

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be August 7, 2013 at the Apple Rehab Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The September 3, 2013 meeting will be at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2013

August 7-meeting

September 3-meeting

September 15-RDOD at Warsaw Park in Ansonia, CT

October 1-meeting

November 5-meeting

December-The Christmas Party-date to be announced

Adopt a K-9 Cop Program

As many of you are aware TFKC made a donation, before the tragedy, to the Newtown Police K-9 Unit to provide financial assistance to help their unit.

Because the Town of Newtown is a municipality it cannot solicit donations. The K-9 unit, which is not directly funded by the municipality, relies upon donations to continue its mission and often the canine officers must forgo training or personally fund the dog's needs. Due to the recent tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School the Newtown Police Department has been stretched to the limit in terms of manpower and funding

Baro, their only trained Police working dog/search and rescue dog who was 10 years old was put down due to cancer and the town is now without a working dog. His career included basic police work, locating missing persons and he was directly involved in the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The K-9 unit needed funding to replace Baro and a trainer was located in New Milford, CT who will have a suitable trained dog available in September with the training for the officer and dog taking place after bonding in October of 2013.

Trap Falls KC sponsored the police department in their request for an AKC CAR grant and the paperwork was submitted to AKC CAR in February of 2013. Trap Falls KC donated \$500.00 toward the unit in October of 2012 and had made an additional donation of \$2,500.00. Last month, AKC CAR issued a check for \$5,000.00 for the grant. Several months ago I issued an appeal to the other AKC clubs in the area and as of July 3, 2013 we have raised \$14,250.00, which includes the AKC CAR Grant and TFKC's donation. This is enough to purchase the new K-9 and any remaining funds will be deposited into the departments K-9 fund to cover K-9 body armor, training materials, dog food and veterinary bills.

The department would like to display the AKC CAR logo on the vehicle.

It was my sincere hope that the AKC family of clubs would reach deep into their treasuries and help the Newtown Police K-9 unit by making a tax-free donation.

To date the following donations have been made to the Newtown K-9 Fund:

\$1,000.00-AKC Humane Fund-Dennis Sprung

\$200.00-Joy S. Brewster-Cassio Kennels LLC, Newtown, CT.

\$300.00-Patricia W. Laurans-Delgate, German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Newtown, CT.

\$50.00-John L. Ronald-Delegate, Samoyed Club of America, Myersville, MD.

\$200.00-Lauren M. Friedman, VP, Trap Falls KC & Christopher L. Sweetwood, Delegate, Trap Falls KC, Milford, CT.

\$2,500.00- Newtown Kennel Club

\$2,500.00- Trap Falls Kennel Club

\$2,500.00- Farmington Valley Kennel Club

\$5,000.00-AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund

Anyone wishing to donate should make their check payable to Newtown Police K-9 Fund and mail it to Newtown Police Department, Three Main Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

At this point we are working with Lisa Peterson of the AKC's Public Relations Department to set up an appropriate ceremony to officially transfer the funds to the department. We will keep you advised regarding the time, date and location of the event. **Please remember that the press will attend this event and members are reminded that business attire is a must.** It is my desire that that this type of fund raising program can be expanded to involve other AKC clubs and police departments throughout the country. (Submitted by Christopher L. Sweetwood)



At the June meeting, guest speaker Suzin Webb, LMT, (licensed massage therapist) to humans and dogs gave a workshop on canine massage therapy. She demonstrated the benefits of massage for health and well-being as well as techniques which focus on specific problem areas. The meeting was very well-attended by club members and the public. It is hoped that a massage workshop will be offered for club members by Ms. Webb – date and location to be announced.

TDI TESTING



Lauren Friedman conducted TDI testing on June 2 at Apple Rehab in Shelton with Chris Sweetwood's help. Several participants came to test, but only one made it through the rigorous standards of TDI.

Thanks to Laura Wells and Ron Egidio for volunteering their time to help out, and to Sarah Murphy who also brought some young 'colleagues' to assist with testing.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day Pawz in the Park Sunday, September 15, 2013 10AM – 4PM Warsaw Park, Ansonia, CT

In September, the American Kennel Club (AKC) hosts their annual "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days". Responsible Dog Ownership Days (RDOD) are held as an educational opportunity for current and future dog owners, coupled with entertainment for the whole family. This year, we will be holding our annual RDOD at Warsaw Park, Ansonia, CT.

