

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## March-April 2012

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be April 3, 2012 at the Apple Rehab/ Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The May 1, 2012 meeting will be held at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR 2012

**April 3**-meeting

**April 8**-TFKC Show-W. Springfield

**May 1**-meeting

**June 5**-meeting- Movement and Judging by Jill Bregy  
Picnic date to be announced

**July**- meeting

**August 7**-meeting

**September 4**-meeting

**September 8**-RDOD- Naugatuck (tentative)

**October 2**-meeting

**November 6**-meeting

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

## WAGS and BRAGS



Wilislands Salt Rocks St James Guineez, "Bubba", took the 4 point major on Saturday March 12, 2012 at the Connecticut River Working Group Show with his

cheering section all around him. Thanks to all the club members who were there and cheered him on. This is his third weekend out and 3rd major. He has a very bright future in front of him.

## Trap Falls does Doggie Etiquette Program for Local Girl Scout Troop



(Club members pictured: Laura Hovanac, Laura Wells and Lauren Friedman with Siena and Drago)

Sage Hovanec's (daughter of Treasurer Laura Hovanec) Girl Scout Troop in Naugatuck turned out in full force to welcome Laura Wells and Lauren Friedman's talk and demonstration of proper Doggie Etiquette and Safety. Lauren brought her Certified TDI Dogs Siena and Drago, who were the perfect models of obedience and objects of much attention from the scouts. The girls learned safety around dogs, how to approach a strange dog, and basics of training and obedience. This very popular program is based on the AKC's Canine Ambassador Program, which is carried out across the country in schools, libraries, etc., to educate the public on responsible dog ownership.

Next stop on the Doggie Etiquette train is the Trumbull Library, Saturday, May 19. Please contact Cindy Sherman ([cindytfkc@gmail.com](mailto:cindytfkc@gmail.com)) if you would like us to do a program for your group or if you have an

idea about other organizations that would benefit from this engaging program. Submitted by Cindy Sherman

## Beardsley Zoo's Annual Pet Awareness

The CT'S Beardsley Zoo's Annual Pet Awareness and Adoption Day is just around the corner. The date this year is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from noon till 3pm. I hope that those of you who have participated in the past will join us again. For the new organizations that I have met during the year, I hope that you will consider being part of this special event. Please save the date. More information will follow as the day nears. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. As always, your participation is greatly appreciated. It would be very helpful if you would let me know ASAP if you plan to attend. Submitted by Gail Craig, 203-225-6162, [gg.craig@comcast.net](mailto:gg.craig@comcast.net),

invite them to enter. That figure is up to 89% so far this year.

Clubs welcoming Canine Partners enrollees have allowed these dogs and their owners to experience AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally. Those clubs offering the Coursing Ability Test, which also includes Canine Partners enrollees, have also seen an increase in entries.

We recently reached a milestone by awarding the first MACH, MACH2 and MACH3 titles to one accomplished dog listed in the Canine Partners program, "Princey," who achieved all three titles.

Staff has also been working on the "My Dog Can Do That" experience. This program exposes new owners and dogs to AKC events. It allows people to try different companion events with one-on-one attention from a trainer. The "My Dog Can Do That" program is getting off to an impressive start. Two hundred thirty dogs participated in the program at the Rose City Kennel Club dog show in Portland, Oregon, and two hundred four dogs took part in the program at the Middle Peninsula Kennel Club show in Doswell, Virginia. The majority of these dogs had never tried an AKC event. We hope to welcome many more dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC through this program.

Later this month, we are pleased to welcome dogs listed in AKC Canine Partners to the National Agility Championship in Reno, Nevada from March 30th through April 1st. We are delighted that a number of Canine Partners enrollees have qualified for and will compete in this prestigious event.

Notably, we've continued to see growth in Agility, with the achievement of over one million entries in 2011. I encourage you to check the AKC website and the AKC Face book page for complete coverage and results of the NAC. We wish the best of luck to all entrants. As we continue to develop programs for all dogs, we hope you will encourage dog owners in your communities to participate. It's easier than ever to learn the ropes and get involved.

