

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be January 4, 2011 at the Shelton Lakes Health Care facility at 7:30 PM with the board meeting at 6:30.

The February 1, 2011 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30.

CALENDAR

January 4- meeting
February 1- meeting
March 1- meeting
April 5- meeting
April 8- Spring Show
May 3- meeting
June picnic- date to be announced
July 5- meeting
August 2- meeting
September 6- meeting
September 10- Responsible Dog Ownership Day
October 4- meeting
November 1- meeting
December Christmas party-date to be announced

Christmas Party

Trap Falls Kennel Club had their annual Christmas party on Sunday December 5, 2010 at Laura Hovanec's house and a great time was had by everyone. I'm sure I speak for everyone in thanking Laura and her family for hosting this special event.

THIS YEAR WE HAD OUR CONTEST FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY PET PHOTO AND HERE IS THE WINNER.



Dennis who owns Jane Edmunds

STEWARDSING for the 2011 show.

The Board decided to hire The Stewards Club of America to provide breed stewards for the 2011 show. This is for Breed only; **we still need members to volunteer to for Rally and Obedience.** If you want to steward for Breed at our show, you must be a member of the Stewards club. Membership is \$20 the first year and you get a name tag. \$15 per year after that and you only have to steward for 1-2 shows, minimum per year. You get paid to steward. I am a member and can provide membership applications. Hope some of you will join.

Jane Edmunds, 203-876-1310 or elmud@att.net

WAGS and BRAGS



Ch. Wildisle Spicemate Charmer, bred and owned by Jill Bregy winning BISS at the Irish Wolfhound Association of New England on 8/2/2010



Jane Edmunds rottie CH Crajo's More Mine Than Yours (Mina), took best Veteran Rottweiler both days at the Queensboro show. Can't believe she is 7!



Jane Edmunds smooth fox terrier Foxjars Runnin with the Devil (Dennis), celebrated his 2nd birthday in style with his best friends ever! Mina, Siena and Drago. There was doggie cake and presents for all!

New Dachshund Champion Tracker

The AKC Champion Tracker title (CT) requires a dog to demonstrate excellence in all aspects of the traditional sport of tracking. A dog must earn all three performance related tracking titles to be awarded a CT – that is, earning a TD, TDX, and VST title.

On May 5th the Fifth Dachshund to ever earn this recognition passed her Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America's National Specialty Tracking Test held in Denver, Colorado. In addition to being the 5th CT in the history of the breed, she was the 191st dog ever to pass the VST test. The new Champion Tracker is CT CH Bardale Dave's Favorite Whine. "Zin" is a 10-year-old Standard Smooth Red with a lot of drive and love for the sport of tracking.

Owned by Karen Rooks Nauer and David Nauer of Colorado Springs, who have been members of Columbine Dachshund Club since 1982, the team of Karen and Zin followed a difficult track in beautiful Colorado weather. Zin represents the first Champion Tracker Dachshund for breeders Scott and Jo Ann Roeter from Barbara Gralheer's long established lines.

As Zin followed and found each successive article along the track the excitement in the watching gallery grew. There are 4 articles involved in the VST track – a cloth, metal, plastic, and leather article. Zin had some difficulty along a contained part of the track with difficult scenting conditions along an outdoor breezeway near the main campus building, but managed to work through that challenge and make it to the final turn in the parking lot. At one point it appeared that she would fail after finding all of the intermediate articles as she turned off track and ran underneath a nearby car in the lot, only to flush a

duck from under the car. Despite this distraction, Zin returned on track, made the final asphalt turn, and arrived at the final article to the cheers of the surrounding crowds.

The dachshund is a proven field breed that remains very capable of challenging physical tasks including use of one of the most sensitive noses in the dog world. Zin's success is in part a reflection on the breed's ability to meet these challenges when put to the test. Tracking is an event that is a team sport and the handler must learn to "read" the dog and all the innuendos that are involved. Karen Rooks Nauer handled Zin expertly through this VST track as well as through her prior TDX and TD tracks.

Rainbow Bridge

On November 18, 2010, long time Trap Falls Kennel Club past president Linda McClain's Mollie died of congestive heart failure. Linda passed away in 2008 and we are sure she was waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge.



