

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be April 5, 2011 at the Shelton Lakes Health Care facility at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The May 3, 2011 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 5- meeting

April 8- Spring Show

May 3- meeting Donna Velardi, owner of 'Zodiapet' will speak. Donna specializes in Animal Communication, Animal Massage Therapy, Pet Astrology and Reiki Healing and will shed insight on some of her techniques.

June 25- picnic at Pat Como's house, Monroe, CT

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

STEWARDSHIP for the 2011 show.

STEWARDS NEEDED for Rally and Obedience for our April Show. We need 12 to 15 people to steward for Rally and Obedience. Please contact Jane Edmunds 203-876-1310 or elmud@att.net
Breed stewarding is being done by the Stewards club of America. You can join the stewards club (I have applications), and steward for our show and others during the year. Its fun and you get paid!

NEW CLASSES

TFKC is offering a CGC/TDI training class beginning on April 12 for 8 weeks. The CGC/TDI class is designed to prepare dogs and their owners to pass the AKC's Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dogs International's Therapy Dog Tests.

The class runs for 8 weeks; weeks 1-7 will encompass learning and practicing the required skills. The CGC and TDI tests will be offered on

week eight for those students who would like to take the test (s). The cost of the class is \$140 for 7 weeks; the tests on week eight will cost \$10 each for the CGC and/or TDI.

The instructor is Jennifer Bridwell. The location is Shelton Lakes Apple Rehab Center at 5 Lake Road, Shelton, CT. The class size is limited to 6 dogs. There are more details and registration form on our website (www.trapfalls.org).

Please contact Chris Durgin with any additional questions @ 2westiedogs@optimum.net

Upcoming demonstrations and programs given by TFKC.

The children's department of Gunn Library in Washington, CT heard about our R.E.A.D. program in November where Chris Durgin and Dona Campbell participated along with their Westies and Brittany Spaniels, respectively. It should have been noted that their dogs are certified representatives of Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and they wore TDI's colors proudly for that event.

On Saturday, April 2 from 1-3, the Gunn library will host Dona Campbell, Chris Durgin and Lynn and Scott Kovack as they bring their dogs to demonstrate and talk about obedience, what Rally is all about; good behavior and manners; and engage in some audience participation. The importance of communication and basic safety will also be discussed and Dona will talk about CGC and TDI. A group of 30-60 people will be in attendance -- half of them children aged 4-10.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

CH. Wyndwood Jack of All Trades
10/22/2000 - 12/27/2010

"Jack" was a special dog who comes by once in a lifetime. A mama's boy till the day of his passing of stomach cancer; "Jack" loved the show ring obtaining his championship in 7 shows at the age of 11 months, earning a Specialty Best in Show and many

group placings, and the spot of the number 5 mini schnauzer in 2002. Most of all "Jack" was always there when I needed him, with a shoulder to cry on and eyes seeming to listen and understand. He enjoyed his walks, barking at dogs along the way and most of all sleeping on the bed. At night "Jack" stood and waited for 4 words to be said before lying down to sleep, the same words he last heard spoken. "I love you Jack". We all love and miss you "Jack".
Debbie and Al Lindsay

WAGS and BRAGS



Shady Brook's Rikki Tikki Tavi CGC, TDI (call name Rikki) placed first in Rally Novice as well as Highest Scoring Dog in Rally over all at the Long Island Kennel Club Match Show dated January 22, 2011 and his sister, Hannah Lyn Campbell (call name Hannah) took the first in Rally Excellent. Submitted by owner/member Dona Campbell

Congratulations to Lynn and Scott Kovak for their two Rottweilers that recently earned their TDI certification. Although they are not representing Trap Falls Kennel Club; we are proud to report that they have been part of the reading program at the Western Connecticut Academy for International Studies School. Onques' Charmer Hans (Hans) is 3 years old and Wilslands Greatest Spectacle (Indy) is 18 months old.

