

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be February 7, 2012 at the Apple Rehab/ Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The March 6, 2012 meeting will be held at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2012

February 7-meeting- AKC Programs
March 6-meeting -Rachael Page Elliott program, "Dog Steps" presented by Jill Bregy
April 3-meeting
April 8-TFKC Show-W. Springfield
May 1-meeting
June 5-meeting- Movement and Judging by Jill Bregy
July- the picnic-date to be announced
August 7-meeting
September 4-meeting
September 8-RDOD on the Naugatuck Green
October 2-meeting
November 6-meeting
December-The Christmas Party-date to be announced

Trap Falls Adopt-A-Unit Program

Traps Falls Club members rallied to come up with 3 cartons of supplies for our Marine Canine Troop in Afghanistan. The collection of goodies was assembled at the TFKC Christmas party on Dec 4, where members posed for a picture. This was part of the 'Tennis to The Troops Program', where Trap Falls was assigned a canine unit by the military liaison working with the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA). A grateful troop expressed its thanks from the first package received, which was comprised of much needed kennel supplies. The USTA will send a complete tennis set-up with nets and equipment for our troop, so they can relax and engage in some welcomed recreation. Thank you all again for your support of this program and for rising to the occasion in supporting our Canine Troop!

WAGS and BRAGS



Wellslands Gem of My Heart "Onyx" went out for his first weekend of shows in Providence, RI and on Dec. 11, 2011 won a 3 point major at the Eastern Dog Club show. As if that wasn't fantastic enough, Onyx went out for his second weekend and took another 3 point major in Tallmadge, Ohio at the Rubber City Kennel Club show on Sunday 1/8/12. [Submitted by proud parents, Robert & Yvette Elliott]

Remember Wags and Brags is not just for the 'brags'. Lets us know what you are doing with your dogs, from sitting on the couch to long walks on the beach, therapy visits? E-mail your photos to Chris Sweetwood at csweetwood@att.net

DOG CLASSES

We are starting a Family Dog class and a CGC/TDI class with Jen Bridwell as the instructor at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes. Since Jen is not a member of the club, for Insurance/Safety of the club and assistance for Jen, a member is needed to attend each class. Responsibilities include helping move tables and chairs, clean up afterward, as needed, and assist Jen as requested. This is an opportunity to help the club as well as observe a very qualified dog

trainer. The dates we need someone for are Tuesdays February 2, 14, 21, 28 and March 6. Classes begin at 6:30pm and 7:45. Ending at 8:45pm. Please contact our training e-mail or phone. (tfkctraining@gmail.com or 203-450-9485). to let us know what nights and what classes you can help with.

AKC Delegate News

AKC Kudos to...

Trap Falls Kennel Club for partnering with the United States Tennis Association to provide supplies to a military canine unit stationed in Afghanistan. USTA Military Outreach shared the following on their Facebook:

The 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion Canine Unit stationed in Afghanistan is the beneficiary of a unique partnership that is bringing supplies to both the troops and their canine partners to help make their lives easier and to provide needed recreation. The Trap Falls Kennel Club (TFKC) of Connecticut "adopted" the canine unit and sent boxes of supplies for the troops, including items to help care for the approximately 70 dogs. Next, the U.S. Tennis Association, through its "Adopt-A-Unit" effort, will send portable tennis equipment to the unit's soldiers to help provide recreation. TFKC is the first kennel club in the country through the American Kennel Club (AKC) to team up with the USTA in participating in the USTA's "Adopt-A-Unit" program to provide tennis to the troops. "Since so many dogs are serving in the military alongside their human troops, it seemed like a good idea to expand the reach of giving to a canine unit, and what better group to initiate that than an AKC-sponsored club," organizer Cindy Sherman said. To learn more, visit usta.com/military.

AKC Meet the Breeds® Returns this October – Saturday and Sunday, October 20 & 21, 2012 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tickets on sale July 1, 2012

More than 200 Breeds of Dogs and Cats. 1 Place. 2 Days to Meet Them All.

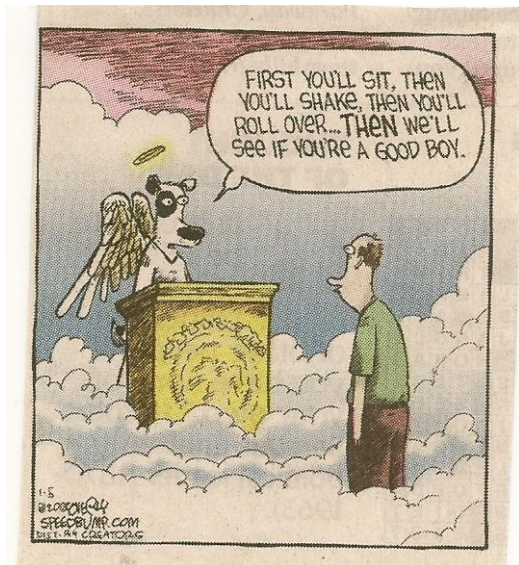
AKC Meet the Breeds, hosted by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and The International Cat Association (TICA) will return to the Jacob Javits Center in New York City on October 20th and 21st, 2012. Last year's more than 40,000 attendees enjoyed 200 individually decorated official breed booths that allowed dog and cat lovers to interact with

dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learn about their history and unique attributes directly from the experts; 100 vendor booths offered every imaginable product for pets and their owners; and demonstration rings featured law enforcement K9s, grooming, agility, obedience and more. The event was also a big hit with the press, generating nearly 320 million media impressions.

This year's event will be one not to be missed and will be the perfect place to create lasting memories with dog and cat owners. No other event earns your brand exposure across multiple categories like AKC Meet the Breeds. By participating in AKC Meet the Breeds you will be guaranteed touch points with consumers, breeders, clubs, trainers and families. Come join us as we introduce them to the wonderful world of dogs and cats, in the media capital of the world.

Therapy Dogs

We have had several club sponsored events and more are planned for the near future. We encourage members to have their dogs certified as therapy dogs and participate in these great programs.



DEADLINE for the March-April newsletter is March 7, 2012

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at 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.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the manor in which its animals are treated".
Mahatma Ghandi