Mathilde McLeash

My beloved westie, Mathilde McLeash, CGC, TDI, CD left us this morning. She will be sorely missed by her human family and her sister, Prudence. Mathilde loved to go to dog trials and spent many happy days watching the dogs and people having a wonderful time, which she shared. She also participated in some and managed to rack up a few "Q"s. She went to obedience "school" for several years...again enjoying other dogs and people. Mathilde also was active in doing therapy work with people of varying ages in nursing homes, libraries, and special needs homes. Her last therapy work was done only a couple of weeks ago with the Literacy Volunteers of Waterbury. I would personally like to thank all of the clubs and other organizations which provide opportunities for dogs and their owners to learn and

grow and enrich both of their lives. Special thanks to Trap Falls Kennel Club by Chris Durgin

AKC News

DEBBIE BUTT NAMED 2010 AKC BREEDER OF THE YEAR

-Award Presented at AKC/Eukanuba National Championship –

New York, NY - Debbie Butt of Toms Brook, Virginia was honored with the 2010 AKC Breeder of the Year Award for her Sporting Fields Whippets at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The annual award honors those breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.

"Debbie has bred all-purpose Whippets for more than 30 years and her name has become synonymous with great hounds that are beautiful, capable and healthy," said AKC Chairman of the Board Ron Menaker. "With this award, we recognize the years of dedication and work that she has invested into her breed and the sport of dogs and the example she sets for both new and more experienced breeders alike. We're also proud that Debbie, along with the other Breeder of the Year group honorees, is an AKC Breeder of Merit - part of a select group of AKC breeders that truly are the backbone of the sport and the foundation of our organization."

Each year, one honoree is chosen from each of the seven groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. From those seven, one Group winner is selected as "AKC Breeder of the Year" during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, which was held this year in Long Beach, CA on December 4 and 5. The Breeder of the Year ceremony will be included in the show's telecast on ABC Network Television on Sunday, January 23, 2011. Check local listings for air times.

The Sporting Fields prefix was used as early as 1945 by Debbie Butt's parents when registering Spaniels. Whippets were added in the late 1960s; with the purchase of the Canadian-born Ch. Winterfold's Bold Bid in 1970 and the English import Ch. Charmoll Clansman three years later putting Sporting Fields at the top of the Whippet charts. Clansman's son Ch. Sporting Fields Clansman ("Buoy") won the Hound Group at Westminster in 1981 and 58 AKC all-breed Best in Shows throughout his career. Debbie started handling early and took her first BIS win with Bold Bid in 1976, when she was barely a teenager. She also handled Buoy to his first and last BIS wins, as well as BIS at the American Whippet Club (AWC) in 1984. In the 1990s Debbie showed Buoy's great-grandson Ch. Sporting Fields Kinsman to 51 AKC all-breed Best in Shows and the AWC National in 1992. Among Sporting Fields' 21st century winners, Ch.

Sporting Fields Rock On has won more Bests at Specialty shows than any other Whippet. Sporting Fields has maintained a broad breeding program and produced several hundred champions, five of which have won the AWC National Specialty, including in 2010.

As the 2010 AKC Breeder of the Year recipient, Debbie will be honored with a commission from a canine portraitist to memorialize a prominent dog from her kennel and her name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy. They will remain on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York City. All seven Group honorees were presented with medallions during the show on December 5, 2010. Group winners included:

- * Sporting: Gregory Siner - Clifton, NJ - Pooles Ide Irish Water Spaniels
- * Working: Michelle Santana - Sunny Valley, OR - Foxfire Doberman Pinschers
- * Terrier: Margery Good - Cochranville, PA - Goodspice Sealyham Terriers
- * Toy: Carol Harris - Reddick, FL - Bo-Bett Italian Greyhounds
- * Non-Sporting: Joanne Reed - Santa Rosa, CA - Windrift Keeshonden
- * Herding: Leslie Frank - Kensington, NH - Propwash Australian Shepherds

For more information on all of the AKC Breeder of the Year Group honorees visit www.akc.org.

