

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be February 7, 2017 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The March meeting will be March 1, 2017 at Apple Rehab.

## CALENDAR 2017

February 7- Meeting  
March 1- Meeting  
April 4- Meeting  
April 9- TFKC Show  
May 2- Meeting  
June 6- Meeting  
July- Picnic date to be announced  
August 1- Meeting  
Sept 5- Meeting  
Sept- RDOD date to be announced  
Oct 3- Meeting  
Nov 7- Meeting  
Dec- Christmas Party date to be announced

## Christmas Party



A good time was had by all at the annual club Holiday party that was held on December 18th at Waterbury Country Club. It was a great time to catch up and discuss our favorite subject - DOGS! And the food was delicious!

Cindy Richardson



Our new K-9 for Wilton PD, Baso

## Braggs



My 9 month old puppy, Talli Vom Haus Vianden, CGC, RN earned her 3rd leg in Rally Novice at the Nathan Hale Trial, November 13th. Her first and second legs were earned in October at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater New Haven. Both shows Talli took first place and High Scoring in Rally.

Talli also earned her CGC in July. Talli is currently working in nose works and is getting ready to go for her ORT in March. Talli is owned and trained by Linda Chernak.

## TFKC Training



Tillie, Sophie, and Marcus learn Hind End Awareness in TFKCs Family Manners class.



Brody rolls the ball in training class. His owner Cindy guides him.



One day when Karen Battistelli visited her bank with her puppy Marcus; she noticed a little girl who appeared to be frightened of him. Karen tried to engage the young girl to greet Marcus since he is very friendly. Her mom explained that Jessica was afraid of all dogs although there had never been any bad memories of being around dogs. Karen invited her family to visit our training class to see dogs with their owners learn basic manners and bond with their owners, "Mom" thought it was a great idea and they visited the class 3 times. It gave Jessica a chance to see 6 different dogs in our class (Rottweiler, Golden Retriever, Mastiff, Hound/Ridgeback mix, and a Cavalier) with their owners "up close". By the end of the third visit Jessica was much less afraid and smiling. Although she is still very cautious; her mom said that she was very proud of her since she had come a long way. On the last night of class Jessica brought every dog a gift bag containing a toy for Christmas. We all got a good feeling of pride in our dogs and our mission of training and introducing the 'good' dogs to the public. We feel that we contributed a little to changing Jessica's life.  
Cindy Richardson

### AKC Delegate News

## **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF 2016 AKC VISIONARY AWARDS**

**New York, NY-**The American Kennel Club® (AKC) is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 AKC® Visionary Awards

Among those honored was Christopher L. Sweetwood, the Delegate for Trap Falls Kennel Club. Chris founded the Adopt a K-9 Cop program which has resulted in the funding for new police K-9's in the Connecticut towns of Newtown, Orange, Monroe, Redding, Westport, Fairfield, Wilton and just recently Stratford. Chris also serves as the Vice Chair of the

AKC Field Trial and Hunting Test Advisory Committee and on the AKC Achiever Dog Program Committee.

## **The American Kennel Club Introduces Junior Showcase Events**

**New York, N.Y.** – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of **Junior Showcase** events meant to promote and increase youth participation in the sports of agility, obedience and rally.

"**Junior Showcase** events provide clubs the option to limit entries to junior handlers only and to tailor the events to their interests. Our experience with junior events has shown this setting promotes camaraderie and provides an enjoyable experience," said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility.

"Many AKC clubs have a relationship with local youth organizations. **Junior Showcase** events are an opportunity for these clubs to provide meaningful events that appeal to young dog owners," said Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. "We encourage clubs to invest in the future of the sports by hosting these events."

Administrative advantages to holding **Junior Showcase** events include:

- May be held in conjunction with a club's regular event or as a stand-alone event.
- No event application fee.
- Does not count against the number of events a club may hold in a year.
- Normal judging assignment conflicts are waived for Junior Showcase judges.
- Junior Showcase events can be identified on the AKC website when using the Event Search feature for obedience/agility/rally.

"The AKC is committed to promoting youth involvement in our sports. Like AKC's successful Junior Showmanship program, Junior Showcase events will provide another visible symbol of this commitment," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports and Events. "Many in the fancy have a deep interest in providing opportunities for youth. We encourage suggestions. Please email them to [Juniors@akc.org](mailto:Juniors@akc.org)."

**Junior Showcase** events may be held starting February 1, 2017. Interested clubs may submit their event applications immediately. To learn more about AKC's **Junior Showcase** events including application forms, please see – <http://www.akc.org/events/junior-showcase-events>.

## **Link AKC Gives Back to AKC Licensed & Member Clubs**

**STAMFORD, Conn., December 8, 2016** – Today, [Link AKC](#), the company dedicated to improving the bond between dog and owner via its new smart dog collar, announced that it has rolled out a limited-time offer for members of licensed and member clubs affiliated with the American Kennel Club. For every collar purchased by a club member, Link AKC will donate \$10 to the purchaser's respective club. With this offer, Link AKC is committed to helping owners of all dog breeds better understand their canine companions.

The LINK AKC smart dog collar represents new advancements that combine sophisticated smart home, wearable and mobile technologies and was named a CES 2017 Best of Innovation Awards Honoree. The collar is designed to be both fashionable and functional and provides an aesthetically pleasing look, adorned with stylish latigo leather and features a convex-shaped design that comfortably fits the natural shape of a dog's neck. Additionally, the collar and accompanying mobile app helps dog owners stay fully connected with GPS and location monitoring while also managing their pup's **well being** via activity tracking and insights, temperature notifications, vet and health reminders, and more.

