

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be May 3, 2016 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The June meeting will be June 7, 2016 at Apple Rehab.

CALENDAR 2016

May 3- meeting

June 7- meeting-**Newtown Police K-9 Demonstration**

July- picnic, date to be announced

August 2- meeting

September 6- meeting

September RDOD- date to be announced

October 4- meeting

November 1- meeting

December- Christmas Party-date to be announced

Presidents Column

Many hands make less work. Trap Falls Kennel Club has many wonderful members. Everyone has their niche. The club puts together or participates in many wonderful events throughout the year:

Our All Breed point show.
Responsible Dog Ownership Day
Police Dog Purchases
The Sound Tigers Event
Training Classes
Canine Good Citizen Testing
Therapy Dog Visits
Library Reading Programs
Many Wonderful Guest Speakers at our monthly meetings

These are some of the events our members participate in and enjoy. These events will not continue unless more hands get involved.

We see the same faces at all these events. Where are the faces of the members who are on the membership list but we never see? It is understandable no one can make every meeting but how about reaching out to a fellow club member and getting involved. We would love to see you sometime!

Laura Wells CVT CCRP



Trap Falls has donated 50 AKC Reunite Microchips to ROAR (Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue) the Donofrio Family Animal Shelter. Created in 2000 by volunteers, their mission is to save lives and change lives through their work: Promoting the rescue, compassionate treatment and adoption of abandoned and surrendered dogs and cats. Enriching life for both people and animals through their programs and projects. ROAR operates and maintains a beautiful shelter at 45 South Street, Ridgefield CT. Since the shelter opened 11 years ago they have found homes for over 4000 homeless dogs and cats. They have a kennel that can hold up to 12 dogs and 11 cats with a kitten room that can hold 4 -6 litters of kittens. ROAR works with local veterinarians who give discounted rates including low cost spay and neuter clinics. Mary-Jo Duffy, a dog trainer, donates her time at the shelter to help the dogs make a successful transition into their new homes. Blue Buffalo generously donates the food, not only for the in house animals but enough

food to be distributed to the local pet food bank via ROAR volunteers. There are adoption fees ranging from \$200-\$400. All adopted dogs are micro chipped and registered by the volunteers at the time of adoption. The AKC has waived the registration fee for the microchips we purchased. Roar has a Therapy Dog Program where trained handlers and dogs work their magic at hospices, eldercare/ extended care facilities, and at elementary schools acting as "assistants" to young readers. ROAR has a Pets for Vets program and has placed 3 dogs this year, helping the emotional wounds of military veterans. You can visit the web site at www.roar-ridgefield.org
Laura Wells CVT CCRP



TFKC recently gave this plaque to Patty Fernandez for helping us out in a time of need.
Laura Wells CVT CCRP



Trap Falls donated 50 AKC Reunite microchips to the Shelton Animal Shelter on March 13. Pictured are Cindy Richardson, Linda Chehy and the Shelton Animal Control Officer, Jason.

April 2016 Show

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who volunteered to steward for obedience and rally. Their dedication and team spirit made the day a memorable experience for all who attended.
Chris Sweetwood and Dee Vetrano

Braggs



Lisa Peters Belgian Tervuren "Bentley" winning Best of Breed

AKC Delegate News

AKC PAC needs your help

As many of you know, the future of purebred dogs is under attack. Every year, the number of bills that threaten our dogs and our sport increases. In 2014, HSUS spent \$57 million on advocacy and public policy. In 2014, the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) received only \$32,851 in contributions.

- Our goal for 2016 is \$100,000 in donations to the PAC.
- Every dollar makes a difference. A \$5 monthly gift can go a long way to meet this goal.

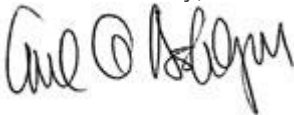
Please help us reach this \$100,000 goal. Our rights to own, exhibit, and breed purebred dogs are threatened by increasingly restrictive laws, and the AKC PAC provides a way to support candidates who have demonstrated their willingness to fight for our cause.

To have the greatest impact, we must fundraise now so that we can disburse funds to dog-friendly candidates during this election season. By contributing before July 1, you will strengthen the AKC PAC's ability to influence the 2016 elections—and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who has already made their contribution. If you have not yet donated, please take a moment to do so now. [Click here](#), scroll down, select your club, and follow the instructions.

Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your leadership and your advocacy on behalf of the dogs we love.

Sincerely,



Carl C. Ashby, III
Chairman, AKC PAC Board

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ADDS NEW EVENT WITH Fast CAT

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of a new event called Fast CATSM.

The Fast CAT test is a timed 100-yard-dash where a dog chases a lure. Dogs are run one at a time. It is a fun and healthy activity for dogs and their owners that answers the intriguing question – how fast can my dog run? The event is open to all dogs that are at least twelve months of age and are individually registered or listed with the AKC (registered purebred, FSS, PAL or AKC Canine Partner).

“The popularity of the coursing ability test demonstrates the enthusiasm of a dog when their inner instinct is awakened,” says Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports & Events. “Now that same enthusiasm can be timed to determine how fast your dog can run. Who knows, you many have a national caliber track star sitting next to you. The national rankings by breed will show how your dog compares.”

All AKC clubs currently licensed to hold lure coursing trials or coursing ability tests are automatically licensed to hold Fast CAT and can begin to hold events immediately. All other AKC member or licensed clubs may apply to the Performance Events Department (PerformanceEvents@akc.org) to become licensed to hold Fast CAT, provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. Another option is for clubs that have a suitable location but may not have the knowledge or manpower to hold Fast CAT to consider partnering with an existing AKC lure coursing club to hold Fast CAT in conjunction with their event. Fast CAT may be held as either a stand-alone event or in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the Fast CAT test must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

Additional information is posted on the AKC's Fast CAT webpage - www.akc.org/events/fast-cat.

American Kennel Club to Open Dog-Care Shop in Manhattan

Club's store on far West Side is its first in U.S.

The American Kennel Club is opening its first retail store in the U.S. on Manhattan's far West Side, at the base of a soon-to-open luxury rental tower that anchors a booming residential block.

The club, which maintains a registry of purebred pedigrees and provides the standards for dog shows, has leased 4,000 square feet in Via 57West, the Durst Organization's tetrahedron-shaped building on West 57th Street. Also within the block, which is bounded by West 57th and West 58th streets and 11th and 12th avenues, are two other Durst

apartment buildings: Helena, which opened in 2005, and Frank, now under construction.

Billed as a dog-care center, the shop will offer day care, boarding, training, grooming and walking services. It is expected to open this fall.

“We are experienced people with lifetimes involved with the care and showing and exhibiting of dogs,” said Dennis Sprung, the club’s chief executive. “We bring that knowledge and experience to the table, and now we are just applying it to brick and mortar.”

The club settled on the Durst property because of its prime location and is hoping to appeal to “pet parents,” particularly millennials, with busy work and social schedules and high disposable incomes, said Alexandra Aleskovsky, chief growth officer. Designs for the space are still being developed, but club officials said they want the highest conditions for safety and comfort, including indoor runs for both smaller and larger dogs.

Factoring into the club’s decision was the potential for growth based on the projected number of apartments and dog owners in the neighborhood, she said.

“What we are starting to see are real-estate companies are not just allowing pets, they are catering to pets,” said Ms. Aleskovsky.

Durst was looking to bring a dog-care operation to Via’s 45,000-square-foot retail area. The developer also has leased 7,000 square feet to upscale Livanos Restaurant Group.

“We do see this as a driver to bring residents to the building,” said Ashlea Aaron, Durst’s vice president of leasing.

New Yorkers in the city have been known to spend more on their pets than pet owners across the country, Ms. Aleskovsky said. The club is nonetheless planning to roll out dog-care centers in other metropolitan areas. Pet owners nationwide shelled out an estimated \$60.6 billion in 2015, up from \$58 billion in 2014, according to the American Pet Products Association. Of the 2015 total, an estimated \$5.24 billion went to grooming and boarding services, according to the association, an industry trade group. Sales of pet-care products by retailers other than pet specialty stores stood at \$19.9 billion last year, according to Nielsen.

Photos



The April meeting guest speakers from D.A.W.G.S.

DEADLINE for the May-June 2016 newsletter is June 7, 2016

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