

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be May 3, 2016 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The June meeting will be June 7, 2016 at Apple Rehab. -7 pm

CALENDAR 2016

June 7- meeting-**Newtown Police K-9**

Demonstration – 7 pm

July 16- Picnic

August 2- meeting

September 6- meeting

September 10- RDOD

October 4- meeting

November 1- meeting

December- Christmas Party-date to be announced

Please make plans to join us for our June meeting on June 7, 2016 at 7 pm at Shelton Lakes Apple Rehab (5 Lake Road, Shelton).

Our special guests will be Officer Felicia Figol and St. Michael. There will be a Police K9 demonstration during their visit.

The meeting will be open to the general public. We look forward to seeing you all. Please leave your dogs at home.

TFKC Picnic

Please plan to attend our annual picnic on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Karen Battistelli and her family have graciously volunteered to host the event at their lovely home in Shelton along the Housatonic River at 49 Birchbank Road.

TFKC will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a salad, dessert or side dish. Please RSVP to Karen at 203 650 9646 to advise what you plan to bring. Bring your chairs, swimsuits, towels and sunscreen! Friendly dogs are welcome with their own x-pens.

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 8:

Get off at Exit 14, CT Route 110 (Howe Avenue) and Go West toward Shelton for 2.4 miles.

Bear to the right onto Indian Well Road (which becomes Burritts Rd, then becomes Birchbank Rd) and go 2.5 miles, and you are there.

TFKC Supports Fairfield Animal Shelter



Officer Andrade of Fairfield Animal Control

Trap Falls has donated 50 AKC Reunite Microchips to the Fairfield Police Department to assist their Shelter,

All adopted dogs are micro chipped and registered by the volunteers at the time of adoption. The AKC has waived the registration fee for the microchips we purchased.

In the past Trap Falls donated AKC Reunite microchips to the Shelton Animal Shelter and ROAR,

Braggs



Rottweilers help celebrate Latin Day

The theme of the 35th annual Connecticut State Latin Day (CSLD) on April 29 was, "Serit arbores quae saeculo prosint alteri," or "He who plants trees benefits the next generation."

More than 1,600 Latin students from 50 Connecticut middle and high schools celebrated the language and culture of the ancient Romans at Holiday Hill in Cheshire.

The festivities included the presentation, "The Rottweiler Dog and His Work for the Romans," which highlighted the early history of the breed and its contributions to Roman civilization. The presentation was sponsored by Stratford High School Latin teacher Amy Harkenreader and Linda Chehy, a teacher for English for Speakers of Other Languages Trap Falls Kennel Club (TFKC), based in Shelton, conducted the presentation, and represented Stratford High School in Latin Day 2016.

Chehy, also a TFKC member, said, "Their role was to talk about the Rottweiler in Roman history."

TFKC President Laura Wells of Shelton explained the history of this noble breed, which historians believe dates back

to ancient Rome. Wells, who also owns the canine rehabilitation center Pawz for Wellness in Shelton and is a Rottweiler breeder and owner of many champions, was assisted by TFKC Board member, Cindy Richardson of Stratford and Diane Andrade of Orange.

"It is thought that the Rottweiler developed from the Mastiff type dog from Western Asia, which guarded Roman cattle herds by day and Roman homes by night," Wells said. "Roman soldiers needed a strong and sturdy dog to 'cart' or bring supplies to different sites." This early history of the Rottweiler as a carting dog can be documented in Roman art and literature.

Wells also showed techniques for teaching carting to a dog by doing live demonstrations with three of her Rottweilers, Bubba, Dakota, and Rebel. "Both students and teachers were excited to help with the demonstrations," Wells said, "and the response to the program was extremely positive... with the CT State Latin Day Committee, giving us a huge thumbs up, in hopes that we return with the dogs next year."



Roarfield Operation for Animal Rescue

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Allyson Dotson, Shelter Director

April 11, 2016

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB
c/o Laura Wells, President
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Dear Laura and Friends:

On behalf of all of us at ROAR, I would like to thank you for your very kind donation of quantity (50) AKC Reunite micro-chips; and it was our honor and pleasure to have met you and Cindy and hope you enjoyed your tour of ROAR. Your gift helps us continue our mission of helping homeless (and sometimes abused, neglected and/or abandoned) dogs and cats find their forever homes, along with supporting our community outreach programs (such as our Therapy Dog Program, Senior for Senior Program, and our newest program, Pets For Vets).

Since we opened our doors in March 2005, we have placed over 4,200 animals in new homes. Our ongoing goal at ROAR is to treat the animals in our shelter with the same care and attention we would give to our animals at home. That means they receive top veterinary care, high quality food (thanks to Blue Buffalo Co. for supplying us with our food inventory), positive training, exercise, and perhaps, most importantly, a lot of love and affection.