AKC News

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES NEW COURSING ABILITY TEST

New Test Allows All Dogs the Chance to Experience the Fun and Excitement of Lure Coursing

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the launch of a new titling event - the Coursing Ability Test - on February 24, 2011 in Calhoun, GA. Open to all dogs, the Coursing Ability Test is an introductory event fashioned after

the sport of lure coursing and meant to be a fun, healthy activity for dogs and their owners. Coursing Ability Tests may be held by all licensed lure coursing clubs.

Eligible dogs must be at least 12 months of age and individually registered/listed with the AKC (registered purebred, Foundation Stock Service (FSS), Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) or AKC Canine Partner). In order to pass the test, a dog running alone must pursue a lure, completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a given time.

"The Coursing Ability Test can provide a wonderful community outreach opportunity, an enjoyable experience for dogs and owners and a way to expose a wider audience to the sport," said AVP Performance Events Doug Ljungren. "Most dogs will chase a lure and have fun in the process."

Dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test three times will earn a Coursing Ability (CA) title. Ten passes and a dog earns a Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA) title and 25 passes results in a Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) title.

A summary description of the test, the regulations governing the event and a Coursing Ability Test application form, as well as a list of upcoming events can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/events/performance. Click on "Coursing Ability Test" on the left side of the page.

New iPhone Application "AKC Dogs" Now Available --

New York, NY - In addition to its social media presence on Face book and Twitter, the American Kennel Club recently joined the "app" world by launching its first-ever iPhone application called "AKC Dogs," currently available for \$2.99 in the iTunes app store.

Serving as a portable encyclopedia for all AKC-recognized dog breeds, the application provides the AKC Meet the Breeds® profile, breed standard, a breed illustration, photos, and fun facts and history for each AKC breed. Navigating the app is easy: users can search for breeds by Group using the Group Preference Panel, add breeds to their "Favorites" list or share breeds with friends via e-mail or Face book.

With this app, we aim to serve two audiences - our judges as well as the general dog-loving public. Instead of traveling with a stack of paper standards, judges can now use their iPhone to call up breed standards at a moment's notice by just selecting a breed and then tapping the show ribbon icon to access the complete standard. In addition, a puppy buyer can use the application by tapping on the paw print icon within each breed to start researching what breed fits best with his or her family, or to just learn more about AKC dogs.

While you're purchasing apps, another application we recommend is AOL Pawnation's app for iPhone, downloadable at www.pawnation.com. In addition to daily blogs about all aspects of pet ownership, AKC Canine Good Citizen Director and Pawningation's expert columnist Dr. Mary Burch answers questions from everyday dog lovers

as part of her "Ask the AKC Animal Behaviorist" column on Pawnation. Previous columns have addressed introducing puppies to older dogs, eliminating begging at the table and discouraging chewing in puppies. We encourage you to download the app or share it with others who want to learn more about responsible dog ownership.

Finally, don't forget to download the Face book and Twitter applications for your iPhone, Blackberry, Android or other smart phone so that you can follow AKC "on the go" via our Face book (www.facebook.com/americankennelclub) and Twitter (www.twitter.com.akcdoglovers) feeds. The pages are updated daily, providing event coverage, expert lifestyle and training tips, breed information, special offers for followers and more.

15TH AKC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF ENTRIES

More Than 1,000 Dogs Will Compete April 1-3, 2011 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA --

New York, NY - The 2011 AKC National Agility Championship (NAC), sponsored by Eukanuba and J & J Dog Supplies, has drawn a total of 1,136 entries, the largest entry total in the 15-year history of the event. The 2011 entry grew 17% overall when compared to 2010 totals, including a 22% increase in the Preferred classes.

"We look forward to welcoming the nation's top agility competitors to this beautiful site in Virginia for our biggest and best AKC National Agility Championships yet," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "In addition to our growing entries, we are also very excited to be able to welcome for the first time two All-American dogs to our Championship competition. We wish all of our entrants the best of luck."

