

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be June 4, 2019 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR 2019

June 4- Meeting  
July- Annual picnic, date to be announced  
August 6- Meeting  
(appoint nominating committee)  
September 3- Meeting  
September 14- RDOD,  
September 15- Nominating committee report due)  
October 1- Meeting  
(Nominations accepted from the floor)  
November 5- Meeting  
(Elections of officers)  
December 3- Meeting  
(Installation of officers)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Two applicants for publication in newsletter are:  
Anne Coy from Oxford, Rottweilers, and John and Robin Breuer from West Haven.

## FYI

Anyone who attends a meeting with their dog MUST have a copy of the dogs Rabies Certificate with them each time.

This is a request from Apple Rehab.

## TFKC SHOW

On Sunday, April 7, Trap Falls had its annual all breed dog show.

There were 1386 dogs entered in the show & trials with a total entry of 1451 in 153 different breeds or Varieties, including 55 obedience entries and 97 rally entries.



Thanks to our show chair - Jill Bregy and Assistant Show Chair - Lisa Peters, our Rally and Obedience Chairperson - Dee Vetrano, Trophy chair - Debbie Lindsay

The Best in Show winner was GCHS Bagatelle Moon Light Drive - an Old English sheepdog  
A special congratulations to RACH title (Rally Champion) recipient achieved at our show!

**ROSMOOR MISS CHARMER PCD BN RM2 RAE AX OAJ CGCA CGCU TKA.** Shetland Sheepdog.  
Owner: Linda Houle & Jeffrey Houle of Wallingford, CT

Thank you to those who participated and came out to help make our show a great day.  
Linda Chehy, Beth Jennings, Al and Lisa Damato, Amanda and Melissa Daniel, Jan Miller, Rachel Long, Marietta Menone, Rose Napoleone and officers and directors helped with hospitality.

## Braggs



Born April 18, 2019, 8 boys and 3 girls to CH Wllslands Imagine Running with the Rebel X Multi BISS GCHG Nighthawks Antonio Banderas Too.  
Laura Wells



It was a lot of fun. We had a great day! With the conclusion of this show,



Our Show chair, Jill Bregy and our assistant show chair, Lisa Peters have officially stepped down. We applaud you for all your hard work and dedication to the all breed show you have given us over the last 9 years. Thanks again! **Laura Wells CVT CCRP**



Dry Grass Veloce Diavolo Castellano del Lago CGCA TKI RI BN THDN, completed his Beginner Novice obedience title on April 6th and earned one leg toward his CD on April 7th. This was at the Trop KC show and Trap falls Show.



Veloce won BOB on April 7<sup>th</sup>(Trap Falls) and 13<sup>th</sup> (Wrentham). Submitted by Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman.



Ch. Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THDD JHR CGCA TKP (TDIGOLD, TWT), 2013 AKC ACE Award winner for Therapy, continues to do his therapy work. Submitted by Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman.



Veloce won BOB on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield KC Show). Submitted by Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman



On April 28<sup>th</sup> Veloce earned his JH title and he continues to make therapy visits. Chris and Lauren judged AKC Hunt Tests on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Lauren Judged for three events and Chris did one...





Member, Sheri Reynolds & applicant Lyn Macauda spent the April 27 & 28 weekend at a beginners tracking clinic with the Tracking Club of Massachusetts. Martha Campbell, AKC Judge TD, TDU, TDX was the presenter. It was a cold rainy weekend but all 15 teams hung in there and fun was had by all.

**Laura Wells CVT CCRP**



Organizing and chairing an all-breed dog show is a lot of meetings almost weekly. The crew pictured is finalizing the numbers from last year and sending out a hospitality letter introducing the new committee to all the Specialties and Supported clubs along with their rebate checks coming to them from 2019. If anyone would like to join us to learn the process you are welcome.

**Laura Wells CVT CCRP**



Al and Kap socializing on Saturday morning errands.  
Submitted by Lisa D'Amato



Linda Chehy is very proud that Ellie was willing to put on her "Bunny Ears" to celebrate Easter!

### AKC Delegate News

#### **THE AKC ANNOUNCES CONFORMATION PUPPY OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS**

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce enhancements to the conformation Puppy of Achievement (POA) program. After a successful pilot program in 2017-2018, the Board of Directors decided to accept the recommendation of staff to continue and enhance the POA program. A survey conducted at the end of the pilot program showed there was strong agreement that the program was successful in attracting and retaining new participants.

