

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be May 6, 2015 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR 2015

**May 5- Guest Speaker "A Hand For A Paw"**

**June 2-Guest Speaker "Emergency Animal Response Service"**

**July- Annual Picnic**

**August 4- meeting**

**September 1- meeting**

**September- RDOD-date to be announced**

**October 6- meeting**

**November 3- meeting**

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

## Membership News

Reminder - Membership dues were expected by April 1, 2015. If you have any questions please contact Eve Skrabl, Membership Chairperson  
[sableskrabl@comcast.net](mailto:sableskrabl@comcast.net)

Due to a heavy workload and other commitments, our recording secretary, Cindy Sherman, has resigned from the board. She will remain a member. Sue Carter, who was elected in November as a board member, will become the new recording secretary. This leaves a board seat vacant. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact any officer or board member as soon as possible.

## Pucks and Paws

On Saturday April 11, TFKC participated as a sponsor at Bridgeport Sound Tigers event "Pucks and Paws" held at Webster Bank Arena with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey Team. The event gave owners a chance to attend a game with their dogs. A portion of the proceeds will be

donated to local animal shelters. Trap Falls was asked to do an obedience demo. Dona Campbell, Linda Chernak and Karen Battistelli were the participants.

The demo was broadcast in the stadium on the Jumbo-tron and on every screen in the lobby. We handed out "goodie bags" to visitors to the table that included Trap Falls pamphlets on membership and training classes offered, AKC programs including Responsible Dog Ownership, a roll of poop bags (we are all about being responsible dog owners!) and dog biscuits. There was a nice interested crowd and we all had a great time! More details will be on the TFKC website soon!



By Cindy Richardson

## TFKC WINS AKC COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

It's time to celebrate as once again Trap Falls is being honored by the AKC for the role that we are playing in the community. This award is for the 2014 Responsible Dog Ownership day held in September at Eisenhower Park in Milford.

Step forward and be part of the team that makes it our RDOD a great success! Become a team player. This is the fourth (2008, 2013, 2014 and an Honorable Mention in 2011) time we have received this honor.

## Photos



Bear and friends



Bear and I participated as a TDI team at the 3rd Annual Children's Fair at Reed Elementary School in Newton today. This was an invite made by the TDI organization last month. Bear and I spent three hours there meeting with everyone. I also met up with several other TDI dogs and their owners. We decided to take a picture in the school foyer and one happened by chance when this young boy just rushed in and grabbed him in a hug. Submitted by Karen Battistelli



Just because you couldn't make the show or feel you have nothing to offer the club, you are wrong! The slightest little things help us out. "Trudi" and her owner Sheri Reynolds washed and folded all the table cloths we used at the show this past Easter weekend!

Thank you Sheri and Trudi  
By **Laura Wells**

### AKC Delegate News

#### **National Owner-Handled Series Optional After January 1, 2016**

At their February 2015 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors reviewed the success and increased participation in NOHS. It was voted that the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) be made an optional program for shows held on or after January 1, 2016. After that date, clubs that hold special attractions with competition will no longer be required to offer the NOHS at at least one-half of their events.

#### **AKC ADDS NEW "URBAN CGC" TITLE TO POPULAR CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® PROGRAM**

New York, NY – Giving responsible owners a whole new level of achievement for their dogs, the American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today the launch of "AKC Urban CGC" to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training program. The new title focuses on city-dwelling dogs and the special skills they require.

Since 1989, more than 700,000 dogs and their owners have been recognized by the CGC program, which rewards the dogs' good manners at home and in the community. As with CGC, AKC Urban CGC requires a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. AKC Urban CGC skills dogs must possess include:

- Exits/enters doorways (of dog friendly buildings) with no pulling
- Walks through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- Reacts appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Waits on leash, crosses street under control
- Ignores food and food containers on sidewalk
- Person approaches on sidewalk and pets dog
- 3-minute down-stay in lobby of dog friendly building
- Safely negotiates stairs and elevators
- Housetrained
- Enters, exits, rides dog-friendly transportation (car, subway in a carry bag, cab)

“City dogs require a very special set of skills, including waiting to cross a street, ignoring food tossed on a sidewalk, behaving in building lobbies and riding elevators,” said Mary Burch, Ph.D., Director of the Canine Good Citizen program. “Urban CGC reinforces practical, everyday skills for the millions of dogs living in urban areas today, creating safer, more responsible communities.”

