

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be June 25, 2011 at the annual picnic.
The August 2, 2011 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

June 25- picnic at Pat Como's house, Monroe, CT
July 5- No meeting
August 2- meeting
September 6- meeting-Dr. Jackson seminar on Penn Hip
September 10- Responsible Dog Ownership Day
October 4- meeting
November 1- meeting
December Christmas party-date to be announced

TFKC Picnic

June 25, 2011

1:00- 5:30

Como Residence

490 Cutlers Farm Road

Monroe, CT

(203)452-0387

Save the date and join us for our annual picnic!
Bring your swim suit & towel and a lawn chair
We will be having a traditional style barbecue
Something for everyone

Main course and soft drinks provided by the club
(You are welcome to bring stronger beverages at your own risk)

Well behaved furry 'children' are welcome
Members are asked to bring an Appetizer,
Dessert or side dish
(Enough for 15-20 people)

Please RSVP with the number of people attending
and what you are planning on bringing on or
before June 10th

Pat Como pat@como-nicholson.com or
203.452.0387

Please feel free to call or email with any
questions

Directions to Pat Como
490 Cutlers Farm Road
Monroe, CT 06468
(203)452-0387

From I95 Northbound or Southbound

Take Exit 27A (the Rte. 8/Rte. 25 Connector)
Go to the end of the Connector
Continue straight through the traffic light at the end of the Connector
Take the first right onto Spring Hill Road
Take the first left onto Cutlers Farm Road
Go approximately 2.3 miles
490 Cutlers Farm Road will be on the right
Black mailbox with purple flower, house set way off road

From the Merritt Parkway

From the Merritt Parkway Northbound, take Exit 49 North to Rte. 25 North
From the Merritt Parkway Southbound, take Exit 50 to Rte. 25 North
Go to the end of Rte. 25
Continue straight through the traffic light at the end of the Connector
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From I-84 Westbound/Eastbound

Take Exit 11
At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a right
Go straight to the traffic light; take a right onto Rte. 34
Go straight to the traffic light; take a right onto Toddy Hill Road (name of road changes to Botsford)
Follow 'til you go under the railroad overpass
Take immediate left onto Swamp Road
At the stop sign, take a left onto Main Street (Rte. 25)
Take the first left onto Pepper Street

Follow Pepper Street to Cutlers Farm Road
(the 5th or 6th street on the left)
490 Cutlers Farm Road is approximately 1
mile on the left

Membership News

Applicant Sherry Magera has met all her requirements and has been passed by the board. The general membership will vote on her at the next meeting. If anyone knows of any reason that this applicant should not be admitted into TFKC, please contact an officer or board member.

Therapy and Education Presentation:



Dona & her Brittany -- Dona Campbell and her Brittany, Hanna, demonstrating obedience and CGC requirements

TFKC's Presentation on Behavior, Training and Communication at the Gunn Library in Washington, CT on April 2 drew a great crowd. They asked a lot of good questions and were rewarded with lots of useful information on training and communication tips, along with demonstrations from TDI (Therapy Dogs International) specialist and evaluator, Dona Campbell; Scott Kovack and Club President Laura Wells, who presided over the program. Dona brought her Certified TDI Dogs, Hanna and Ricky, who showed the audience of children and parents how dogs should behave with the proper instruction and communication. Dona also talked about Canine Good Citizenship and the steps necessary get the certificate and talked about Therapy Dogs and their benefit to the community. Scott Kovack showed off his Rottweiler, Hans, and his expertise in Rally competition and obedience. The kids and parents had a great time and TFKC was asked back to help with the library's READ program. If any club member and his/her dog would like to participate in this program, please contact Cindy Sherman at 203-558-5911. Just remember, your dog must be certified through TDI or Delta Society.



Laura Wells explaining a Rally sign to the audience. Scott Kovack and Hans are about to demonstrate the instructions

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

RDO Day this year will be held at Shelton Riverwalk on September 10, 2011. As this year's Chairperson for the event I am hoping we can make this year our best one yet! I am looking for volunteers to help with some of the many activities that we have planned. Please contact me to let me know that you are interested in participating in this very important day for us. We can use any help that you are able to provide. If you are unable to commit to all day; please come down for a couple of hours. Cindy Richardson, CindyHaliwa@aol.com, 203-381-9490

WAGS and BRAGS



Wellslands Maysa Tito's Lady CGC TT [call name Maysa] won a three point major at the Walkkill Kennel Club show on Feb 25, 2011, earning her Championship title. Maysa is 4 ½ years old and we are so proud of her! Special thanks to Laura Wells for all her time and efforts to help Maysa reach this milestone! [Submitted by Robert & Yvette Elliott]

Rebecca and Paddy Jarit proudly announce that their Shetland Sheepdogs have gained their championship.

Champion Shaizach Sweet Caroline
Champion Shaizach One Life To Live
Champion Shaizach Rosalita Seniorita

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Champion Shaizach Iridescent
July 11, 2001 - March 7, 2011

Rebecca and Paddy Jarit sadly said goodbye to their beloved Sheltie in March.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES PREFERRED AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

-- New Title to Take Effect July 1, 2011 --

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to introduce the new Preferred Agility Champion title (PACH). Created as a way to recognize the superior performance, speed and consistency of AKC's preferred agility competitors, dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent B Preferred Standard class and the Excellent B Preferred Jumpers with Weaves class to obtain this prestigious championship.

