

The AKC Canine Partners program offers opportunities for mixed-breed dogs to participate in a variety of AKC events that promote a healthy and active lifestyle. Designation in the program has increased adoption potential for many mixed-breed dogs.

AKC's nationwide network of not-for-profit dog clubs provides rescue and rehoming services for dogs in need of forever homes. These active volunteers work to ensure that purebred dogs do not languish in shelters but are fostered responsibly, often with assistance from the AKC Humane Fund. Learn more about the AKC Rescue Network. Continually innovating programs to educate dog breeders and owners has been our most effective tool in the fight to reduce euthanasia in shelters. Though evidence points to the preponderance of mixed-breed dogs over purebreds in a dwindling shelter population, our advocacy is as active as ever because all dogs – regardless of their source – deserve homes with responsible and dedicated owners.

## AKC CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO BREEDER EDUCATION WITH "BRED WITH H.E.A.R.T."

**New York, NY –** The American Kennel Club (AKC®) continues its long-standing commitment to advance the health and welfare of all dogs with the launch of its new program **Bred with H.E.A.R.T. (Health, Education, Accountability, Responsibility and Tradition)**

Modeled after the successful Breeder of Merit program, **Bred with H.E.A.R.T.** is a new way to engage, encourage and recognize all breeders who meet specific health testing standards and who participate in continuing education.

The health testing requirements for each breed are based on the recommendations of the respective Parent Club as documented in their Code of Ethics or in the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals' Canine Health Information Center (CHIC).

"This program is great because it not only requires participants to health test their breeding stock, it provides resources and education which will benefit

all breeders, from beginners to experts," says Susan LaCroix Hamil, Chair of the AKC Delegate Canine Health Committee.

The AKC has partnered with famed dog author and Breeding Expert Claudia Waller Orlandi, Ph.D, to make her books, *ABC's of Dog Breeding* and *Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement*, available in course format on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Orlandi has been an AKC Breeder of the Year and is also a judge and former chairman of the Breeders/Judges Education Committee for the Bassett Hound Club of America. She also shares her vast knowledge on dog breeding at seminars and symposiums held around the world. "Knowledge is power in all phases of our lives," Orlandi said. "The more a breeder knows about the science of breeding healthy dogs the more they can control canine genetic diseases in their breeding programs."

Breeders can study the material in both of the books at no cost on the breeder education web pages and can opt to be tested on the material and receive a certificate upon passing the examinations. The site will also include other educational materials to help educate all types of breeders (<http://education.akc.org>).

"Responsible breeders are always striving to improve their knowledge and the effectiveness of their breeding programs, but it can be difficult to find convenient educational opportunities on the latest breeding best practices," said Mark Dunn, VP, Registration & Customer Development, AKC. "**Bred with H.E.A.R.T.** will help improve the education and capability of all breeders and ensure the happiness and health of all purebred dogs."

In order to participate in the **Bred with H.E.A.R.T.** program, breeders must meet the following criteria:

- Have registered at least one AKC litter within the last 5 years
- Currently be in good standing with the AKC
- Certify that applicable health screens are performed on their breeding stock as recommended by the respective AKC Parent Club and be prepared to supply proof of such compliance upon request
  - Agree to comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspection(s) by the American Kennel Club or its duly authorized representative
  - Agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs
  - Agree to complete AKC-approved and/or AKC-provided continuing breeder education courses annually
  - Complete the online application process and pay an annual fee of \$25 per breed

## **COURTNEY KORFF NAMED 2015 AKC/AVMF VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) continues its support of students pursuing veterinary studies with the presentation of the 2015 AKC/American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) Veterinary Scholarship to Courtney Korff, a third-year student at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. This \$5,000 scholarship, offered since 2009, is designed to support individuals with a background in AKC events and programs, who seek to promote animal health and medicine.

"Courtney has extensive experience in the world of purebred dogs, and despite a busy school schedule, is still involved with her breed and AKC events. We congratulate her on her hard work and know that she'll make an impact on the health of purebred dogs in the coming years," said Mari Beth O'Neill, AVP Sport Services and AKC's liaison to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Korff began showing Schipperkes at the age of 15 and remains active in the breed, competing in AKC conformation and other events. At UC Davis, Korff works in a canine genetics laboratory, helping to develop genetic tests that will allow responsible breeders to continue to detect and remove inherited diseases from their lines. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a residency at a small animal orthopedic surgery facility.

"When I graduate, I plan to continue to promote purebred dogs and all that they can do, and I'm very grateful for the support from AKC and the AVMF in continuing my education," said Korff.

## **DEADLINE for the September- October 2015 newsletter is October 7, 2015**

**Editors Comments:** Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto: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.