We are going to have police dog demonstrations, rally and obedience matches, agility demonstrations, vendors, Meet the Breeds and a Parade of Breeds. There will be CGC testing and a micro-chip clinic. We are going to be accepting donations for the local shelters. Bring a donation and get a free "raffle" ticket. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help.

However, we are looking for volunteers to help during the day. We are looking for volunteers to help with the raffle and set-up or clean-up. Would you like to judge a contest? Does anyone have a "pop-up" tent or tables that we can borrow for the day? Please let us know.

Please come and support the club for our annual event. If you cannot make it but have donations or tents we can borrow, please let us know. Thank you for the support for our annual RDOD. Stay tuned for more updates.

Susan Carter and Sarah Murphy are the Co-Chairs
You can contact us at:
Susan - werecat@snet.net or 203-735-8471
Sarah – sarahmurphy612@gmail.com or 203-345-6731

Please participate in our raffle for RDO Day by contributing dog items for our baskets. The item can be food, toy, leash, bowls etc. You can also donate a whole basket (dog or human) or if you know a store/organization that would like to donate something (gift certificate or item) in their name that would be great.

Please bring your donations to the next meeting on August 6, 2013 or contact Rose Napoleone, the raffle chairperson, at winstarwon@aol.com.

Remember we need volunteers to place event posters up in the valley area. Please come to the August meeting and pick up a few and then post them in your local shops.

WAGS and BRAGS



On June 8, 2013 at the Greenwich Kennel Club, East Norwalk show WlIslands Mehatable Downz CD RE TT HIT CGC earned her 3rd leg for her RE title with a score of 92 with a 3rd place win.

Also present were CH WlIslands Gem of My Heart RN who earned his 3rd leg of his Rally Novice title with a score of 93 and a 4th place win and CH WlIslands Gettin Down to Business RN who earned her first leg towards her Rally advanced title with a score of 80 and a 3rd place win.



WlIslands Mehatable Downz CD RE TT HIT CGC is now also Canadian P-CD. She earned her 3 legs in Kingston, Canada on June 22 and 23, 2013.

The third leg was on Sunday at 2pm in 90 degree sun with 90% humidity. it was almost unbearable! Bubba went Best of Winners all 3 days of the show earning 4 point towards his Canadian Championship.

AKC Delegate News

AKC Honors Canine Heroes With New Wilderness Search And Rescue Title

Wilderness Search and Rescue dogs, who use their air scenting or tracking abilities to locate missing persons, typically in a non-urban setting, will now be recognized by the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) with the new SAR-W title. The AKC already acknowledges dogs that are FEMA or State Urban Search and Rescue (SUSAR) certified as Urban Search and Rescue Dogs.

Within the field of Wilderness Search and Rescue there are dogs that specialize in tracking, trailing, air scent, water and avalanche search and rescue.

The handlers of Wilderness Search and Rescue dogs that have been deployed on at least five SAR missions and that have been certified by an AKC recognized SAR certification organization may request a title by downloading and completing this [form](#). The dog must be AKC registered or enrolled in the [AKC Canine Partners](#) program. The handler is required to submit the dog's SAR certification document and documentation verifying the dog's deployments. For more information please contact Lisa Carroll at 919-816-3900 or performancevents@akc.org.

Pool Safety: Tips to Teach Your Dog to Swim

The dog paddle may seem like it comes naturally to dogs – and for some it does – but even the best swimmers need some training. The American Kennel Club (AKC®) helps dog owners teach their four-legged friends how to swim and be safe around the pool so they can beat the summer heat together.

First and foremost, never leave your dog unsupervised while in the pool! He may need your help and be unable to bark to grab your attention.

Start slowly. It's important to build confidence in your dog around the pool. Even breeds that are natural swimmers tend to be afraid the first time they enter the water, so be sure to take it slowly in shallow water and praise your dog every step of the way.

Take it one step at a time. Don't let your dog overdo it when he swims. Swimming is great exercise, but as with any workout it should be increased in small increments. Your dog is using new muscles and may get tired quickly.

Learning the dog paddle. If your dog begins to dog-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs to help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.

Using a ladder to exit the pool can cause your dog to panic. Dogs are not used to using the ladder, and will need to be taught how to use them.

Spray your dog with the hose after he gets out of the pool to rinse off the chemicals from the pool water.

Dab your dog's ears with a dry towel or use a blow dryer on cool to get rid of excess moisture. Most ear infections in dogs with floppy ears are caused by too much water and dampness.