For the first time ever, the American Kennel Club will use Twitter to publish real-time results, making AKC the first dog sport organization to use social media in this manner. Anyone who wants to feel like they are sitting in the bleachers can simply "follow" one or all of the rings on Twitter:

www.twitter.com/AKCRing1, www.twitter.com/AKCRing2,
www.twitter.com/AKCRing3, www.twitter.com/AKCRing4,
www.twitter.com/AKCRing5. A full run order listing of exhibitor's names, dog's call names, armband #s and ring #s will be posted to AKC's National Agility Championship's web page http://www.akc.org/events/agility/national_agility_championship/ Thursday afternoon prior to the event weekend.

Followers will be able to see each dog's score and time within minutes of the run and exhibitors will be able to quickly check where each ring is at in the running order. Once a jump height has concluded its round of competition, all results will be posted both on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/AKCNACResults>) and on Face book (<http://www.facebook.com/AmericanKennelClub>). All final results, courses and pictures will be posted each day on the AKC National Championship website.

Also bookmark the AKC Face book page to stay on top of the latest event updates; exhibitor interviews, photos and videos; and behind-the scenes information and results during the competition itself. RSVP to the AKC National Agility Championship Event Page and you won't miss a thing!

2011 AKC National Agility Championship by the Numbers:

* 2 - All-American Dogs will participate for the first time since the AKC Canine Partners program began allowing mixed-breed dogs to participate in the AKC Companion events of Agility, Obedience and Rally.

* 5 - Rings of competition with real-time results via Twitter.

* 13 - Juniors Handlers, under the age of 18, the highest junior entry ever.

* 23 -Past National Agility Champions entered.
* 750 - MACH (Master Agility Champion) Dogs competing, including one MACH16.
* 1,136 - Record-breaking entry total!

* Highest Breed Totals:
* 244 Border Collies
* 222 Shelties
* 66 Australian Shepherds
* 62 Golden Retrievers
* 45 Poodles
* 41 Pembroke Welsh Corgis

* Largest Numbers of Competitors By State:

* New Jersey: 91
* Illinois: 85
* Pennsylvania: 82
* Ohio: 75
* California: 67
* Virginia: 61
* Texas: 59
* Wisconsin: 52
* New York: 51
* North Carolina: 47

* Dogs Titled in Other Arenas:

* 95 Breed Champions
* One Triple Champion
* 5 Herding Champions
* 4 Obedience Champions

* Breakdown by Height Class:

Regular Classes:

* 8": 114 dogs
* 12": 227 dogs
* 16": 230 dogs
* 20": 290 dogs
* 24": 111 dogs
* 26": 62 dogs

Preferred Classes:

* 4": 10 dogs
* 8": 21 dogs
* 12": 21 dogs
* 16": 30 dogs
* 20": 19 dogs

The 15th annual NAC will take place at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA on April 1, 2 & 3, 2011.

The AKC National Agility Championship consists of five rounds. The Excellent Jumpers with Weaves, Standard and Hybrid classes are open to all dogs. Round 4's Challenger's Class will be open only to the top four dogs per jump height as determined by the previous three rounds. The top 7% of all Regular dogs entered and the top 7% of all preferred dogs entered will move on to the Championship Round (Round 5).

2011 Judges:

Sam Banks - Mattaponi, VA
Janet Budzynski - Newtown, PA
Bob Long - Spring Valley, CA
Ann McQuillen - Somerset, CA
Tom Slattery - Afton, MN
Scott Stock - Leighton, PA

For full details about the 2011 AKC National Agility Championship, visit

http://www.akc.org/events/agility/national_agility_championship/




CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT DOGS?

Think legislation doesn't affect you? Think again.

Today your rights as a dog owner and breeder are threatened by unjust limit laws, breed-specific bills, and breeding restrictions. AKC works for responsible dog ownership and responsible legislation. Each year we monitor more than 850 state and national bills to protect the rights of dogs and their owners. We can't imagine a world without dogs — can you?

For more information visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation or contact doglaw@akc.org

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Where Humane Society Donations Really Go

ATLANTA -- A Channel 2 investigation is looking into millions of dollars in donations given to the Humane Society of the United States. A national consumer organization says the society solicits pet-lovers for money, but little to none of that money ever goes to help local shelters.