Turning now to another subject, I am pleased to report that our 2012 budget is projected to show an operating surplus of \$1.7 million.

I extend my thanks to the management, staff and Board for achieving this important, positive result.

During my tenure as Chairman, I have been truly fortunate to have had the support of many dedicated Board members – and especially two outstanding Vice Chairmen. The first was the Honorable David Merriam, and the second – who has served as Vice

## AKC Delegate News



## AKC Announces Community Achievement Award Honorees

In December, the American Kennel Club® (AKC) honored the Concho Kennel Club, Council Bluffs Kennel Club and Savannah Kennel Club with Community Achievement Awards for their outstanding 2011 Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDO Day) events. Honorable Mentions went to the Collie Club of Maine, Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club and **Trap Falls Kennel Club**.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -- Canine Partners Program Celebrates Several Milestones --

New York, NY – I'd like to share an update with you on the Canine Partners program. Since the program's inception, cumulative trial entries have topped 30,000. Last year, 85% of the events that were eligible to allow AKC Canine Partners listed dogs did

Chairman for the past three years – is Dr. Tom Davies.

While Tom is also leaving the Board today, I know he will continue to be an important contributor to the Delegate Body. AKC and our sport will benefit from Tom's involvement hopefully for many years to come. Tom has been invaluable as Vice Chairman. While he may be accused of many things, being a "yes" man or being too subtle are not among them. You always know where Tom stands on the issue, and if he disagrees with you, he will not be bashful about letting you know. Fortunately for me, we agreed far more than we disagreed.

The third Board member leaving today – after twenty-four years of service – is the incomparable Walter Goodman. We talk about legends and icons of the Sport: Walter is a living legend. There are few who have contributed so much to the Sport of dogs over so long a period. As a breeder, exhibitor, judge, club officer, not to mention President of the most prestigious terrier club in the world, Walter has done it all, done it well, and done it with grace and dignity. I know the Board will not be the same without him.

Tom and Walter, thank you both for your support and contributions to AKC, as well as your continuing friendship.

Ron Menaker  
Chairman

### **Recipe for Skunk Odor Removal from your dog**

1 Quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide- Fresh, Just opened  
¼ cup of Baking Soda  
1 teaspoon liquid soap (Dawn dishwashing soap is recommended. but any dish soap will work)  
Rubber or latex gloves  
Mix in an open container (bucket or bowl); it will be fizzy, a clue that you should not try to pre mix it and store it in a closed container. Thoroughly wet your dog with warm water and then the solution while it is still bubbling. Knead it well into the coat to chemically alter every bit of the Thieles on the coat. Be careful to keep the formula out of the dog's eyes, nose and mouth. You can use a sponge to carefully wipe the facial area. Let the solution stand to 10 minutes. Follow the bath with a thorough rinse. Be sure to protect the eyes while rinsing the head. Chances are you will not get all the smell off the face and will just have to live with it until it wears off. You can try Tricotine Liquid Douche Concentrate or any over the counter douche. After bathing, check the dog's eyes. If they are red and watering, your dog may have taken a direct hit in the face. Skunk spray won't blind the dog, but it's very painful. Contact a vet.  
Submitted by Cindy Richardson

### **"HOW TO BECOME A BAD LOSER" - STEP BY STEP BY ASTRID GIERCKSKY TILBAGE**

Published in The Scandinavian Poodle Magazine - 1994, '95, '96

If your dogs do not win as much as you think they should - you have two choices:

- a. You can concentrate on improving your dogs, or - if you find this too hard, you can
- b. Look for excuses why they don't win enough - which is by far the easy way out.