For more pool safety tips, visit the AKC at www.akcdoglovers.com

June AKC Chairman's Report

New York, NY – Given that I spent nearly 45 years in the advertising agency business, it shouldn't come as a surprise that one of my favorite TV programs is "Mad Men" – the quintessential show about the advertising business in the 1960s, a time I remember well. One episode involves the proposed demolition of Penn Station and the construction of Madison Square Garden, which at the time was a hotly contested action.

Don Draper, the creative director of the agency, gives a pep talk to the hesitant client from Madison Square Garden, who was battling protestors against the plans to tear down Penn Station and build the Madison Square Garden we all know. Draper's advice was simple, but powerful - "If you don't like what they're saying, change the conversation."

That is certainly timely advice for the American Kennel Club. Today, I will share important steps we have taken to create that new conversation and, in turn, a new understanding of who we are, what we do, the dedication of responsible breeders, and the unique aspects of purebred dogs.

In March, I reported we were committed to strengthening our public outreach, starting with creating an engaging and effective social media platform. Christopher Walker joined us in March to spearhead that effort. His performance has been more like a battering-ram moving us forward with lightning speed. At that time, we had about 100,000 likes on Facebook and about 4,000 engaged participants – and engaged participants is the true measure of the health of a brand.

Now, just 90 days later, we have almost 370,000 likes and 80,000 engaged people. While HSUS has many more likes, they only have 28,000 engaged participants. What does all that mean? Those that are with us are really with us. Supporting the AKC, talking about us, and passing along items from our Facebook page. In addition, we now have a blog which the AKC team created in a couple of hours on Good Friday and the blog has currently received over 130,000 visitors. The last piece of that puzzle is the AKC website. Chris' team is working to make it significantly more user-friendly and interesting, particularly for the general

dog-loving public. As they say, "watch this space" for change you will like.

Concurrent with our expansion of AKC's social media presence and outreach, we began an extensive review of public relations/public affairs agencies. The goal of that search was to determine a partner possessing the resources, expertise, and passion to create a new, exciting and engaging dialogue for the AKC. The team included me, Bob Amen, Dennis Sprung, Daryl Hendricks, Lisa Peterson, and was led by Chris Walker. We are very fortunate to have had Bob Amen's guidance throughout the process. His experience, knowledge, and insightful observations were of invaluable help.

The 90-day review started with a field of 19 and included in-person visits, conference calls, interim presentations, and final presentations. The participants covered both large and mid-size companies with a common thread being their strong desire to work with us.

Throughout the process one company stood out at every step and we are pleased to announce that we have unanimously agreed - and have retained Edelman as our new public relations partner, effective immediately.

Edelman is the world's largest public relations firm, with 4800 communication experts in 67 offices worldwide. Edelman combines the power of their size with the nimbleness and innovation we require.

They pioneered the first media tour; they were the first to apply public relations to building consumer brands; they conceived the first corporate citizenship program, and they were the first PR firm to establish a presence on the Web. Each achievement is directly linked to their entrepreneurial culture. Today they represent an impressive roster of global clients, including AstraZeneca, eBay, GE, HP, Microsoft, Shell, Starbucks, and Unilever.

They demonstrated a distinct understanding of our challenges and opportunities; unique capabilities in grassroots communication and mobilization; deep expertise in digital public affairs; effective legislator communication, and strong belief in the mission and work of the AKC. The team we will be working with consists of experts in a variety of disciplines, each with a purebred dog at home—one whose mother is a Breeder of Merit -and the leader of the team was formerly the spokesman for the NRA. The team works from the Edelman New York and Washington, DC offices.

Edelman will be assuming all the duties formerly performed by Rubenstein in addition to new responsibilities for public engagement to communicate our Good Works, promote purebred dogs, de-stigmatize responsible breeders, help achieve fair legislation, and promote AKC thought leadership.

In addition, Edelman has the experience and the expertise to anticipate, monitor, and respond to news attacks from the opposition or other threats to AKC's reputation 24/7. The key here is "anticipate" – something we will become

expert at in short order. We have some other plans, but I believe HSUS and ASPCA are some of the most avid readers of our reports, including this one. So, rather than reading about our plans, they can enjoy experiencing them instead.

One final point. I always admired the writings of Harvard philosopher William James on pragmatism and truth. I was particularly inspired by one thought he had – “Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” That is good advice for all of us to take to heart. I know you and your clubs are doing interesting and exciting things in support of our Good Works and purebred dogs. We need to know about those efforts and make them part of our new conversation with the public and our legislators. Please, send that information to Stephanie Smith at SXS2@akc.org and be a part of helping shape the destiny of the AKC and purebred dogs.

