

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The February 5, 2008 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 8:00 PM, board meeting at 7:30 PM. We will have a guest speaker, Dave Lenart, the Assistant Chief of Storm Engine Company #2 in Derby who will bring his rescue dog and speak on the use of rescue dogs, courtesy of Karen Drumm. The **March 4, 2008** meeting will be at the same time and location. Our tentative guest speaker will be Peg Esposito who will speak about conformation judging, courtesy of Jane Edmunds.

CALENDAR

April 1 meeting-Our speaker will be Margie Miles who will speak on the subject of the TDI program.

May 6 meeting-Our speaker will be author and trainer, Jennifer Bridwell of Canine Connection in Milford who will talk about obedience training, courtesy of Lauren Friedman.

June will be our picnic at Jane Edmunds house. Date to be announced,

July.- no meeting

August 5 meeting will be a speaker from Fidelco Guide Dogs, speaker to be announced.

September 20 we will host RDOD, tentatively set at Trumbull's Old Mine Park. We will have an AKC Sanctioned Obedience match and Rally match. Other events will include a micro chip clinic, CGC test, Meet the Breed and vendors. All this is subject to change as needed.

October 7 meeting-the speaker will be Marcy Falleg regarding Holistic/Acupuncture treatment for dogs.

November 4 meeting-we still need a speaker.

December will be our Christmas Party.

The calendar is subject to change based upon the availability of guest speakers

Membership news

Welcome to new members

Margaret (Peg) Demaine

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Breed: Mixed Breed

Dues notices will be going out in January.

OUR APRIL SHOW

The plans for the April 4, 2008 show have been laid.

The judge's panel is approved. We will be in the Young building this year with our ring set ups and vendors. We also rented the Stroh building for grooming and crating. These buildings are about 20 feet apart door to door. Troy Kennel Club also rented the Stroh building so we do not have to ask the exhibitors to vacate this building at the end of our day.

Jane Edmunds will be looking for ring stewards. We should have 10 rings so she will need 12-15 stewards. Anyone who wants to learn how to steward now is the time to volunteer and learn!

I will ask to have the show start at 8:30 so people will need to be there by 8 am.

Jo Anne Router did our trophies this year and she did a fabulous job in her selections. There was a good response to what was offered. The trophies will be on display the day of the show.

To remind everyone, we will not be offering Obedience and Rally at this show. AKC approved skipping this year due to our new show site and limited space. We will have to offer an Obedience and/or Rally Trial in the fall of 08 or in the spring of 09 to comply with AKC requirements. Lauren Friedman will be our judge's liaison. She will be sure they all get to the show on time. The driver to and from the airport is a Troy Kennel Club member. Any one wishing to get a hotel room near the show can contact Lauren.

Any questions feel free to contact me at 203-929-1332

Laura Wells
Show Chair

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR THE SHOW

I am actively recruiting stewards for the Breed rings. No experience is necessary, just a little organization and possibly reading glasses. Many club members continue to support our club show by stewarding. This year there will not be any Rally or Obedience, so for those of you who stewarded there, this is an opportunity to learn a new trade. Even I stewarded for the first time last summer, and it was a lot of fun (so I should be more help to those in the ring). I am also looking for a backup chief steward in the event I win the lottery, so if anyone is interested give me a call or e-mail. I have many non Trap Falls members who steward every year because Trap Falls does such a good show, they always come back. Please call me, Jane Edmunds at 876-1310 or e-mail at jedmunds1@mindspring.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The board decided that club members should bring their own beverages and the club will provide the snacks at our monthly meetings.

Margie Miles advised that she has a new instructor for Beginning and Intermediate Obedience classes and it is Yvonne Rembrook. Chris Sweetwood will do Rally classes on a drop-in basis.

The club requests that members who are currently doing therapy contact Linda McClain so that we can track these activities

WAGS AND BRAGS

Karen Drumm was running crazily around the Big E over the Thanksgiving weekend. Her pointer, Ch. Black Alder Barnard College, aka Parker took Best of Opposite on Friday and Sunday. She helped her friend show Parker's cousin, Jeff in the Open Dog class and both days took 3 point majors. In the agility ring, her 5 yr. old Golden Retriever, Maple Grove Silver Dollar, aka, Jackson, qualified twice in Novice Standard 24" and also in Novice Jumpers with Weaves 24". Not only did he qualify on Sunday, but

he finished first place in Standard and 2nd place in Jumpers. This was his first time in a trial in 2 years. It took Karen and Jackson that long to get the weave poles." BUT NOW WE'VE GOT IT!" says Karen Drumm.

