

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be May 7, 2013 at the Apple Rehab Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
We need a volunteer to host the annual club picnic in June. If you are interested please call Laura Wells.
There is no July meeting.
The August 7, 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

May 7-meeting

June - the picnic-date to be announced

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

Membership News

Congratulations to new members:

Sarah and Wes Murphy,
174 Trelane Drive,
Bridgeport, CT, 06606.
Phone: 203-345-6731,
Email: Sarahmurphy612@gmail.com
Breed: Standard Poodle.
They were voted in at the Feb. meeting.

Dues notices have gone out. If you have not received yours, please contact Eve at sableskrabl@comcast.net or 203-732-5939. The last day for payments was April 2nd. Thank you to all of you who have paid already. (Submitted by Eve Skrabl)

Trap Falls now has a blog on the Patch!

The first blog was published recently:
http://shelton.patch.com/blog_posts/keeping-your-furry-friends-safe-from-the-cold

If you don't have a Patch account, it's very easy to set one up and keep abreast of community happenings, no matter what town you live in.

The Trap Falls blogs should be appearing throughout the Patch community in central and southwestern CT. It may take a couple of editions to make their way to different town Patches. But please feel free to post them to your Facebook and Twitter accounts because the blogs contain good general information for all dog owners.

If you have any dog-related ideas for a blog for the Patch community, please contact Cindy Sherman (cindytfkc@gmail.com), who is writing and coordinating the Patch blogs.

Shelton Dog Park

As spring is working hard to poke up from under the snow, the Friends of Shelton Dog Park are itching to get back into our park, and invite you to join us!

The small dog area (25 pounds and under) is 3/4 of an acre, and the large area (all dogs) is a full wooded acre, double gate system for extra safety, and like all city parks, open from dawn to dusk.

We will be hosting a spring clean-up in April, with events to follow! Come meet old and new friends, help us get ready, and have some fun!

I have been nominated by the Shelton Parks & Rec Department to be the new liaison for the Friends of Shelton Dog Park volunteer group. We hold monthly meetings, the third Thursday of the month (with a couple of exceptions due to holidays), and have clean-up work parties on the following Saturdays (also with a few exceptions). Our next meeting, which is open to the public, will be April 18th, at the Community center, at 7 pm- usually in room 3 upstairs. The date for the clean-up party is 4/27, 9 am-12 noon.

The monthly meetings will be, 5/16-work party 5/18, 6/20-work party 6/22, 7/18-work party 7/20, and 8/15-work party 8/17, which takes us right through the summer.

I hold my "How to Speak Dog" workshops Sundays from 12-2 pm once a month, usually the second Sunday. I bring Lady down, and give general tips on how to read the dog's body language, and what to watch out for. I always suggest a walk on the trail before entering the park, so as to lower the energy level, and help the dog acclimatize to the many aromas of the area. There are no unneutered dogs allowed in the park, due to pheromone levels causing altercations in the park, and no females who are unspayed and getting close to estrus.

We, as the Friends, police the park ourselves, and try our best not to cause undue stress to dogs and their owners. As liaison, I want to add more recreation to our groups of Parks and recreation and would love the input of Trap Falls members!

Any questions or comments are welcome. Please feel free to email, or call. Just understand that I drive for a living, and refuse to answer my phone while behind the wheel. Please leave me a message, and I'll call as soon as I can!

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WAGS and BRAGS



Chris, Drago, Lauren and Siena
Congratulations to Ch. Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RD JHR THD CGC, who won first place and High in Trial in the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club Chukar Challenge and Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH RAE CDX THD JHR CGC who placed second.

Dona Campbell was very proud on February 23 when both of her Brittany's won awards at Southern New England's Brittany Club

They are now known as Hannah Lyn Campbell, CGC, CD, RE, THD NA - SNEBC 2012 Agility Dog of the Year and Shady Brooks Rikki Tikki Tavi, CGC, CD, RN - SNEBC Obedience Dog of the Year

Beloved K-9 Roscoe Retires

This article appeared in the Stratford Star on February 7, 2013. permission to reprint by the author and editor of the paper Greg Reilly procured by Cindy Richardson.

Stratford Police K-9 Roscoe officially retired after nine years of duty, and new police K-9 Bravo was officially installed at a Town Hall ceremony Jan. 31 with Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour officiating.

Officer Robert Joy, who handled 12 year old Roscoe during his career and who remains with the force, was with Roscoe for the ceremony. Bravo's handler, Officer Rachel Crosby, a five-year veteran of the force, was sworn in as the new member of the K-9 team.

The team of Roscoe and Joy is credited with successfully tracking 65 persons and locating stashes of cocaine and more than 60 pounds of marijuana. Their work resulted in hundreds of arrests, according to Ridenhour.

