

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be November 4, 2014 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. This is our annual meeting.

CALENDAR 2014

November 4- meeting

December- Christmas Party-date to be announced

Nominations News

Each year Trap Falls holds an election for the officers and board of directors. The officers are elected each year and board of directors hold their positions for two years. Please find below the slate that the nomination committee proposed for 2014-2015.

President: Laura Wells
Vice-President: Eva Skrabl
Treasurer: Laura Hovanec
Recording Secretary: Cindy Sherman
Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Richardson
Board of Directors: Ron Egidio
Susan Carter

Nominating Committee
Chairperson: Cindy Sherman,
Eve Skrabl
Karen Battistelli

K-9 Karnival 2014

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered and attended what was the best RDOD we have ever held.

We had our US Senator Richard Blumenthal in attendance presenting CGC medals to our local Police K-9's, over 60 meet the breed tents, 20 plus vendors, a busy center ring, the Doggie Fun Zone, a great raffle booth and agility area, and we collected shelter donations that were recently delivered to the Milford Animal Shelter. (Submitted by Chris Sweetwood, RDOD Chair)

BRAGS



Bear

One of our newer Club members who's become very active in Therapy work is Karen Battistelli and her Golden Retriever, 'Bear'.

Karen and Bear visit Shelton Lakes Apple Rehab and Ludlow Center for Health and Rehabilitation (in Fairfield) on weekends. Bear has a full roster of clients during those visits and everyone looks forward to his arrival. Bear's sunny disposition and friendly happy nature bring a lot of smiles to the faces of the folks he meets and greets. Bear also participated in TFKC's Doggie Etiquette program, making his debut at the Pequot Library in Southport in September.

Karen is really glad she maintained and persevered with training. She says, "The people that he touches during these visits is nothing short of amazing. Now that some of the people in the nursing homes have gotten to know and trust him, they call for him as we

go down the hallways. He is bringing great joy to both the elderly and staff alike.”

At home in Shelton, Bear is just another part of the family and is best buds with Karen’s other 9-year old Golden, Sandy. He digs holes, chases balls and swims in the river every chance he gets, but Karen also makes time for training every day, noting how important it is to keep Bear’s skill set intact. Hats off to another TFKC member who’s making a difference in our community

AKC Delegate News

K-9 Officers are Canine Good Citizens!

Posted on [September 29, 2014](#) by [American kennel club](#)

Congratulations to Connecticut K-9 Officers “Saint Michael” of the Newtown Police Department and “Trent” of the Orange Police Department for passing [AKC’s Canine Good Citizen](#) test! The law enforcement K-9 officers took the 10-step test at the Trap Falls Kennel Club’s AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event at Eisenhower Park in Milford, CT on Saturday, Sept. 27th.

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal presented Saint Michael, handled by Newtown Officer Felicia Figol, and Trent, handled by Orange Officer Mary Bernegger, their official CGC medals and ribbons at a ceremony in front of hundreds of dog-loving spectators, local specialty clubs holding a meet the breeds exhibit, and TFKC members who hosted the well-attended public event.

After the awards ceremony Saint Michael, Officer Figol, and Newtown Police Officer Matt Hayes, gave a demonstration of police work and K-9 training with Saint Michael.

Saint Michael, the German Shepherd Dog, was purchased last year by the AKC family of clubs, including Trap Falls Kennel Club, Newtown Kennel Club, Farmington Kennel Club, as well as with donations from AKC Reunite and the AKC Humane Fund. Trent, a black Labrador Retriever, is a narcotics detection dog with the Orange Police Department.

The [Canine Good Citizen Program](#) is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The two-part program stresses

responsible dog ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs.



U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal of CT visits with Newtown Police Officer Felicia Figol and K-9 Officer Saint Michael and Orange Police Officer Mary Bernegger and K-9 Officer Trent.



K-9 Officers Saint Michael and Trent get Canine Good Citizen medals and ribbons from U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal at Trap Falls KC RDO Day

DEADLINE for the November-December newsletter is December 7, 2014

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. Remember to include “TFKC” in the heading or it may never get opened due the high SPAM content these days.