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome
atk@akc.org

Alan J. Kalter
Chairman

History of the American Kennel Club

On September 17, 1884, a group of twelve dedicated sportsmen, responding to a "meeting call" from Messrs. J. M. Taylor and Elliot Smith, met in the rooms of the Philadelphia Kennel Club in that City. Each member of the group was a representative or "delegate" from a dog club that had, in the recent past, held a benched dog show or had run field trials. This new "Club of Clubs" was, in fact, The American Kennel Club.

The next meeting of the group, on October 22, 1884, was held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. At that time, a Constitution and By-Laws was adopted and Major James M. Taylor became AKC's first President. With no official headquarters, meetings were held in several different cities – principally New York, but also Cincinnati, Boston, and Newark, New Jersey.

By 1887, a room was rented at 44 Broadway, furnished with a desk, filing cabinet, a couple of chairs, and occupied by Alfred P. Vredenburg, the AKC's third Secretary. In 1888, August Belmont, Jr. became the AKC's fourth President. This was the beginning of the long Belmont/Vredenburg reign that lasted well into the Twentieth Century. During this period, it became apparent that the Club had to have a reliable Stud Book. Dr. N. Rowe, starting in 1878, had already assembled three volumes of The National American Kennel Club Stud Book, and subsequently offered these three initial volumes gratis to the AKC. In 1887, the AKC acknowledged this gift in the fourth volume of The American Kennel Club Stud Book.

The following year, Belmont put the wheels in motion to produce a "gazette" by guaranteeing against any of the magazine's losses for five years with his own personal security of \$5,000 per year. In January 1889, the Gazette made its first appearance; survived those first five years

without needing even a penny of Belmont's support; has been published without interruption for over a century; and is one of the oldest dog magazines in existence.

Early 1900's

Early American shows followed precedents set in England with respect to the championship title and required three first place wins in the Open Class, which was generally divided by sex. Several changes were made in 1900, and a point scale emerged, based on the total number of dogs at the show; ranging from one point at all-breed shows with under 250 dogs, to the five point maximum at all-breed shows with 1000 dogs and over entered. The number of dogs in each breed was not considered. This schedule had obvious inequities. In all instances, regardless of show or entry, an accumulation of ten points was required for the title of champion. All member club specialty shows were rated at four points, while non-member specialties were given a two point rating, regardless of the size of entry.

Under a special charter granted by the Legislature of the State of New York on May 18th, 1908, the AKC was granted its third articles of incorporation. The new Constitution and By-Laws were approved January 5, 1909. On January 10, 1910 new Rules Governing Dog Shows eliminated the Graduate Class; substituted an American-Bred Class, and changed the prerequisite for a championship title, requiring fifteen points, under three different judges, three points having to be won at one show.

In 1911, a rule went into effect that concerned territorial protection. In large cities there was a trend toward developing several clubs, often formed by dissident groups. The new rule gave sole privilege to the member club that had held the first show in a given area.

Also, in that year, definite rules for classified and unclassified "special" prizes were established. A classified special prize was one offered in a single breed, somewhat similar to an award for best of breed (although the AKC did not record such a win). An unclassified special was a prize offered in classes involving multiple-breed competition similar to the present groups and best in show. Competition for this prize was by representatives of several breeds in a single class. "Special" prizes were offered at most shows; dogs could be entered for "Specials only" and this practice is the origin of our present day use of the word referring to champions as "Specials", or "Specialing" a dog.

The dog show superintendent had been a fixture at AKC events from the very beginning. In August 1905, a rule was passed that "The Superintendent of any show cannot exhibit or officiate as a judge at that show." Then, in April 1917 a notice appeared in the Gazette "Applicants desiring to officiate as Judges and Superintendents at shows held under American Kennel Club Rules can now obtain at this office application forms to act in either capacity." Initially, these applications were approved by the License Committee. (In 1931, this authority was given to the Board of Directors.)

1920's

In 1920, sanctioned matches were begun. They provided useful training exercises for more formal events and they made dog owners more aware of correct show procedures.