Three year old Bravo and Crosby have assisted in three narcotics arrests since taking to the streets for Stratford in November 2012, according to Ridenhour, one of which led to a seizing a large quantity of crack cocaine.

There are three canines on the Stratford Police and the K-9 teams become certified in tracking, obedience, area search, building search, aggression control, and narcotics detection. Roscoe and Bravo are both German Shepherds bred and born in Europe.

AKC Delegate News

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that at vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK IS GROWING TO CELEBRATE DOGDOM'S FINAL FIVE!

New York, NY (April 2, 2013) — Move over college basketball, the dog sport world now has the "Final Five." This December, the competitive year will culminate with five events in Orlando, Florida. The week's highlights are three all-breed dog shows, a day of independent specialties and special attractions, and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. These premiere events will be held on December 10-15, 2013 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

"We're pleased to add a full day of specialties and special attractions the Friday before the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, with many new features during the week, like "My Dog Can Do That!", two AKC Advanced Judges Institutes, Breeders Seminars and the AKC Owner-Handler Series end-of-year competition," said Michael Canalizo, AKC Event Manager. "It's truly a

celebration of all things dog."

"We are excited to expand the 13th annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to a week-long celebration in the canine world. The week will feature unique breeds, amazing athletes, and the special bond dogs have with their people," said Jason Taylor-External Relations Manager, P&G Pet Care. "Along with our partners at the AKC, we are aiming to create the most thrilling canine event in the world."

"The Orlando cluster is proud to take part in this celebration of dogs," said Linda Rowell, Orlando Cluster Chair. "We're excited to kick off the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship week and welcome many of the top dogs in the country to Orlando."

The "Final Five" is comprised of:

- Dec. 10-12, 2013: Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club, Central Florida Kennel Club and Orlando Dog Training Club shows, which include all-breed conformation, obedience and Junior Showmanship competitions.
- Dec. 13, 2013: A full day of specialties and special attractions, including Eukanuba World Challenge pre-judging, the Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Finals and the AKC Owner-Handler Series end-of-year competition. Clubs interested in hosting specialties should contact Michael Canalizo at mlc@akc.org or 212-696-8213.
- Dec. 14-15, 2013: The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, joined by the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC Obedience Classic (and their respective Juniors competitions). Other activities include Celebrate Dogs! AKC Meet the Breeds® and My Dog Can Do That!, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor competition, and Eukanuba World Challenge Finals.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be held as the only event in one million square feet in the state-of-the-art North-South building of the Orange County Convention Center for the next three years. This new venue also gives attendees access to covered unloading areas, well-lit bathing facilities, closer/more abundant parking and expansive outdoor grass areas for exercise pens.

For more information, please visit <http://www.akc.org/invitational/>

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -- Defending Our Rights --

New York, NY – For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of purebred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately

discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the New York Times Magazine. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective – which is just a nice word for “biased” - in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is “no new puppies” – a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us - you, your clubs, and the AKC - have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila's department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight. Our Care and Conditions of Dogs

Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator's constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators' campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission.!

And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly.

Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the Saturday Evening Post. I believe that ad, titled “The Penalty of Leadership,” captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor “standards of excellence” become “targets of the envious.”

Here are a few pertinent sentences:

“In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader.”

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to improving the health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable

to get our story told correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day. Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the New York Times attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically. While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can't afford not to have it. With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting. Your comments and suggestion are most welcome atk@akc.org. Sincerely,
Alan Kalter
Chairman

Rainbow Bridge



CH Willslands Zedana Hubbell, "Dana Marie", passed over rainbow bridge March 6, 2013. She was a 12yr 7 month old Rottweiler bitch whom I finished out of the Bred By Exhibitor class and was invited to the Eukanuba Invitational in Jan 2005. After her show career she retired and lived with a friend of mine, Maggie, who adored her till the end. Dana Marie was never bred but her bloodline carries on thru her siblings. Maybe she and all the rest will be there at Rainbow Bridge when I get there. Pictured is Maggie and Dana Marie at 10.5 yrs. old. Submitted by Laura Wells.

"Stony" Esposito - His registered name was 'Alisaton Grindstone D'Mascus' born June 29, 2004. His call name was Stony,

"Samantha" Hajducky - Her registered name was 'Hajducky's Samantha' born March 1, 2005. Her call name was "Samantha,

Their friends and families miss them dearly.

**DEADLINE for the May-June newsletter is
May 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. Recently I have been received a lot of photos that were pasted into single e-mails and I simply do not have the skill to extract them. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due to the high SPAM content these days. Chris Sweetwood.

RDOD Day- September 15, 2013

We need volunteers for this informative and fun event. Please contact Sarah Murphy or Sue Carter, the co-chairs to select the job you would like.

**Special Thanks to
everyone who helped
out at the April Show.
Thanks to your great
efforts we had a
wonderful event!**