For more about the AKC Breeder of Merit program and to learn how dedicated breeders can join the ranks of these honorees, visit <http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit/index.cfm>.

Longing for a Canine Companion? Don't Get Conned! --

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) and the Council of Better Business Bureaus (CBBB) are warning consumers about scams targeting unsuspecting puppy buyers.

Both the AKC and the CBBB have recently received a number of reports from consumers throughout the nation who have lost money after responding to online or newspaper classified advertising. Commonly, the scammer—posing as a breeder—will place an ad offering free or inexpensive puppies. Communicating solely through emails, the scammer may claim that he/she is affiliated with a religious organization and is being relocated to a foreign country and needs to re-home the puppies.

"The consumer can be taken in by the sincerity of the scammer, who'll say that they don't care about money and just want to find a good home for their beloved puppies," said Steve Cox, Vice President of communications for the CBBB. "But then the fees for shipping the pet mount up and the consumer can lose hundreds of dollars before realizing they've been conned and will never get their puppy."

"This is certainly not the only scam to be aware of, but it is a common one," says AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Because of the emotional investment, consumers are more vulnerable to being taken advantage of when it comes to a cute cuddly puppy than with any other purchase. A dog is a major investment -- a living, breathing being who will rely on you for 10 years or more. Take time to educate yourself on the hallmarks of a legitimate and responsible breeder."

The AKC and BBB offer the following advice:

Do your research. Ask if the breeder is a member of an AKC-affiliated club and contact that club to verify membership or check recent listings of available AKC Litters from breeders at: <http://www.akc.org/classified/index.cfm>. You can also check with the BBB (www.bbb.org) and the AKC (919-233-9767) to see if there are any complaints about the breeder. Request references and speak to other people who have purchased dogs from this breeder—especially if the breeder does not live near you.

Beware of breeders who seem overly concerned with getting paid. Any reputable breeder will be far more concerned with the appropriateness of the potential pet home than what and when they are getting paid. Make sure you have clear expectations – ideally in writing – of how and when the pup will be paid for. Be especially wary of any breeder who insists that you wire money and who calls to ask for more money to be wired to cover last minute shipping fees.

Don't be fooled by a slick web site. Unscrupulous breeders and even outright scams can be represented by professional-looking web sites that lure you in with fraudulent pictures of adorable puppies. At the very least speak with the breeder on the telephone and ideally meet the breeder, the puppy and the dam in person. If you locate a breeder online, never send money without checking their references and credentials first. The AKC recommends that you first contact the national organization for the breed (Parent Club). It is essential to visit the breeder at their home to see the entire litter and the care and conditions given to the puppies prior to purchasing.

Take your time. Beware of breeders who claim to have multiple breeds ready to ship immediately. It's highly unlikely that your perfect puppy will be available for shipping on the very day you call. Gestation and socialization of a litter takes months -- no puppy should be separated from the dam before 8 weeks of age.

Report a scam. Anyone who has experienced a dog-related scam should report it to their local authorities as well as their local BBB (www.bbb.org) to file a complaint. Consumers can also direct questions and concerns to AKC Customer Service at 919-233-9767, or e-mail info@akc.org.

"If you are sure you are dealing with an actual breeder who has a dog to sell, there are still things to be aware of," adds Peterson. "If you expect the dog you are buying to be AKC-registered, you must obtain documentation when you pick

up the dog. Be wary of excuses such as 'AKC hasn't sent the papers yet.' If a breeder is doing his paperwork in a timely manner, there is no reason the AKC Dog Registration Application form should not be available, so wait until you receive it before you pay for and take home your puppy. Once you have completed the financial aspect of the transaction, there is little recourse for an unsatisfied buyer."

To learn about the hallmarks of a responsible breeder, visit:

http://www.akc.org/press_center/facts_stats.cfm?page=responsible_breeder



DEADLINE for the January-February newsletter is January 7, 2011

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at csweetwood@att.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. Please note that the deadline for the next newsletter has been moved up a month to facilitate an earlier publication date for the next issue. I hope to get the newsletter out a month earlier than in the past. Chris Sweetwood.



Happy Holidays