If you choose the latter option, you will also learn how to become a bad loser, step by step:

1. The most important rule to remember is never to congratulate the winner of the class. If you ever feel that you have to, do not try to produce a smile. Unless you have practiced at home, it's not going to look real. The best thing to do, is just to walk out of the ring, with an "Oh my God" expression on your face, before anyone - including the ring steward - get a chance to see your placement.
2. As there is only one winner, and many losers, you will find yourself in good company as soon as you get out of the ring. These will make wonderful listeners, so take this opportunity to convince them, and yourself, that the judge was probably a friend of the winner's. In other words, the decision was corrupt. The word corrupt is willingly adopted by people who are looking for excuses.
3. If the dogs of the same people beat your dogs again and again, it's time to slightly change the excuses. Now, tell yourself and the other losers that they win only because they are famous. Ignore the fact that they may have become famous for a reason, for instance for having the best dogs.
4. Another good excuse for constantly losing, is to let people know that you find health and temperament more important than exterior, when breeding. In other words, you are a more serious breeder than the winner. Serious is another good word. It creates a lot of credibility.
5. The more the dogs of your competitors win - the better reason you have to be suspicious. Tell people that the top winner has most probably been dyed, is wearing switches, is drugged or has had several tooth and testicle implants. Choose one, not all.
6. If you feel that the above arguments are fading, you can always move on to the more hidden faults. If you think carefully, surely you will have heard rumors that the top-winner has left a problem in at least one of his offspring. You have a wide range to choose from: try PRA, HD, patella, epilepsy or leg-perches disease. Once the rumor is out and about, the damage is done.
7. To change the subject slightly, you can excuse your loss by blaming the owner of the winner for walking his dog too close to yours and thereby disturbing it. This will win you a great deal of sympathy.



8. Another good excuse is that the winning dog is "made-up" by the groomer and the handler. Whether or not you have touched the dog, just tell people that underneath that fantastic coat and behind that flashy picture seen in the ring - hides a total wreck.

9. If everything should fail, you have a final devastating card on your hands: the private lives of those who win. If you try hard enough you can probably dig up something which makes a story. Look for a divorce, and affair - hopefully including a person within the breed, or some financial problem. If you really can't find anything, start to watch their eating and drinking habits. Then when you add some of your own spice to the story, you will find that most people will eat the dish with great appetite.

10. When and if you do win a class, make sure you win in the style you lose. Tell everybody that finally there was an honest judge, who looked at the dog - not the handler.

## Becoming a Canine Ambassador

Canine Ambassadors contribute to their clubs' public education efforts by making presentations usually to groups of children in classrooms or other venues. Often Ambassadors bring their AKC-registered, PAL/ILP or AKC Canine Partner dog to the presentation. Each Ambassador receives mailings from the Public Education department with topic suggestions and activity sheet copy masters.

Once you decide you want to become a Canine Ambassador, contact the AKC Public Education department, and we will send you a sign-up sheet. Fill it out, have a club officer sign it, then return it. Canine Ambassadors must be members in good standing of an AKC-affiliated club. As a Canine Ambassador, you represent your club; you are not a direct representative of the AKC.

We will add your name to a state-by-state directory of Ambassadors, and send you a Canine Ambassador Starter kit packed with past reproducibles, a brochure detailing how to start your programs and a copy of your state Canine Ambassador directory to help you network with other Ambassadors.

The AKC mails Canine Ambassador Directories to teachers and educators upon request at no charge. These directories can help you establish contact with people interested in the program.

*"You'll be amazed at how rewarding our Canine Ambassador visits are. The thank-you letters and the pictures will bring tears to your eyes. Zelda (my Dalmatian) and I have been visiting schools for more*

*than six years, and we both still enjoy it immensely."  
-- Marilyn Dromgoole, Dalmatian Club of America*

If you are interested in becoming a Canine Ambassador, please go to [www.akc.org/pdfs/CAsignup.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/CAsignup.pdf) to download a sign-up form. Remember, the AKC requires the signature of a club officer, so they can not accept this form electronically.

**DEADLINE for the May-June newsletter is  
May 7, 2012**

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto: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. Chris Sweetwood.



**"A dog can express more with his tail in minutes than his owner can express with his tongue in hours"**

**Anonymous**