RAINBOW BRIDGE



Caora Con's All Fired Up, CD, U-CD, ASCA-CD, SR, FMX, RN, CGC

8/5/95 - 12/17/07

My beloved boy, Brodie, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. We enjoyed so many activities together - upland bird hunting, retriever hunt tests, fly ball, obedience, freestyle, rally - but most of all, we shared a very special connection. I will always cherish our time together. He will be forever in my heart, and I miss him more than words could ever describe. Submitted by Pat Kuchma



In memory: Wellslands Sir Ripton
August 2000- November 2007

FOUND

Left at Laura Hovanec's house at Christmas: Med sized round blue plastic container with lid and handle. Looks like a cup cake or appetizer holder. Please call Laura Wells at 203-225-6999. This item is now at the pool house waiting for its owner.

PAL: ILP Program Sports New Name, Additional Benefits
by Penny Leigh, AKC Internal Consultant

Wolfie was the saddest looking dog on shelter row. Lying in the back of the kennel run with his head flat to the cement, the Siberian Husky was not even noticed by most visitors'. A couple spotted Luke wandering along a remote country road and picked him up. Very ill with parvo, the Border collie puppy was dropped off at a local veterinarian clinic. Unlike many abandoned dogs, Wolfie and Luke were lucky. Following their rescues, they were adopted and recovered from their traumatic experiences. A picture of Wolfie today shows him proudly standing on the winner's stand with a first place Rally Obedience ribbon, and Luke's snapshots capture him sailing over agility jumps. Thanks to an AKC program created for purebreds without "papers," Wolfie and Luke can participate in AKC events. The former Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program grants numbers to purebreds whose pasts are unknown or whose original AKC papers were withheld, lost or otherwise unavailable. As ILP nears its 50th birthday, nearly 3,000 dogs a year are granted ILP numbers. ILP has been so successful that AKC has renamed and revamped the program. The ILP program will become the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program on February 1. The new name is more appealing and better represents the purpose, organizers said. "It is our hope that we can expand the ILP numbers and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym," said Assistant Vice President of Customer Service Mari-Beth O'Neill. In addition to the name change, several benefits have been added to a PAL listing to help new owners get more information on responsible dog ownership. PAL enrollees will receive a copy of *Family Dog* magazine, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC," a flier from the breed's Parent Club with information on the breed and an attractive certificate affirming the dog as a PAL designee. New PAL owners also will receive information on AKC Pet Healthcare insurance and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment. As always, the ILP/PAL program allows approved dogs to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors Competition. "Welcoming more ILP/PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with your dog," O'Neill said. To qualify, potential ILP dogs must be spayed or neutered, and their owners must submit a statement of proof from a veterinarian. Owners also submit two photos – a full side shot and full front shot – so AKC staff can determine if the dog is readily identifiable as an AKC-recognized breed. Wolfie's

adopter, Sheila Goffe, said the ILP/PAL program introduced her to an entire new world. As Goffe looked for ways to keep the active 8-month-old husky entertained, she bought her new dog a backpack, strapped it on him and went hiking. Not only did it burn off extra energy, the activity led to Goffe discovering the local Siberian Husky club and the Working Pack Dog program. To earn titles as a Working Pack Dog, the club explained to Goffe, Wolfie needed an ILP number since his past was unknown and, thus, he didn't have an AKC registration. Sheila had never heard of ILP but with encouragement from the club members filled out an application and received Wolfie's ILP number. Today, in addition to his Working Pack Dog Excellent title, Wolfie also boasts the Rally Novice title, Canine Good Citizen award and is a certified therapy dog. He has been joined by four other AKC-registered Siberian Huskies, and Goffe is now exhibiting his housemates in conformation and preparing to whelp her first litter of puppies. "If it had not been for this ILP number, I would never have had the opportunity to pursue all the wonderful activities that I have had with Wolfie – and those activities introduced me to the world of purebred dog sports," Goffe said. *For more information on the ILP/PAL program, e-mail ilp@akc.org or visit the [ILP/PAL page](#) on the AKC website.*

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Special thanks to Laura Hovanec for hosting our annual Christmas party. I think I speak for everyone who attended by saying that a great time was had by all.





Tired dog story

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard.
I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home.
He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep in a corner.
An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.
The next day he was back, resumed his position in the hall, and slept for an hour.
This continued for several weeks.
Curious, I pinned a note to his collar:
"Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."
The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar:
"He lives in a home with ten children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I please come with him tomorrow?"

TFKC November 2007 Obedience class



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

DEADLINE for the March- April newsletter is March 7, 2008

Here in this house.....

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.
I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.
I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.
I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.
I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.
My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.
Here in this house...
There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.
I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.
I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.
My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!
Here in this house...
I will never be a substitute for anything I am not. I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves. I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.
I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.
I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.
If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.
Here in this house...
I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch... knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.
If I am ill, I will be doctored.
If scared, I will be calmed.
If sad, I will be cheered.
No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.
I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.
My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought. I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.
Here in this house...
I will belong.
I will be home.
(Author unknown)