"The Agility department is thrilled to be able to implement the Preferred Agility Champion title almost two years ahead of the original scheduled start date," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "The Preferred Championship is designed to recognize the excellent quality of dogs and handlers that are exhibiting in our Preferred Agility program at the top level."

The PACH title is a prefix title and is retroactive, so any dogs that earned the title prior to July 1st, 2011 will be "grandfathered" in and will automatically have PACH added to their AKC name in the AKC computer system. Exhibitors will not need to request this to happen. Owners who wish to obtain a title certificate for dogs that earned the title prior to July 1st will need to order one by calling Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

The dogs that earn the title from July 1st onward will automatically be mailed a certificate.

The retroactive points will be based on the new point schedule as of July 1st, 2011 that will earn all dogs 1 point per second under the Standard Course Time.

There will not be any point multipliers applied at any time for the points earned toward the PACH title.

More about the PACH:

* There are no changes to the PAX title and both the PAX and the PACH will exist. PAX and PACH titles may be earned from the same set of double qualifying scores (although they may not be achieved on the same dates, depending on when the 750 points for the PACH are earned).

* One point is awarded for each full second under the Standard Course Time. (No partial points are awarded.)

* Dogs earn points from the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and/or the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class.

* Qualifying with scores of 100 in both the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day equals one double qualifying score (2Q).

* The PACH title points and 2Q's progression will be able to be viewed in the AKC online store reports after the title's implementation.

Requirements General Scoring: A dog does not have to obtain the Master Excellent Preferred title (MXP) or the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred title (MJP) prior to achieving scores that will count toward their Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH). A dog need not be in both "B" classes in order to start accruing PACH points. Any score of 100 (clear round) obtained in the Excellent B Preferred classes will count towards both the dog's Preferred Championship requirements, and the dog's MXP/MJP titling requirements.

Titles: The PACH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the PACH title as defined above, e.g., 1500 PACH points and 40 2Q's =PACH2.

For more information, visit www.akc.org/events/agility or download a copy of the Regulations for Agility Trials.

Veteran Show Dogs Eligible for AKC/Eukanuba National Championship -

-- Juniors Competition in Obedience and Agility Added --

New York, NY - We are pleased to add a new way to qualify for the 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship (AENC) - Veteran dog status! As a way to celebrate our older stars who made a mark in the show world during their career, any dog or bitch between seven and twelve years of age as of the first day of the show that has won an All-Breed Best in

Show, National Specialty or was once ranked in the top five of their breed according to AKC breed points, will be invited to compete for Best of Breed, and if eligible, for the Best Bred-By-Exhibitor Award.

After May 1st, the AKC website will show a list of dogs who meet the above criteria. The Veterans must be intact since they are eligible to advance to compete in Group and Best in Show competition. We thank everyone who contacted us and asked us to include our Veterans in the competition. It will be a treat to see some of these great older dogs enter the ring at the National Championship.

More Juniors Competition Added

Additionally, for the first time ever, we'll also have Juniors-specific competition within each event. Joining the AENC Junior Showmanship competition will be a Juniors competition in the AKC National Obedience Invitational (NOI) as well as the AKC Agility Invitational. The Juniors Obedience Competition will take place Saturday, December 17, 2011 and offer Beginner Novice and Novice classes. Entries will open July 25, 2011. For additional information and a list of full eligibility requirements, visit

http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/national_obedience_invitational/2011/junior_competition.cfm. For questions, please contact Trial Secretary Lisa Strickland at 919-816-3816 or lms2@akc.org

The Juniors Agility Competition, open to children up to 18 years old on the day of the event, will take place on Friday, December 16, 2011 and consist of two rounds - a Standard course and a Jumpers with Weaves course. Stay tuned to the Agility webpage at <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/> for upcoming news and updates. For questions, please contact Carrie DeYoung at 818-886-8212 or cxd2@akc.org.

As a reminder, the AENC qualification period ends October 11, 2011. As in past years, our automatic qualifiers include dogs ranked in the top 25 of their breed (by AKC breed points only), All-Breed BIS winners, National Specialty winners, Grand Champions that completed the title during the qualifying period, Bred-By-Exhibitor champions (2-Year qualification window), Amateur-Owner-Handler class champions (2-Year qualification window), and the seven top breed winning dogs from over sixty International Registries and the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed winners from Crufts (2-Year window). As always, check www.akc.org/invitational/2011 regularly for full details and updates.

For both the NOI and the Agility Invitational, the qualification period runs until June 30th, 2011. The top 25 Obedience dogs as well as the top three dogs

of each breed will be invited to the NOI based on Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) points. The top five dogs from each breed will be invited to compete in the AKC Agility Invitational based on the Top MACH Dog formula (Double Q's x 10) + MACH (Master Agility Championship) points that dogs have earned during the qualifying period.

We look forward to seeing everyone who qualifies in Orlando, Florida. With state-of-the-art facilities and 600,000 square feet of space at the Orange County Convention Center, this year's AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be bigger and better than ever. There will also be plenty to enjoy in the city itself, as the Center is located in the heart of Orlando's tourism district. Start planning your trip and stay tuned for more updates and information in the coming months.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker
Chairman

DEADLINE for the July-August newsletter is July 7, 2011

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at csweetwood@att.net for evaluation for the newsletter. Sorry for the tardiness of this newsletter as we have just returned from a trip out West and some unexpected vehicle problems delayed our return. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due to the high SPAM content these days. Chris Sweetwood.