**WHAT:** For every LINK AKC collar purchased by an AKC licensed and member club member during the collar's pre-order period, Link AKC will donate \$10 to the purchaser's respective club. Pre-Order customers also receive \$50 pre-order discount.

**WHEN:** Now through LINK AKC's pre-sale period concluding in early January - limited time only!

**WHERE:** Visit [LinkAKC.com/checkout](http://LinkAKC.com/checkout) to reserve your collar under pre-order.

**HOW:** At online checkout, enter code "CLUBMEMBER" in the discount code box then a club name field will appear and you enter your club's name to ensure your club receives its donation.

## **CANINE SHOPPING GETS A PERSONAL TOUCH WITH NEW AKC SHOP**

*AKC.org takes on mass-market sites with a more personalized experience.*

**New York, N.Y.** –The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce a new online shopping experience with the launch of The AKC® Shop.

The online store features products that leverage the AKC's extensive knowledge in dog breeds, health & training. In addition to traditional products to best suit dogs' individual needs, the AKC Collections include unique offerings such as Made-in-America organic

grooming products, special beds for dogs with burrowing instincts, outdoor products with integrated insect repelling technology, and a special toy line designed just for Sporting dogs. Shoppers can also find exclusive AKC illustrated merchandise in curated collections to show off their favorite breed.

"The new AKC shop is a reflection of our commitment to the health and well-being of all dogs," states Alexandra Aleskovsky, EVP and Chief Growth Officer of the AKC. "We are providing consumers a unique experience that combines over 100 years of knowledge with the current and evolving needs of pets and their owners. We want our customers to know that we're building a relationship with them to obtain the best possible products for their dogs."

To enhance their shopping experience, customers will also get health and training tips from trusted AKC experts such as Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC and Dr. Mary Burch, Director of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program.

New and unique products will be added to the shop on a weekly basis.

For more information or to browse the shop, go to <https://shop.akc.org/>

## **WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB & AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB WILL TAKE OVER NYC WITH MEET & COMPETE**

**- Cats Make Their Return to 2017 "Meet the Breeds" Event -**

**New York, NY – The Westminster Kennel Club and American Kennel Club (AKC®) present Meet & Compete**, featuring the *4th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster* and *AKC Meet the Breeds®*, brought to you by Purina® Pro Plan®. The joint event returns to New York City on **Saturday, February 11th at Piers 92 and 94**. Cats make their triumphant return to *AKC Meet the Breeds®* with **The International Cat Association® (TICA®)**, giving animal lovers the unique opportunity to meet and play with hundreds of adorable dogs and cats while learning about responsible pet ownership. Attendees also get the chance to see the nation's top canine competitors race against the clock at the *4th Annual Masters Agility Championship*.

"Not only are we glad to again work with the Westminster Kennel Club to bring Meet & Compete to the public, but we're excited to have TICA back at *AKC Meet the Breeds®*," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "We're looking forward to bringing attendees a fabulous lineup of dog and cat breeds to meet while learning about responsible pet ownership and what breed is right for them."

"Meet & Compete was such a success, and we're pleased to once again join the American Kennel Club to bring the event back to the public," said Sean W. McCarthy, President of the Westminster Kennel Club. "The *Masters Agility Championship at Westminster* and *AKC Meet the Breeds®* are a great fit together and we're happy to provide spectators with a pet-filled day of excitement."

This *AKC Meet the Breeds®* will be TICA's fourth time participating in the event, and they will have ongoing exciting cat agility demonstrations for the public. TICA is the world's largest genetic registry of pedigreed cats and the largest registry of household pet cats and kittens. The organization currently recognizes 63 cat breeds.

"We at TICA are thrilled to be welcomed back to *AKC Meet the Breeds®*," said TICA President Fate Mays. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for animal lovers to meet various dog and cat breeds up close, and learn about them straight from the experts."

The 2017 event marks the eighth *AKC Meet the Breeds®*, the return of TICA and the third year that the event is part of the exciting Westminster Week roster. One daytime ticket will grant event-goers access to both *AKC Meet the Breeds®* and the *Masters Agility Championship at Westminster*. Attendees will be able to interact with nearly 200 breeds of dogs and cats in elaborately decorated booths that depict fun elements from the breed's history and talk to experts about each breed, as well as see the exciting Agility competition taking place in Pier 94.

The agility competition takes place all day (Preliminary rounds 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. / Finals 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.) in Pier 94, with the finals being televised on FOX Sports 1 Sunday, February 12 from 8-10 p.m. ET. *AKC Meet the Breeds®* will take place in Piers 92 & 94 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In addition to the **Westminster Kennel Club and American Kennel Club present Meet & Compete** on Saturday, February 11th, Westminster Week events include the iconic 141st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14 and the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, February 13. All events are presented by Purina® Pro Plan®, which is dedicated to helping dogs of all activity levels excel through performance nutrition and expert resources.

To purchase tickets for Meet & Compete and find additional information about the event, visit [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org).

## **DEADLINE for the January-February newsletter is February 7 2017**

**Editors Comments:** Please send photos (Photos must be sent as jpeg attachments) directly to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto:csweetwood@att.net). Please fully identify the persons in the photo. Articles should be in MS Word or simply written in your e-mail.

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