Puppy of Achievement points are earned by winning regular puppy classes or being awarded Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex in the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) competition. Dogs that earn 10 POA points will receive a certificate for their accomplishment. For details regarding how points are awarded, please see the link at the bottom of this announcement. All dogs exhibited in the regular puppy classes or in BPUP competition are eligible to earn POA points. There is no special entry requirement and no fee associated with the program. "Since POA points are earned in existing classes, there is no administrative impact on the clubs, superintendents or judges," said Bri Tesarz, Manager of Dog Show Rules & Programs. "Starting May 1, enhancements to the program include adding POA points to the Individual Dog Award Record and Points Progression report, which owners can access for free to check their puppy's progress online. In addition, an encouragement email will be sent to owners when their puppy is half way toward earning its POA certificate."

"New puppy owners sometimes need extra encouragement to maintain their participation," said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President for Sports and Events. "The Puppy of Achievement program is meant to provide a realistic goal that new exhibitors can strive to attain while they and their dog gain experience. Attracting and retaining new exhibitors is important for the future of the sport. The pilot program demonstrated that the POA program is a step in the right direction."

To learn more about the Puppy of Achievement program, please visit [www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/](http://www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/). Questions can be emailed to [eventnews@akc.org](mailto:eventnews@akc.org).

#### **THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES AKC CERTIFIED EXPORT PEDIGREES**

Document to aide owners in foreign kennel club registrations

New York, NY – The American Kennel club has launched the AKC Certified Export Pedigree. The document contains all of the information required to obtain registration with foreign kennel clubs.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree merges the information found on the AKC 3-Generation Certified Pedigree and the AKC Registration Certificate, including the name(s) of the current owner(s) and the address of the primary dog owner. It includes the date of the last transfer of the dog's ownership. But the unique registration certificate issue date is not included to protect AKC breeders, owners and the AKC Stud Book.

The document is designed to minimize confusion and make it safer and easier to register dogs abroad, which can prove especially helpful for exhibitors who show their dogs in other countries and breeders who sell their dogs overseas. Before the AKC Certified Export Pedigree, owners had to send the foreign kennel club their certificate of ownership and a three-generation pedigree. The AKC Certified Export Pedigree eliminates the need for that process and discourages fraud.

AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo, who oversees AKC's relationships with foreign kennel clubs, said, "Most foreign registries produce export pedigrees so the AKC is now more in line with what other registries in the world are doing and simplifying the process for our customers helps prevent confusion, delays and errors."



The AKC has reciprocal agreements with more than 200 foreign kennel clubs. To register an American-born, AKC-recognized breed with one of these registries, the dog first must be registered with the American Kennel Club and the owner must provide proof of this to the foreign organization.

The AKC Certified Export Pedigree can be purchased for \$69 at [www.akc.org/pedigree](http://www.akc.org/pedigree)

## **LABRADOR RETRIEVER TOPS THE POPULARITY CHARTS FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

**- German Shorthaired Pointer Continues its  
Ascent Up the List -**

**New York, NY** – The **Labrador Retriever** once again breaks records! The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced at a press conference today at the AKC Museum of the Dog that the loveable Lab remains the number one most popular breed in the United States. Additionally, AKC registration continues to expand for the sixth consecutive year.

While the Labrador Retriever continues its reign at the top, the German Shorthaired Pointer has been quietly climbing the charts over the past decade. This versatile, all-purpose hunter came in at number nine in 2018 – it’s highest position since becoming recognized in 1930.

“The Labrador Retriever shows no signs of giving up the top spot anytime soon,” said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. “Labs make wonderful companions for a wide variety of people, and for good reason. The breed is very intelligent, friendly and great with children. Attention must be paid to the German Shorthaired Pointer, however! This jack of all trades in the pointer world has slowly but steadily risen in popularity over the years. People continue to fall in love with its versatility, extreme intelligence and willingness to please.”