To be eligible for the AKC Urban CGC title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Urban Dog test will earn the “CGCU” title.

With the introduction of AKC Urban CGC, the AKC’s CGC program now provides a variety of training options for dog owners and their dogs. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine and now AKC Urban CGC, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life and in all settings to be well-behaved in society.

Instructors can learn more about the program and begin training their students on AKC Urban CGC skills by visiting the AKC Urban CGC page at <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/urban-canine-good-citizen/>. Urban CGC test materials are now available in the AKC store at [https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/store/index.cfm?view=category&cde\\_category=CGC,STAR](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/store/index.cfm?view=category&cde_category=CGC,STAR).

AKC Urban CGC testing will be administered by approved AKC CGC evaluators nationwide beginning this month.

## **Obedience Regulations Change**

The Board voted to approve 75 changes/additions to the *Obedience Regulations*, effective **December 1, 2015**.

A summary of the amendments follow in three categories for easy review:

- (1) Administrative
- (2) Regular Classes
- (3) Optional Titling Classes/Non-Regular

## **Administrative Recommendations JUDGES GUIDELINES, GENERAL, PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING JUDGES GUIDELINES**

1. Move relevant judges guidelines to the sections of the Regulations in which they apply.
2. Revise Exhibiting to: Judges (including provisional) may not handle dogs that are not owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member at obedience and or rally trials.

### **CLASS BRIEFINGS & START TIMES**

3. For classes with briefings, the briefing times will be listed and the class time will be stated “class to follow”.
4. Shorten briefing/walkthrough time to “up to 10 minutes” (instead of 15 minutes).
5. List classes starting after noon as “After Noon” rather than “to follow.”
6. If the judge and ring are available to start earlier than the stated time and all exhibitors have checked-in and agree, allow the judging to start earlier. (*May not start a 2<sup>nd</sup> trial on the same day before the published start time.*)

### **CLUBS**

7. Clarify transfer verbiage to make it clear that clubs have the flexibility of accepting transfers prior to the day of a trial (but must be completed at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial as it is currently worded).
8. Require clubs to publish, in the premium list, if two trials in one day will be held concurrently or consecutively.
9. Modify the emergency judge policy to allow clubs greater flexibility in finding a replacement judge when a previously approved judge cancels within 72 hours or less; allowing a judge with an event conflict to accept the emergency judge assignment without impacting future assignments.
10. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day.
11. EVENT SCEDULING: It is strongly recommended that classes with like ring set-ups are grouped

together. Put in book which classes are classes with "like set-ups."

### **EXHIBITING**

12. Allow exhibitors to steward, other than table stewarding, in the same ring under the same judge

they will be showing under.

13. Clearly state that a dog may be brought into and taken out of the ring on a leash that slips through

the dogs collar in classes in which all the exercise are off leash.

14. Clearly state that leashes must be snapped to the collar when dogs are brought in for classes

requiring on leash exercises, group exercises and awards.

15. The judge will call the qualifying handlers back into the ring without requiring the dogs to be brought

back in for awards.

16. State exhibitors may leave the ring at any time by politely informing the judge they are doing so.

Judges book to be marked "Handler left ring" and carry down an "NQ."

17. Remove "The judge must report to the AKC any dog that is not brought back for the group exercises."

### **Regular Classes**

#### **NOVICE**

18. Dogs which have qualified during the individual exercise will have the option of returning for the group exercise.

19. Require exhibitors to check in for group exercises immediately after completion of the individual exercises.

20. Require leashes to be left on the dogs during the group exercise.

21. Allow judges the option of deciding if the group exercise will be conducted after "X" number of dogs in the class **or** if all the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged.

#### **OPEN**

22. Dogs which have qualified during the individual exercise will have the option of returning for the group exercise.

23. Require exhibitors to check in for group exercises immediately after completion of the individual exercises.

24. Allow judges the option of deciding if the group exercise will be conducted after "X" number of dogs in the class **or** if there are more dogs than can be judged in one group, all of the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged.

#### **UTILITY**

25. Scent Discrimination - Allow handlers the option of supplying two different types of sets of articles

from three different allowable types of articles: leather, metal or wood.

26. Scent Discrimination - State that it is the handler's decision if they have the dog watch the articles

being put out; it is not required.