Your generosity helps us continue the important work we do at ROAR each and every day. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Allyson Dotson
Shelter Director, ROAR

ROAR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.

AKC Delegate News

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES "I AM A BREEDER" VIDEO SERIES - Digital Series Highlights Responsible Breeders -

New York – The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced today the launch of the brand new "I Am a Breeder" video series. The series is aimed at promoting responsible breeders and the love they have for their dogs to the general public.

"Responsible dog breeders have a depth of knowledge and a level of commitment to purebred dogs that is admirable and should be celebrated. Many dog owners do not think that breeders are just like the average dog owner, but at the end of the day most breeders' passion for dogs started with the love of a family pet," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "Breeders care for and love their puppies. They're dedicated to bettering their breed and providing prospective dog owners with the best possible family pet they can. Breeders are a wonderful resource to their puppy buyers for the life of the dog."

The "I Am a Breeder" series provides insight into the motivation and passion of AKC breeders. The videos visit four breeders at home where they breed and care for their dogs. They show a side of breeders that many do not get to see, and give people a behind the scenes look at the love and dedication breeders have for their dogs, and the dogs that become family pets to loving owners. View the trailer and first four "I Am a Breeder" videos [HERE](#).

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES NEW ENTRY LEVEL AGILITY CLASSES

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the introduction of two new entry level agility classes, ACT 1 and ACT 2 (Agility Course Test). The classes provide shorter courses with basic obstacles that are appropriate for dogs beginning in the sport. ACT is designed to be adopted by clubs and trainers as the graduation exercise for their training classes and may be held at regular AKC agility trials or as stand--alone events at training facilities. ACT classes are open to all dogs fifteen months of age or older. "Holding ACT classes at a training facility provides exhibitors a familiar and comfortable setting for their first AKC event," said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility. "In addition to training for ACT, exhibitors will learn to fill out an entry form, prepare themselves and their dog for competition, become familiar with event protocol and handle their dog while under judgment. ACT

classes are meant to provide an enjoyable learning experience for new exhibitors and their dogs." ACT events are unique in a number of ways: • Events can be hosted by any AKC club that provides agility training or at a training facility, provided the event is judged by an AKC agility judge or AKC approved ACT evaluator.

- Events are open to all dogs.
- Handlers are encouraged to have their dogs jump at the height that they feel will best prepare them for future success in the sport. No jump height card is required.
- Host organizations may accept day--of--event entries at their option.
- Dogs not yet registered/listed may participate. Results will be recorded by assigning the dog a temporary recording number. An e--mail will be sent with the dog's temporary number which should be used to enter future ACT events, instructions on how to register/list their dog with the AKC, and encouragement to continue in AKC agility and other sports. "This innovative program provides a bridge for new exhibitors to easily become involved with AKC agility", said Doug Ljungren, V.P. for Sports and Events. "The foundation skills learned prepare a dog/owner for future success in agility and many other sports. We are excited about working together with the AKC training clubs and training facilities to introduce future generations of dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC sports." Clubs/trainers may start holding ACT classes immediately. More information and the necessary forms may be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/act.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF AKC PAW OF COURAGE AWARD

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry, announces the launch of its newest award, the **AKC Paw of Courage**, in an effort to show appreciation for the many sacrifices that working dogs make while serving and protecting our country. This award specifically recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices of dogs who have been severely injured or killed in the line of duty. "These working dogs possess great courage and dedication," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "They continuously put their lives on the line, and have sacrificed their own safety, well-being, and in some cases even their lives, to keep us safe. Each dog awarded with the **AKC Paw of Courage** has made a significant sacrifice in the line of duty." Any working dog is eligible to receive the **AKC Paw of Courage**; the award is not specific to purebred dogs. Recipients of the award, or their former human partner, will receive a **2016 AKC Paw of Courage** medal along

with a certificate. In addition, the recipients will receive a photo and profile on akc.org.

The first **2016 AKC Paw of Courage** recipients are:

K9 Officer Ogar: of Smith County Constable's Office Precinct 5, TX K9 Ogar, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois of Smith County Constable's Office in Texas, was shot and killed while attempting an apprehension this past January. K9 Ogar and his handler, Deputy Constable Kevin Petty, were conducting a routine traffic stop when a vehicle fled, leading to a pursuit. The vehicle was wrecked and the subject evaded on foot into a wooded area, and K9 Ogar was deployed. During this confrontation, K9 Ogar was shot and killed. Deputy Constable Petty says, "Ogar sacrificed his life to save mine." He says that Ogar was always right by his side and looked at him with true love and devotion.

When K9 Ogar was not on duty he was like any other family dog. He loved to run circles around the swimming pool with Deputy Constable Petty's two young girls. He also enjoyed playing tug of war and catch and was a master escape artist. From the moment he was brought home by his handler, he fit right in with the family. According to his handler, Ogar had mastered the combination of being both soft and strong simultaneously. He loved any attention he could get and in exchange, all he asked for was love. K9 Ogar touched many lives in his time as a K9 officer and he is dearly missed each and every day.