In addition to the country’s most popular, rare breeds were on the rise in 2018. **Pumik** rose 11 spots last year (**162 to 151**), **Ibizan Hounds** rose 13 spots (**165 to 152**), and **Finnish Lapphunds** rose 12 spots (**173**

**to 161**). Terriers also made a comeback after years on the decline. **Rat Terriers** rose 11 spots (**97 to 86**), **Border Terriers** rose four spots (**92 to 88**), **Bedlington Terriers** rose 10 spots (**151 to 141**), and **Dandie Dinmont Terriers** rose six spots (**182 to 176**).

See below for AKC’s top 10 most popular breeds in 2018, along with the 2017 comparison:

2018 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.	
1.	<a href="#">Labrador Retriever</a>
2.	<a href="#">German Shepherd Dog</a>
3.	<a href="#">Golden Retriever</a>
4.	<a href="#">French Bulldog</a>
5.	<a href="#">Bulldog</a>
6.	<a href="#">Beagle</a>
7.	<a href="#">Poodle</a>
8.	<a href="#">Rottweiler</a>
9.	<a href="#">German Shorthaired Pointer</a>
10.	<a href="#">Yorkshire Terrier</a>

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Learn more about America’s most popular breed, the Labrador Retriever, [HERE](#).

View photos of the most popular breeds [HERE](#).

## **BRONZE SCULPTURE OF 'AMERICA'S FIRST WAR DOG' TO BE HOUSED AT THE AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG**

**New York, NY-** The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog is pleased to announce that the official bronze statue of Sgt. Stubby, a distinguished World War I war dog will be housed permanently at the AKC Museum of the Dog. The sculpture will be unveiled on May 23, 2019.

The statue, "Stubby Salutes," created by renowned sculptor Susan Bahary, is a life sized bronze of the bull terrier mix. Stubby is widely regarded as the U.S Army's first service dog. His service began in 1917 when he wandered on to the camp of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 26<sup>th</sup> Yankee Division at Yale. He formed a bond with a young soldier named Robert Conroy who named him "Stubby." Conroy subsequently smuggled Stubby on his ship when it was time to ship out. Stubby served in France for 18 months and a total of 17 battles. His heroic feats included: warning his unit of looming mustard gas attacks, locating wounded soldiers on the battlefield and sitting beside them until help arrived, and capturing a German spy by grabbing at the seat of his pants. Over the course of his service, he was injured by mustard gas and a grenade. Stubby is remembered for his bravery and also as a treasured mascot who brought joy to embattled soldiers. As a veteran, he was awarded a medal for his bravery by General John J. Pershing and met three presidents.

This April marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stubby's return to the US to a hero's welcome.

"We are very excited to welcome "Stubby Salutes" to our Museum collection," said Alan Fausel, Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog. "His courage and dedication to our country has laid the foundation for today's military working dogs and we look forward to sharing him with the public and educating them about his place in history."

Susan Bahary, an internationally acclaimed artist, was commissioned by the descendants of Robert Conroy to memorialize Stubby in his rare salute pose, a pose which won him the favor of his fellow soldiers and officers. Her other works include "Always Faithful," the United States first official war dog monument that commemorated the 25 dogs who perished in the taking of Guam during World War II.

"Always Faithful" is a part of the Museum of the Dog's collection.

"It has been an honor to create this bronze monument to commemorate Sgt. Stubby," says Bahary. "His right paw represents his deeds for our country and his left paw represents his friendly and giving nature. His contributions to our military, along with his loyalty and bravery are symbolic of all the wonderful working dogs that protect us and service animals that benefit and enrich our lives today."

The AKC Museum of the Dog, founded in 1982, was originally housed in The New York Life Building located at 51 Madison Avenue as part of the AKC Headquarters. In 1987, the Museum was moved to West St. Louis County, MO. The Museum made its return to New York City in a new location in February 2019 and houses one of the largest repositories of canine art in the world, including paintings, porcelains, bronzes, trophies and digital displays. The Museum is dedicated to education and preservation of purebred dogs.

### **DEADLINE for the July-August newsletter is July 7, 2019**

**Editors Comments:** Please send photos (Photos **must be sent as jpeg attachments**) directly to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto:csweetwood@att.net). **Please fully identify the persons in the photo, date taken and location.** Articles should be in MS Word or simply written in your e-mail **upon receipt I will send you a confirmation receipt that I received your email. If you do not received one, please resend it.**

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