27. Scent Discrimination - State when the handler may take an article to scent it.

28. Scent Discrimination – State that the dog will be sitting to begin this exercise.

29. Scent Discrimination - The scoring of this exercise will not begin until the judge gives the order

"Choose an article."

30. Directed Retrieve - Substantial penalty (currently NQ) for the direction not given simultaneously or immediately following.

31. Directed Retrieve – Substantial penalty for lack of directness.

32. Directed Retrieve – Non-qualifying if the dog brings back an incorrect glove.

33. Moving Stand for Exam – Provide specific examination language to judges on how to perform the exam. (Exam verbiage adopted will be similar for Open and Utility.)

34. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the class.

#### **REGULAR CLASSES – OTCH**

35. A dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be released from

the remaining group exercise and should count as a dog defeated.

### **Optional Titling Classes / Non-Regular Classes**

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE**

36. Revise - Dogs with a CD, PCD or less will be eligible for this class.

37. Reduce walk through time from "15 minutes" to "up to 10 minutes."

38. Sit Stay – State one command to stay, additional command to stay substantial penalty.

39. Revise Recall scoring to clearly state how many commands/signals are they allowed and when.

40. Revise the wording about hands on the recall - not to be used as an aid.

41. State what exhibitors should do with the leash for the recall.

42. Run-Off Procedure – In case of a tie in the Beginner Novice class, the dog and handler will perform

the Heel on Leash the same as it is performed in the Beginner Novice Heel on Leash exercise.

43. A dog without any AKC obedience title which was mistakenly entered in a Novice obedience class

may have the entry transferred to the Beginner Novice class provided the host club allows transfers

and the class and judge are available.

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE**

44. Add scoring section for each exercise (instead of referring them to other chapters).

45. Add the dumbbell to the Recall over High Jump exercise. This exercise will be performed in the

same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump.

46. Change the heeling exercise "Heel on Leash" to "Heel off Leash"

47. Group Stay – Sit or Down, Judge's option, posted before starting the class, 3 minutes.

#### **GRADUATE OPEN**

48. Add scoring section for each exercise.

49. Signal Exercise – Revise to state minimum distance of 10', which will allow handlers to go further

away from the dog.

50. Scent Discrimination – State the handler may choose which **type** of article is retrieved.

51. Go Out - State the handler must stand no closer than the center of the ring.

52. Change the order of the exercises to:

1. Signal Exercise

2. Scent Discrimination

3. Go Out

4. Directed Jumping

5. Moving Stand and Exam

6. Directed Retrieve

#### **PRE-CLASSES**

53. Change the name for all "Pre" classes to "Preferred" classes.

Pre-Novice · Preferred Novice

Pre-Open · Preferred Open

Pre-Utility · Preferred Utility

#### **PREFERRED OPEN & PREFERRED UTILITY**

54. Preferred Open - Add scoring section for each exercise.

55. Preferred Open - Clarify the Broad Jump is to be set to cover a distance to twice the height of the

Pre-Open High Jump.

56. A dog must have a PCD, CD title or higher title from the Regular classes to enter Preferred Open and Preferred Utility.

57. Add a High in Trial (HIT) and High Combined (HC) award at the club's option for the Preferred title track.

58. Preferred Open – Use the same 6 orders of exercises that are used in the Regular Class without a group exercise.

59. Preferred Utility – Use the same six orders of exercises that are used in the Regular Class.

60. Preferred Utility Signal Exercise – REMOVE exception that allows the handler to use a verbal command during the signal portion.

61. Preferred Utility – Directed Retrieve. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the class.

62. Preferred Utility - Add scoring section for each exercise.

63. Preferred Utility - Scent Discrimination: Revise to 10 articles (not 8).

64. Preferred Utility - Directed Retrieve: State it is the same exercise as in Utility.

65. Change the Preferred Open and Preferred Utility classes to include the same 6 mixed order of exercises allowed in Regular Classes with the same exercises, except no group exercises; and jumps are set to ½ the height of the dog at the withers.

#### **PREFERRED UTILITY: NEW PUDX TITLE**

66. PUDX – PUDX scores will be recorded only for dogs that have earned the PUTD title. The dog must receive qualifying scores in both Preferred Open and Preferred Utility at 10 separate licensed or

member obedience trials. The AKC will issue a Preferred Utility Dog Excellent certificate and will permit the use of the letters PUDX following the name of each dog that meets these requirements.