Critics tell Channel 2 Action News reporter Amanda Rosseter that this isn't just consumers misunderstanding who they are giving to - but an organization actively misleading donors to get money. "They do their marketing very well, that's for sure," said Trey Burley of PAWS Atlanta. Critics say the national organization takes advantage of people who think they are giving to local shelters. DeKalb's "PAWS" shelter says there is no regular funding help from the \$100 million HSUS budget. "I think that some of the folks who donate to the national organization may be under the false pretense that that money is going to a local cause," said Burley. While the HSUS does work to stop puppy mills, it also gets media coverage and donations doing it. But the puppies then go to local shelters who have to pay and care for them. "They may initialize the resources for a rescue, but again the animals go to a shelter somewhere in the country," said Richard Rice, VP of the Atlanta Humane Society. Critics said HSUS also takes advantage of high-profile events. After hurricane Katrina, HSUS CEO Wayne Pacelle promised on national TV to reunite pets with their owners -- and raised \$34 million for the cause. But public disclosures of where that money went add up to less than \$7 million. The Louisiana attorney general launched an 18-month-long investigation, and then ended it, when HSUS offered to build the state a new shelter. The HSUS annual report for 2007 showed \$120 million in revenue, including \$5.4 million just from online donors. Then there's \$112 million in expenses -- most of which appears to have gone to legislation for animal rights bills. The list includes raccoons, mice, wild horses, burros and primates. The center for consumer freedom says all worthy causes, but HSUS shouldn't mislead to get money. So where does all the money go? "It goes to lobbying, it goes to political contributions, it goes to pay huge staff salaries and benefits," said David Martosko with Center for Consumer Freedom. Channel 2 Action News went to a local HSUS meeting to find out. The two hour discussion was about activist plans and lobbying. The Georgia director for the HSUS agrees that's mostly

what she does. "I think that in all of our literature, it is very explicit as to what our campaigns are and what we are doing," said Cheryl McAuliffe, Georgia Director for HSUS. "We help where we can and focus on our programs, which are national and international." McAuliffe said there are just too many local shelters to help. "I always tell people, contribute to your local shelter first," said McAuliffe. When asked how much her budget is for the state of Georgia, McAuliffe said she didn't have a budget and neither did other states. McAuliffe said all money is controlled from headquarters in Washington, D.C. HSUS later contacted Channel 2 about their work during hurricane Katrina. They say all of the money they collected has been spent since the initial crisis on helping Katrina families and pets.

Peanut Butter / Yogurt filled marrow bones.

Peanut butter / yogurt filling for marrow bones is healthier for your dog than very high fat bone marrow. The peanut butter / yogurt filling is delicious. These frozen treats are great year round but especially on hot summer days.

Ingredients:

Marrow bones

Unsalted peanut butter

Organic fat free plain yogurt Stonyfield Farms or other brand

Honey (optional)

Remove the marrow from the bones using your microwave for easy removal without messy cleanup. Wrap each bone in multiple paper towels. Place three or less towel wrapped bones in a large brown grocery bag. Roll the brown bag closed around the bones. Place the bag of bones on a plate. Microwave the bones in the bag just long enough to congeal the marrow, 4 minutes for three 5 to 6 inch bones, less time for shorter or fewer bones. Do not over-microwave the bones or precook them. Cooking marrow bones makes them softer -- rendering them a hazard to your dog. Scoop the congealed marrow out with a thin knife such as a bread or paring knife. It's not necessary to get out all the excess marrow that clings to the inside. Combine approximately equal portions of peanut butter and yogurt Mix by hand or by machine. If desired, add a teaspoon of honey for approximately each cup of mixture. To fill the bones without leaving a mess: Stand bones upright one at a time on a large piece of plastic wrap. Fill one end of the bone by hand or using a cookie press. Turn bone and fill the other end. Wrap the plastic wrap around the bone. Place the bones in a zip bag and freeze. Serve frozen. Wash the used bones in the dishwasher or by hand and reuse them.

Given man's delight in inventing games, and then elevating them to such a status that national prestige depends upon them, it is likely that competitions involving dogs go back a very long way
Frank Jackson, *In Competition*

DEADLINE for the May-June newsletter is May 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.