

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## September- October 2011

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be November 1, 2011 at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR

**November 1**-meeting

**December 4**-Christmas party

## Presidents' message

Summer is over and fall is setting in. Don't you just love the change of the seasons?

The club needs some changes too. We did a head count of the club members that stepped up to the plate at RDO Day. Cindy counted 38 club members present and accounted for who helped out in some way on that day. I am pleased with the number of club members who enjoyed coming out to help us. Thanks so much. Where are you during the rest of the year?

With all those club members available can we find a new **show chair** that would love to learn how to put together our April dog show in 2013? Can we find an **Obedience Chairperson** who would be willing to take our phone calls and organize our classes? Can we find club members who are willing to bring **new ideas** to our meetings? The board welcomes new ideas and enjoys listening to our members. This is your club, become part of it!

## Membership News

Welcome to new member Sherry Magera, 287 Governors Hill Road, Oxford, CT 06478, 203-881-0001, [sherry@hugsandkissesfrenchbulldogs.com](mailto:sherry@hugsandkissesfrenchbulldogs.com), Breed: French Bulldog

Applicants Charlotte Sylvia and Dee Vetrano have met their requirements and were passed by the board. The general membership will vote on them at the next meeting. If anyone knows of any reason that

these applicants should not be admitted into TFKC, please contact an officer or board member. Also the board passed MaryAnn Hajducky. Eve

## Officers

In September the nominating committee presented the below listed slate of officers to the club. As no nominations were received from the floor at the October meeting, the slates stands as elected and will take office at the November annual meeting.

President: Laura Wells  
Vice-President: Eve Skrabl  
Treasurer: Laura Hovanec  
Recording Secretary: Cindy Sherman  
Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Richardson  
Board of Directors: Jane Edmunds; Peg Esposito and Deb Lindsay

## Christmas Party

Trap Falls Kennel Club's annual Christmas party will be Sunday December 4, 2011 from 1-5pm at Laura Hovanec's house at 140 Partridge town Road in Naugatuck.

Please R.S.V.P. to Laura at 203-723-4187 or email: [jlhova@aol.com](mailto:jlhova@aol.com) by November 30th.

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) wrapped doggie gift for the grab bag. We will also be having a raffle. Please bring in donations for the raffle baskets to the next meeting. We also need volunteers to put the baskets together. We can do it at my house (L. Hovanec's) if you want, since I have a ton of baskets...

**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 Partridgetown 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.**

## Trap Falls Adopt-A-Unit Program

Trap Falls Kennel Club has partnered with the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) in adopting a Military Unit overseas. Trap Falls will be the first kennel club to pilot this program with the USTA. The AKC has welcomed the opportunity for us to participate with the USTA since this will forge a new relationship with an outside organization, creating firsts for each group, along with great publicity.

We have tailored the program so that we will be supporting Canine Units. Specifically, Trap Falls will be sending supplies to a Canine Unit (Marines) based in Afghanistan.

We have communicated with the Staff Sergeant there who has expressed his troops' gratitude for our help. Once we have sent supplies to this unit, the USTA will send them portable tennis equipment. The idea is to introduce soldiers who don't already play tennis, a means of sport and recreation. When returning to their community, they have the opportunity to integrate the sport into their lives.

You can help us with this by donating the below items and bringing them to the November meeting.

If you have donations, but can't make the meeting, you may drop them off at Laura Wells' Pawz for Wellness pool, 109 Old Mill Rd in Shelton. Below are items that are needed and requested by the unit of 25 Marines. Please email me with any questions at [cindytfkc@gmail.com](mailto:cindytfkc@gmail.com). Many Thanks!

5-hour Energy Shots or any type of small bottle energy drinks

Ground coffee

Snacks – crackers, chips, individually wrapped

Beef Jerky – Slim Jims

Sunflower Seeds/Nuts individually wrapped

Powdered Drink Mixes

Tuna in Foil bags

Athletic socks – tube or crew

Personal or Baby wipes (personal size)

4 oz. Hand Sanitizers

50+ SPF Lip Balm

Letters of Support

Trap Falls Kennel Club held our annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day on Saturday September 10. We had a warm sunny day after a week of rain and the horrible hurricane a couple of weeks before. There was fun to be had by all. There were demonstrations with police dogs, dancing dogs, search and rescue dogs, herding dogs and a parade of breed's. We had fun contests (Best Dressed, Best Trick, and Best Tail Wagger) and everyone earned a ribbon or a prize for entering. We also taught responsible dog ownership by holding testing for Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International. TDI testing was a first for TFKC this year. We are fortunate to have two test administrators as members of the club. We held AKC matches and had information by CTSART to inform dog owners where to go in an emergency with your pets. The Meet the Breeds booths were set up to provide information on different breeds. We had a great showing of vendors. There was a great variety of items for sale that were dog and non dog related. We also had a great raffle with a lot of items donated by vendors and sponsors.

A special thanks to all members who helped make this great event happen. TFKC's success depends on dedicated participating members. Submitted by Cindy Richardson

## April Show

Next years conformation show will be at the Big "E" in Springfield, MA on EASTER Sunday, April 8, 2012. I am still looking for volunteers to help steward Obedience and Rally. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. Lauren Friedman (203) 877-6157 or e-mail at [LMF13@att.net](mailto:LMF13@att.net).

## WAGS and BRAGS



Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RE THD JHR On September 24, 2011, Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RE THD JHR earned his Junior

## Responsible Dog Ownership Day

Hunter Retriever title. He was the first Spinone to earn this title and Drago along with a fellow competitor became the first two versatile hunting dogs to earn their retriever titles with the AKC since the programs inception.

## DEADLINE for the November-December newsletter is November 7, 2011

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto:csweetwood@att.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.