In 1923, AKC barred interbreed competition except in the Miscellaneous Class. Comprehensive new rules for Groups & Best In Show judging were adopted effective 1924. Under the new rules and judging procedures adopted at that time, all breeds (except for those in Miscellaneous Competition) were separated into five groups: Group 1 - Sporting Dogs, which included at that time all Hound breeds; Group 2 - Working Dogs; Group 3 - Terriers; Group 4 - Toy Breeds; and Group 5 - Non-Sporting Breeds. These Best of Breed winners in each group were then judged together to determine the best dog in that group and, finally, the five group winners met to decide the best dog in the show.

By 1924, the new group alignment was in general use. The Westminster Kennel Club was the first to include judging for Best In Show under the new format. Later in the 1920's, the groups were expanded to six, as Hounds became separate group.

In 1929, the first edition of Pure Bred Dogs was published. Nine years later the book was renamed The Complete Dog Book.

1930's

The 1930's witnessed many significant changes and additions. The AKC decided to require licenses of persons who exhibited dogs for a fee. This led, in 1931, to the formation of the Professional Handlers Association. The first book of AKC rules was presented in the November, 1932 issue of the Gazette and was subsequently published as a separate booklet. The first Children's Handling Classes were held at the Westbury Kennel Association Show in 1932. This class designation was changed to Junior Showmanship in 1951. In 1934, the AKC decided to establish a Library.

In the mid 30's, Helene Whitehouse Walker was instrumental in establishing obedience tests. She submitted a pamphlet of procedures to the AKC in December 1935, and three months later the Board of Directors approved it in principle. In April 1936, AKC published the first official "Regulations and Standard for Obedience Test Field Trials".

During the 30's, a change in the rules went into effect concerning breeds with varieties. The rule stated that variety winners should be judged to best of breed. This move reduced the number of group representatives for the breeds involved and caused considerable controversy among exhibitors for several years. The matter was not resolved until 1953, when all variety winners were again permitted into the group, and the best of breed award was eliminated in the breeds with varieties at all-breed shows only.

1940's

During the War years in the 1940's, the continuation of dog shows, obedience trials and field trials was a triumph of American ingenuity and was greatly aided by The American Kennel Club's flexible reaction to the difficulties that arose. Long-standing rules and regulations were interpreted more loosely and, in many instances, disregarded altogether. Shows were approved to be held in the same building on consecutive days; the number of unbenched shows increased and geographic restrictions were relaxed. To comply with wartime attempts to conserve paper, The American Kennel Gazette was reduce in size to a format of 9 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches. In the middle of the 1940's, professional judges formed the Professional Dog Judges Association, which included many of the top all-breed judges of the time. On October 1, 1947, a judges' directory entitled "Licensed Judges" was issued.

An important postwar move was the January 1946 appointment of Leonard Brumby, Sr. to the post of full-time field representative. In 1947, Tracking was made a separate class. Until that time, it had been part of the Utility Dog obedience test.

1950's

About the same time, early in 1950, the Bred-By-Exhibitor class came into being, as the Limit Class was dropped. This action confined the entry of imported dogs to the Open Class. Another important change enacted about 1950 involved the long-standing registration of a kennel name, or prefix, giving sole use of the name to the owner, with no time limitation. The change limited the exclusive use of a kennel name to a five-year term, with renewal available upon application and payment of a fee.

With one-day shows becoming more numerous and daylight hours for outdoor events being reduced in the early Spring and late Fall, a rule went into effect in January 1951 that restricted judges to twenty dogs per hour. This was subsequently modified to twenty-five with the total number of dogs per day not to exceed 200 (which was changed over thirty years later to 175 at all-breed shows and 200 for independent specialty shows). Also rules were instituted to require show-giving clubs that had limited entries to indicate the limitations on their premium lists. One of the most controversial issues to be addressed surfaced at the December 1950 Delegates' meeting, when an attempt to seat women delegates was made; the motion failed for want of a second.

In 1950, amendments were made to the rules which stipulated that no show could extend for more than two days unless specific permission from the AKC was obtained. Also, in 1950, a nominal recording fee of twenty-five cents was imposed on each entry.

1960's

Over the years, as the Club grew and the office force expanded, there had been a succession of moves to increasingly larger quarters. In 1919, the Club had settled at 221 Fourth Avenue (now Park Avenue) and remained there until it was again necessary to expand. In 1964, AKC

moved to 51 Madison Avenue, occupying space spread out over several floors.

In 1967, the independently judged Best of Winners class was eliminated. A system of judging Best of Winners during the judging for Best of Breed/Variety breed was adopted in its place. Also that same year, the condensed premium list was first approved. In January 1969, new, streamlined obedience rules went into effect. An important new approach to approving conformation and obedience judges was enacted in November 1969, when the provisional judging system appeared. New applicants with adequate breeding and exhibiting experience were permitted to officiate at three shows, after which the Board of Directors reviewed their performance and the provisional judge was either approved as a regular judge or required to gain further training and experience.

