## **TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER**



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If you have any photos that you would like to share please post them on our Facebook page or send to me and I will get them on

our website also as part of the 2017 K9 Karnival. Thanks

Cindy



Dakota Richardson and Marcus Battistelli went with their moms (Cindy and Karen) to meet Mayor Lauretti at Town Hall to proclaim September 23 as Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Shelton. We will celebrate at K9 Karnival at River Walk

# **MEETING NOTICE**

The next meeting will be October 3, 2017 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

# CALENDAR 2017

Oct 3- Meeting Nov 7- Meeting Dec- Christmas Party date to be announced

### **RDOD/K-9 Karnival**

Thank you for participating in our K9 Karnival on Saturday. We appreciate you spending your time with us at our event.

I know that there were a lot of other activities going on that day.

There is a video link on our website that was taken by Lauren Collier of LaurensCrazyPetShow.com. It is on Facebook.

You don't need to be "on" Facebook. You can access it at www.trapfalls.org. Scroll down to the "F" Facebook and then

scroll down to see the video (has a white Great Pyrenees carting dog and a arrow. Click on the arrow.) It is about 40 minutes long.



TFKC invested in ring gates for 2 rings. Some assembly required! Karen and Laura are up to the task!

## **Brags**



On September 17<sup>th</sup> Marcus represented the golden retriever breed as a part of the AKC's 'Meet the Breed' at the Big E. We were there in the late afternoon to early evening. Marcus was a big hit, there was always a line to pet him, and he welcomed everyone with his sweet nature. There was always a line to pet him! The kids were hugging him, laying on him. Everyone had a story about their dogs. Marcus was a trouper handling all of those people with very little 'off' time.



Bella won Best In Field veteran at the all-breed Iron Dog lure coursing event this year in thrilling style. Bella earned a perfect 100 score, a record for this event. Bella won Best In Event (over all 3 days) at the 2014 Iron Dog, pictured below. Bella also earned her CGCU, and is now officially Belle Chance CD BN RA MC CAX CGCA CGCU. Jan Miller



Anja earned her CGCU and is now officially Jaytea Chesara Just One Look CD BN RAE SC THDA CGCA CGCU AV. Anja has started showing in AKC breed conformation, winning Best of Opposite and Best of Winners at her first show. Anja finished her UKC Grand Championship with a Reserve Best In Show. She has completed 3 more therapy dog visits. Jan Miller





Veloce at the AKC Booth at the Big E. Veloce is the new pup of Lauren Friedman and Chris Sweetwood.

WIIslands Jackpot at Dover Downs, "Dover" finished his championship just over 2 yrs. old with 4 majors.

Dover was born July 29, 2015. He is out of Am GCH/ Can CH WIIslands Salt Rocks St James Guinez X Ch Rott Irons All Wrapped Up V Quintessential.

Exclusively handled by Laura Wells. Dover will continue his show career competing for his Grand Championship, Obedience and Rally Titles. he loves to work and please his handlers with his "sense" of Humor he brings to the table.

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#### WLLSLANDS JACKPOT AT DOVERDOWNS V

COOPER CREEK. WS 51316708. 07-29-15 By GCH WIIslands Salt Rocks St James Guinez RE CGC - Ch Rott Irons All Wrapped Up V Quintessential CGC.

Owner: John & Robin Breuer, West Haven, CT 065162802. Breeder: Robert & Natasha Cooper & Laura Wells

#### Laura Wells CVT CCRP

### AKC Delegate News

### THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES

### PUPPY OF ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE PILOT PROGRAM

**New York, N.Y. –** The American Kennel Club (AKC<sup>®</sup>), the world's largest purebred dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the start of its new conformation Puppy of Achievement (POA) certificate program.

The program is designed to create incremental steps of success for those participating in conformation with their puppies. POA points will be earned by winning regular puppy classes or going 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. All dogs exhibited in the regular puppy classes or in BPUP competition will be eligible to earn POA points. There is no special entry requirement and no fee associated with the program. Dogs can start earning POA points at shows beginning September 1, 2017.

"We're excited to launch this program as a way to encourage new puppy owners to continue participating in the sport. Our surveys have shown that new exhibitors are encouraged and likely to continue beyond five shows when they achieve some success," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. "The Puppy of Achievement certificate program is meant to provide a realistic goal new exhibitors can strive to attain while they and their dog gain experience. We look forward to helping new exhibitors stay engaged and encouraged."

"The POA program is seamless for clubs, superintendents, and judges, as points are earned in existing classes," said Bri Tesarz, Manager of Dog Show Rules and Programs. "As always, we are here to help make participation in this program as easy and enjoyable as possible."

AKC is launching the Puppy of Achievement as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a POA certificate will be surveyed about their experience, and next steps will be determined.

To learn more about the Puppy of Achievement program, please visit <u>www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/</u>. Questions can be sent to <u>eventnews@akc.org</u>.

### AKC REUNITE APPOINTS CHRIS SWEETWOOD AS AMBASSADOR FOR ADOPT A K-9 COP PROGRAM

**Raleigh, NC** — AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is pleased to announce that it has named Chris Sweetwood as an Ambassador for their *Adopt a K-9 Cop* program.

Established in 2013, the Adopt a K-9 Cop program helps local police departments obtain much needed K-9 officers with the help of local AKC dog clubs. AKC Reunite matches the funds raised up to \$5000. The funds are given to the police department who then purchases, trains, handles and cares for the dog. The cost of purchasing a single K-9 officer can be high, averaging around \$10,000. Police K-9's are essential members of law enforcement and perform vital tasks that humans cannot. "Chris has been integral in the success of the Adopt a K-9 program," said Tom Sharp, President and CEO of AKC Reunite. "His energy and passion for making sure police departments have the means to obtain a K-9 officer and enhance the safety of the communities they serve is admirable. We are proud to have him as an Ambassador to help other clubs make an impact on their community."

Chris Sweet wood's role will be to liaise with the clubs seeking to help a police department and provide guidance about the process and successful fundraising techniques to achieve this goal. Sweetwood is the delegate for the Trap Falls Kennel Club located in Stratford, CT, and serves as the Vice Chair of the AKC Delegate Field Trial/Hunting Test Advisory Committee. As an avid hunter, AKC pointing breed hunting test judge and CGC Evaluator he participates in AKC Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Hunting Tests (Pointing and Retriever) and Field Trials. Chris is a former board member of the Spinone Club of America, and newsletter editor and Treasurer for the Southern New England Pointing Dog Club. Chris received the AKC Bailey Award for his work with Newtown Police Department in 2013 and the AKC Visionary Award in 2016. "Helping police departments in Connecticut purchase

working canines through the generosity of AKC clubs and AKC Reunite has been very rewarding" said Sweetwood. "I look forward to working with clubs in other areas to partner with their local police departments to enjoy the same success we have had for such an important purpose. These dogs and their handlers are truly inspiring." AKC clubs interested in more information can contact Mr. Sweetwood through the AKC Delegate directory, or find more information at <u>www.akcreunite.org/givingback</u>.



TFKC Picnic hosted by Karen Battistelli

### DEADLINE for the November-December newsletter is November 7 2017

Editors Comments: Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at <u>csweetwood@att.net</u>. Please fully identify the persons in the photo. Articles should be in MS Word or simply written in your e-mail. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due the high SPAM content these days.