67. If the PUDX title is approved revise the Signal Exercise to all signals without the permitted verbal command.

68. Previously earned scores and points for the PUDX and POC titles will be grandfathered to 07/01/13.

**NEW PREFERRED OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (POC)**

69. Non-competitive champion title; points earned based on scores of 190 or better. To earn the Preferred Obedience Champion title, dogs must earn qualifying scores in both Preferred Open and Preferred Utility at 20 separate licensed or member obedience trials & 750 points (see Point Schedule table below).

70. POC Point Schedule (see table)

Dog's	Points	Dog's	Points
190	6	195.5	12
190.5	6	196	12
191	6	196.5	12
191.5	6	197	15
192	9	197.5	15
192.5	9	198	15
193	9	198.5	15
193.5	9	199	15
194	9	199.5	15
194.5	9	200	15
195	12		

71. POC – Recognized Achievement – POC multiples (POC, POC2, POC3, etc.)

**NON-REGULAR CLASSES** – Removal of these classes does not preclude a club from offering non-regular

classes not described in the regulations. These may be approved by AKC by submitting a description of the

class with the event application.

72. Remove the Sub-Novice class.

73. Remove the International class.

74. Remove the Advanced Teamwork class.

75. Allow Rally Judges to judge Non-Regular Classes – Wild Card, Brace, Team, Veterans.

**AKC LAUNCHES FIRST HEALTH MICROSITE**

New York, NY - The American Club today launched akc.org/health<<http://www.akc.org/health>>, the organization's first ever mobile-optimized, digital content platform dedicated to canine health. The site kicks off a series of health initiatives and announcements to be introduced in the coming year.

The initial stage of the new microsite offers resources and information on care, nutrition, fitness, preventative health and breeder education. The platform is designed to share AKC's 130 years of knowledge in the form of digestible content to enrich the general public, dog breeders and everyone in between.

The health microsite also serves as an exciting next step into the organization's digital expansion plans. The site was built mobile-first, allowing AKC to tell their story and share their content via the platform consumers are primarily using today.

"For decades, the AKC and its dog experts have possessed so much wisdom about canine health without an effective way to share it well beyond our knowledgeable core constituency," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the American Kennel Club. "Today, we are excited to launch a platform that will finally allow us to help owners and breeders do the most important thing we can do for our dogs - keep them healthy."

While conceived and created by AKC's internal digital content and product teams, the site will also engage partners including AKC Parent Clubs, breeders, veterinarians and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, to continue to provide the best, most comprehensive content for visitors. Interactive content, including video and webinars, will go live on the site in the coming weeks.

**Apple Cinnamon Drops Dog Cookies**

Ingredients:

- 1 large or 2 small apples
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose or wheat flour
- 1/8 cup flour, set aside

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F (325°F for a convection oven). Core, slice, and mince the apple(s), using a food processor or manual chopper. In a large bowl,

combine the minced apple pieces, honey, water, cinnamon, and oatmeal. Gradually blend in the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, until a stiff dough forms. (I usually mix with a large spoon, until I add the final 1/2 cup of flour, then I knead it by hand.)

Place the 1/8 cup of flour into a small bowl. Spoon the dough by rounded teaspoon onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing about two inches apart. Dip the bottom of a glass into the bowl of flour to prevent sticking, and then use it to flatten each spoonful of dough into a circle. Adjust the size of the cookie drops based on the size of the treat you'd like to feed your dog.

Bake for 25 minutes. Then remove from oven and flip each cookie over to brown evenly on both sides. Return to oven and bake for another 25 minutes. Let cool for at least four hours or overnight, in order for the cookies to harden to a crunchy consistency.

Makes about three dozen crunchy cookies, depending on how big you make them.

My dogs (and parrots) love these!  
Submitted by Cindy Richardson

### 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 thiols 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

### TWO DIFFERENT DOCTORS' OFFICES

Boy, if this doesn't hit the nail on the head, I don't know what does!

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting three weeks for an appointment, then waits eight weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for six months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The FIRST is a Golden Retriever.  
The SECOND is a Senior Citizen.

**Next time, please, take me to a vet!**

## DEADLINE for the May-June 2015 newsletter is June 7, 2015

**Editors Comments:** Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto: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.