K9 Officer Jag: of Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Dept., CA K9 Jag was an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois who served with the Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department for five years. During his annual state certification, he was struck by a vehicle. "K9 Jag was everything a handler and a school Police Department could want. He knew his job and did it well," says his partner, Sergeant Arlin Kocher. He describes Jag as intense, energetic, sweet and powerful. K9 Jag was the first ever Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department's canine. He excelled in every aspect of his career; credited with hundreds of narcotics searches, over 50 suspect surrenders and three apprehensions throughout his time in the department.

Equally as important, K9 Jag also spent a ton of time doing public outreach in the schools and nearby communities. Students, staff and parents looked forward to seeing Jag on a daily basis. He was adored for being sweet and friendly while also serving as their fierce and dependable protector. Throughout his career, K9 Jag competed in countless events and won numerous awards. According to his partner, Sgt. Kocher, K9 Jag wouldn't let anyone leave a room without petting him. At the end of his shift, he was always eager to go back to the Police Department where the fellow officers were waiting, for what he thought was just to play with him. K9 Jag

is sorely missed by Sergeant Kocher as well as the entire Twin Rivers USD as a uniformed working dog as well as a family dog.

K9 Officer Betcha: of Rutland County Sheriff's Office, VT K9 Betcha was a two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog who served as a narcotics/tracking K9 at the Rutland County Sheriff's Office in Vermont. He was with the Sheriff's Office for about a year when he was struck and killed by a vehicle while in the line of duty. "He was my fourth K9 partner but my first dog that I can say was my therapy," says his handler, Deputy Sheriff Edward Hunter of Betcha. Deputy Sheriff Hunter has been in police work for 35 years and says that K9 Betcha truly helped him cope with his past and present in the job. When Betcha was off-duty, he loved playing Frisbee and driving down the road with his head out the window allowing people to snap pictures of him as he passed by. K9 Betcha gave his life for his career and is greatly missed by his partner, and his off-duty family, as well as his family at Rutland County Sheriff's Office.

K9 Officer Krijger: of Norfolk Police Department, VA K9 Kirjger, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois of the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia was shot and killed following a violent barricade situation this past January. Police were responding to a domestic violence call when the man barricaded himself inside his home with his wife as a hostage. After several hours, the man exited the home opening fire on the officers, fatally wounding Krijger.

K9 Krijger's partner, Officer Ryan McNiff began his partnership and friendship during a 16-week training course. During the training, the duo became proficient in numerous skills including: obedience, tracking, open area searches, agility, building searches, apprehensions, and control commands. Even more importantly, Officer McNiff and Krijger learned to work together and to trust one another. "Krijger was not only my partner, he was also my best friend", says Officer McNiff. "Krijger taught me many things about courage, honor, loyalty and friendship". K9 Krijger has assisted in locating evidence for countless crimes and he is responsible for over 30 felony apprehensions. Not only was he constantly busy keeping the city safe, Krijger also performed many public demonstrations within the schools and the community. In his off-duty hours, K9 Krijger could be found hanging out on the patio enjoying a bone or running around the backyard with one of his many toys. Krijger loved backyard barbeques with his off-duty family and enjoyed relaxing by the fire pit at night.

When it came to making the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect his partner and his fellow officers, Krijger did not hesitate. "I truly believe that because of him, I am a better police officer and person", says Officer McNiff. K9 Krijger's sacrifice is deeply appreciated by his fellow officers, his partner, his off-

duty family and the entire community that he served. He is commemorated by his community as a true hero.

Free Webinar on Lymphoma in Dogs

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is partnering with [VetVine](#) to present a free educational webinar on Lymphoma: The State of the Disease in Dogs and How Epigenetics May Open Future

Doors, on Wednesday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

This special event will feature Jeffrey Bryan, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM (oncology).

Dr. Bryan will provide dog lovers with information on the current state of diagnosis and treatment for canine lymphoma, as well as emerging therapies.

[Register today](#) and don't miss out on this exciting educational opportunity!

New for this webinar: Pending approval for 0.5 hour of CE credit for veterinarians and technicians by the AAVSB RACE program. Approved for 0.5 hour of CE credit by NY State and the NJVMA.

Can't join us on the 15th? Good news: the webinar will be recorded and available for on demand viewing on our [website](#).

Thanks for your continued support and for your commitment to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives!

P.S. Did you miss the other webinars in our series?

Access them [on demand](#).

DEADLINE for the July-August 2016 newsletter is July 7, 2016

Editors Comments: Please send photos (Photos **must be sent as jpeg attachments**) directly to me at csweetwood@att.net. **Please fully identify the persons in the photo.** 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 the high SPAM content these days.