

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The September 2, 2008 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30. **This is a BIG Meeting as it is the last before our RDOD. Please attend.** The October 7 meeting will have a guest speaker regarding holistic/acupuncture treatment for dogs.

CALENDAR

September 2 meeting will be held to finalize plans for our RDOD. **WE NEED MEMBER PARTICIPATION.**

September 20 we will host RDOD 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 Fallec 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

We have new applicants:

Danielle Wilson,
1492 Elm St.
Stratford, CT 06615

Scott and Lynn Kovack
6 Apple Blossom Lane
Newtown, CT 06470

Karen O'Connor
35 Tomlinson Rd.
Seymour, CT 06483

If any member of TFKC knows of a reason the applicant should not be admitted into the club, please contact a club officer or board member.
(Reported by Eva Skrabl)

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee, Beverly Wingerger, Karen Drumm & Debbie Saray along with alternates; Deb Wittis & Ron Mason
Submit the following slate:

President: Laura Wells
Vice President: Eve Skrabl
Treasurer: Laura Hovanec
Recording Secretary: Deb Lindsey
Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Saray

Director-Board Member: Lauren Friedman
Director-Board Member: Jo Ann Roeter

Jane Edmunds, Chris Sweetwood & Pam Voytek will be on the Board for one more year
Marilyn Rice remains on the Board. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October meeting/election. Members nominated from the floor must be present at the meeting or provide a written statement indicating willingness to be a candidate.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

The AKC has granted approval to hold our obedience match and Rally B match on September 20, 2008 and we have approval from the Town of Trumbull for the use of Old Mine Park. Arlene Zingale is taking care of publicity, Karen Drumm and Bev Wingerger are getting vendors; Debbie Lindsay and Chris Sweetwood are listed as the Obedience and Rally Match chairs and Deb Saray is getting the ribbons. We still need to address: Getting Rings; jumps; rally items; a morning MC for the main ring; a set up and clean up crew; a final complete listing of events is almost done and we need to keep distributing the flyer to as many places as possible. We need a generator and Public Address System and more

volunteers. Now is the time to jump in and help the club make this the best Responsible Dog Ownership day ever. Please e-mail Debbie Lindsay at Pachaug89@aol.com (929-3329) or Chris Sweetwood at csweet@optonline.net (877-6157), the co-chairs for the RDOD.

Arlene Zingale has done a great job on publicity and has set up a Channel 12 interview on Pet Talk as well as Radio and Newspaper coverage including getting the **First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull to Proclaim September 20th as Trumbull Responsible Dog Ownership Day. The formal Proclamation will be read at Town Hall on September 11, 2008 at 2:00 PM and we need as many members to attend with their dogs.** Karen Drumm and Beverly Winger have obtained almost 30 vendors and our Meet the Breed chair, Laura Wells has almost 30 breeds represented. Our judges are all set up and John Morris will judge obedience and Chris Sweetwood will judge Rally. Lauren Friedman will be doing the CGC evaluations and we have t-shirts for club members. **WE NEED MEMBER PARTICIPATION.**

Therapy Dogs

The Board has noted that members of the club are participating in therapy at many different locations and wish to commend the club members on their activities. Participants are reminded that the clubs insurance does **NOT** cover members or their dogs in the event of an incident unless the visit is a "club sponsored" event. At present the club has not authorized any club sponsored events for quite a while and we have none planned for the near future. Members are reminded that they could be held legally liable for damages or injuries, as well as legal costs if something happens or a claim/suit is filed. Remember that all dogs should be certified through TDI, Delta or another therapy organization to participate in any therapy activity as some of these organizations provide insurance coverage that may respond if an incident takes place while on an authorized visit. Members are encouraged to contact their certifying organization to determine exactly what coverage would be available and in what specific situations.

WAGS AND BRAGS



This is a photo of "Hans". His owners, Scott & Lynn Kovac are applicants and will help out with the meet

the breed booth in September. Hans has taken quite a few best puppies and has placed in puppy groups too. He won his class at the Nationals in 6-9 puppy sweeps. His registered name is Onques'Charmer Hans CGC. It is their second rottweiler. They purchased him as a companion only and look what he turned out to be!



Karen Drumm is just grinning from ear to ear about her recent Best of Breed in Specialty win on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Pointer Associates of New England Pointer Specialty. Now she can put BISS in front of Ch. Black Alder Barnard College. But we all just know him as Parker!



On August 4, 2008 Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo JH RN TDIAOV was awarded the title of TDI Active Outstanding Volunteer for accumulating 150 plus therapy visits. Drago is owned by Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman.

AKC NEWS

"AKC Breeder of the Year" to be Announced at AKC/Eukanuba National Championship -

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® announced today the seven group recipients of the 2008 AKC® Breeder of the Year Award. The award honors breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.

"It is a thrill to honor these individuals whose long-standing breeding programs have produced many successes not only for their kennel, but for their breed as a whole," said Ron Menaker, AKC's Chairman of the Board. "They deserve recognition for the time and effort they have put into breeding and exhibiting quality dogs and improving upon the foundation of their breeds."

A breeder is chosen from each of the seven groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding. The individual group recipients will receive a medallion in recognition of their achievements on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. At the end of the presentation the 2008 AKC Breeder of the Year will be announced. Additionally, a canine portraitist will be commissioned to commemorate a prominent dog from the recipient's kennel, and their name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy and plaque on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York City.

The group winners are:

- * Sporting: Joan Savage - Banks, OR, Stagedoor English Setters
- * Hound: Kathy & Julie Jones - Reseda, CA, Jasiri - Sukari Basenjis
- * Working: Lilian Ostermiller - Westtown, NY, De-Li Bernese Mountain Dogs
- * Terrier: Miriam Stamm - Kalamazoo, MI, Anstamm Scottish Terriers
- * Toy: Luke & Diane Ehricht - Monclova, OH, Hallmark Jolei Shih Tzus
- * Non-Sporting: Eleanor & Bob Candland- Lake Elsinore, CA, El-Bo Boston Terriers
- * Herding: James & Sheree Moses - Carrollton, GA, Kaleef German Shepherd Dogs ###

Doggy Dictionary

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

SMIFF: A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTE BASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. It is important to evenly distribute its contents throughout the house before your person comes home.

BATH : If you find something especially good to roll in, humans get jealous, and they use this degrading form of torture to get even. Be sure to shake only when next to a person or a piece of furniture.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!," especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

CHILDREN: Short humans of optimal petting height. Standing close to one assures some good petting.

When running, they are good to chase. If they fall down, they are comfortable to sit on.

LOVE: A feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail.

If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

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 September-October newsletter is October 7, 2008