1970's

The most significant accomplishment of the 1970's was the admission of women as delegates. On March 12, 1974, a motion to allow women to serve as delegates was seconded and carried by a vote of 180 to 7. At the June, 1974 meeting of the AKC, the first women delegates were elected: Mrs. Carol D. Duffy to represent the Mid-Hudson Kennel Club; Mrs. Gertrude Freedman to represent the Bulldog Club of New England; and Mrs. Julia Gasow to represent the English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan. They attended their first Delegate's meeting in September, 1974.

It was during the 1970's that Cluster shows became popular. Due to fuel shortages, all-breed clubs banded together to hold their events at the same location on consecutive days. It was believed that clusters minimized travel while offering additional shows with greater convenience for the exhibitors. It was also felt that clusters help shows offer educational experience to local population while assuring the financial stability of show-giving clubs.

In 1978, AKC ceased licensing professional handlers. This change placed all handlers - or agents, as they would become known - in the same category as exhibitors and anyone could then handle a dog for a fee.

1980's

The Dog Museum of America was established in June 1980, and formally opened in September, 1982 at 51 Madison Avenue. Five years later, it moved to its present location in St. Louis, Missouri and subsequently changed its name to The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog.

The large Working Group was split in 1983 with some of its breeds making up the new Herding Group.

On November 17th and 18th, 1984, The American Kennel Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary with the Centennial Show in Philadelphia.

Dr. Jacklyn Hungerland, delegate of the Del Monte Kennel Club, was elected as the first woman Director of the AKC, March 5th, 1985. Hunting tests were inaugurated in 1985. The following year there were several judging guidelines enacted. Also, in 1986, rules for registering litters conceived by Artificial Insemination from Fresh, Extended and Frozen Semen were established. The Performance Events Division was formed with Directors for Obedience, Field Trials, Hunting Tests and Coonhound Events.

In 1988, the Events Calendar was separated from the Gazette; and in 1989, the Gazette celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

1990's

Earthdog tests began in 1994. The 1990's saw the beginning of Herding tests and Lure Coursing. Four years later, Agility came under AKC umbrella and is quickly gaining in popularity. The Canine Health Foundation was established and initially funded by the AKC. It still receives substantial support from the AKC every year. The Canine Good Citizen® program was established, and in 1995, the Companion Animal Recovery program initiated.

Early in the 1990's, another milestone was reached when the AKC made the decision to relocate various departments to Raleigh, N.C. This gradual process was complete in 1998, and in November, the AKC headquarters in New York moved from its home of 34 years at 51 Madison Avenue to its new location at 260 Madison Avenue. The AKC operations in Raleigh now occupy the entire building, which has been renamed the American Kennel Club Building.

In 1998, as more events type were being made available to fanciers, Agility, Obedience, Tracking and Canine Good Citizen became a separate division within the AKC. The remaining Performance Division consists of Field Trials, Hunting Tests, Lure Coursing, Herding, Earthdog and Coonhound events. Conformation continued to benefit from a steady growth on participation. In that year alone, there were almost 2 million dogs competing in over 15,000 member, licensed and sanctioned events.

Also in that year, AKC registered more than 1.2 million dogs and 555,000 litters. DNA rapidly gained acceptance not only by fanciers who embraced the new technology, but also by AKC who saw its promise as a tool to ensure the integrity of the kennel club's registry.

AKC entered the cusp of the Millennium embarked on an ambitious project of bringing its computerization into the 21st Century. Its website, which had been initiated in the fall of 1994, underwent a total redesign with an introduction for the first time of various e-commerce canine information products, goods and services online and interactive.

DEADLINE for the September-October newsletter is September 7, 2013

Editors Comments: Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at csweetwood@att.net. 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 to the high SPAM content these days. Chris Sweetwood.

TFKC NAME TAG ORDER FORM



The tags are made of engraved green plastic with white lettering and are available with pin post backs with clasps or magnetic strip holders.

This is for MEMBERS ONLY.

The cost is \$8.00.

Order must be received by **July 20, 2013**.

Please complete this form and mail it to:

Chris Sweetwood, 12 Manor House Lane, Milford, CT 06461.

Please make your checks payable to: Trap Falls KC.

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