

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## March-April 2009

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## MEETING NOTICE

The June 13, 2009 meeting will be our Annual Picnic. Our August 4, 2009 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30. At 8:00 the guest speaker is from Therapy Dogs Inc. The remaining meeting dates are posted on the calendar below.

## CALENDAR

**June 13 Picnic**-Please see the article in this newsletter.

**August 4** meeting- Therapy Dogs Inc., speaker

**September 1** meeting- RDOD Meeting

**September 12- Responsible Dog Ownership Day**

**October 6** meeting- Nominations for club officers from the floor

**November 3** meeting- Installation of officers and pizza party.

**December Christmas Party**-date to be announced

## Membership News

Welcome to

Robert and Susan Carter 203-735-8471

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[Werecat@snet.net](mailto:Werecat@snet.net)

Derby, CT 06418

Breed: Saint Bernard

If you have not paid your dues by now, they are considered delinquent. If you have any questions, please contact Eve Skrabl

The Walk For Fidelco is on sat May 16, 2009. If anyone is interested in walking you can find information at [www.walkforfidelco.org](http://www.walkforfidelco.org) or call me if you're interested in doing something as a group. Eve Skrabl

## Website help needed

Anyone with any computer knowledge is needed to help with our website. Specifically anyone with knowledge of the HTML program. Please contact Laura Wells if you can help.

## TFKC SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday June 13, 2009 1:00 pm

Place: The Hovanec Homestead, 140 Partridgetown Road, Naugatuck, CT

**This years theme is a "Western BBQ" Everyone is welcome to wear their cowboy hats!**

There is plenty of room for you, your family, and all our furry friends!! (Sorry, no dogs in the pool) Please call Laura Hovanec to RSVP: 203-723-4187 or [jlhova@att.net](mailto:jlhova@att.net), with some suggestions on what to bring. If you have something else you would like to bring, maybe a special dish, PLEASE DO SO!!! Let's get creative!!!

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 1/2 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.

## RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

The AKC has granted approval to hold our obedience match and Rally B match on September 12, 2009 and we have approval from the Town of Trumbull for the use of Old Mine Park. Volunteers are needed now so we can make this RDOD as successful as last year. Please contact any board member or this year's chairperson, Laura Johnson 924-5536.

## Therapy Dogs

All certified Therapy Dogs who would like to participate in therapy visits at Crosby Commons should contact Laura Hovanec at 723-4187. Dogs must 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



On Sunday April 19, at the Hudson Highlands Hunting Retriever Association hunt test, 9 1/2 year old Border Collie, " Torc" - Caora Con's Caladonian Torc, RN, FMCH, SR - qualified for his 4th and final pass to achieve his Started Retriever title (SR) from the North American Hunting Retriever Association.



On Saturday April 18 at the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club Show, 5 year old Border Collie , "Folly" - Northwood's Redneck Girl, RN, FDCHG - qualified for her first leg in Novice B with a score of 191 1/2, 2nd Place and was High Scoring rescue dog.



On April 26, 2009 at the Spinone National Specialty in Rend Lake, IL, Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo CD RN JH won first place in Rally Novice B with a perfect score of 100 and placed first in Obedience Novice B.



On April 26, 2009 at the Spinone National Specialty in Rend Lake IL, Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE won first place in Rally Advanced with a perfect score of 100, and Rally Excellent with a score of 99. Siena also placed first in Obedience Open B winning her third "High in Trial" placement. Siena and Drago then went on to win the costume contest and Siena won the Spinone Olympics.

## RAINBOW BRIDGE

On January 30, 2009, Bob and Nancy Griswold's Portuguese Water Dog "Poppy" went to the Rainbow Bridge. She was nine and a half years old and succumbed to a battle with cancer. She died in the car on the way to the vet. Poppy was a registered DELTA therapy dog and attended TFKC therapy events at nursing homes and visited schools. She proudly wore a green shamrock shirt at the TFKC's St. Patrick's Day breed parade in 2008. Poppy was also a representative of the Portuguese Water Dog

during Meet the Breed at the TFKC Responsible Dog Day. Bob and Nancy also have Poppy's son "Major" and a Standard Poodle "Gioia." Poppy had over 30 puppies in her breeding years. They got her five years ago when she retired from breeding. Poppy loved to travel with her human and canine family, especially to Maine where she would go swimming and clamming. Poppy will be sadly missed by all her two legged and four legged friends. She was a gentle soul who comforted so many during her life.

## **AKC Announces New Program for Mixed Breeds**

For the past 125 years, the American Kennel Club® has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and the people who love them. The AKC's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs which will allow it to act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion. The creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for AKC's constituents and clubs and will allow the organization to grow and flourish.

"Our goal in creating a program specifically designed for mixed breeds is to share our passion for dogs and our sport," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "AKC will broaden its legislative influence by representing more dog owners and achieve greater exposure for our responsible dog ownership messaging. But ultimately, the positive developments that this program creates will benefit dogs the most, and this is what we value above all."

The mixed breeds program will be implemented in three phases. As of October 1, 2009 owners can begin enrolling their pets and receive an AKC ID number. Then beginning April 1, 2010 enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events. Soon after they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog supplies.

The third phase will offer a dedicated Web site where dog owners can interact via an online community with discussion forums and access dog care video downloads, advice from experts and the most up-to-date news on canine health and welfare. The site will be continually enhanced with new features and benefits in order to respond to the changing needs of pet owners.

This new AKC initiative is the first designed to specifically benefit mixed breed dogs and their dog owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. In addition, AKC has always actively advocated for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its

Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

For more information about the AKC's mixed breeds program, visit [www.akc.org/mixedbreeds](http://www.akc.org/mixedbreeds).

**A BIG THANK YOU** from Jane to all the members who stewarded at the show this year. I can't thank you enough for helping at the show. Each year more club members have learned to steward and continued to do so. This is a huge help and I would not be able to fulfill my role as chief steward without your dedication. As you already know its fun to be on the inside and see the show front row! Until next year.....

Again Many Thanks  
Jane

## **A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me. Most humans understand only one language, I am expected to understand two, dog & human.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, while I will forgive it, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you and I know that you are doing what is best for me because of your love for me.

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweet@optonline.net](mailto: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 May-June newsletter is June 7, 2009**