

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be June 5, 2018 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2018

June 5-meeting-Police K-9 Demo,
July- Picnic, date to be announced
August 7-meeting
September 4-meeting
September 22- RDOD-Shelton
October 2-meeting
November 6-meeting
December- Christmas party- date to be announced

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Amanda Daniel has meet her membership requirements and will be voted on at the next meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact a board member.

**TFKC - Annual All Breed Dog Show - Sunday,
April 8, 2018**

On April 8, 2018 we held our annual all breed dog show. It was a great success with over 1,500 entries in Conformation, Obedience and Rally. We had 3 clubs hold their Specialty Show

and there were 17 clubs as Supported entries! Everyone had a great time and our Best in Show was a Siberian Husky named GCHG Sharon Nick of Dynasty RC Kennel.

Thank you to all that helped with coordination, stewarding and Main Table. Your pleasant friendly attitudes to everyone were much appreciated by all. Cindy Richardson



Congratulations to all on another great session of Trap Falls Training. Trainer Janis Copes poses with class from Family Manners. TFKC offers classes in STAR Puppy, Family Manners and/or CGC every six weeks.

RDOD/K-9 Karnival

Our annual K9 Karnival will be **Saturday, September 22nd** and we would like to cordially invite you to join us again for Meet the Breeds! It's at the same place as prior years, the River Walk in Shelton (100 Canal

Street, Shelton CT) from 10AM-4PM. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have and let us know if you can make it. We look forward to having you!

Cindy Richardson and Amanda Daniel

Flea/tick method

A simple, non-toxic way to repel fleas and ticks is the use of essential oils. NOT Wal Mart brand, a reputable PURE essential oil. (Cue my plug for Young Living Essential Oils.)

A diffuser is a simple way to deter these critters. It can be purchased anywhere and is a great humidifier, purifier and method for releasing essential oils into your home. Different oils have different health benefits to us and our pets, but to deter fleas and ticks you should use: *geranium, lemon eucalyptus, lavender, peppermint, cedarwood, citronella and lemongrass*. One or all, separate or combined... your choice. A normal diffuser covers about 300 Sq. Ft.

Another deterrent is making a spray bottle . Combine a cup of water and 30 drops of oil. Spray it on your clothes before you go out, spray it on your dog (be careful of eyes and nose) or spray it on your dogs absorbent collar. You can also spray it on bedding and around kennels. Check with your vet before using anything on pregnant dogs and puppies.

These oils are safe for **dogs** if used appropriately, some are not safe to be used on cats so please check with your Vet or Essential oil distributor to be safe.

For more information on Young Living Essential Oils contact me: LauraHovanec@outlook.com or visit my website <http://www.sagehealing.vistaprintdigital.com>

PHIL KLEIN, CERTIFIED DOG LISTENER

Trap Falls Kennel Club is pleased to welcome Phil Klein, a Certified Dog Listener, who will speak on methods to create a better relationship and understanding of your dog. The presentation will be held on **Saturday, JUNE 2 at 12:30 pm** in Shelton in our training room located at 101 Old Mill Road. The talk will be approximately 1 hour 15 minutes, then Phil will take any additional questions. We are requesting a donation of \$10.00 per person for all members, current and former students of Trap Falls Kennel Club Training.

This event is open to the general public for \$20.00 per person. You must register to attend in order for

us to provide adequate space. We don't have a lot of chairs. If you want to be guaranteed a chair; please bring it with you! Please register with me.

Please DO NOT BRING YOUR DOGS!!

Below is a brief summary of Phil's background and presentation: Phil's approach is educational and giving folks takeaways they can use immediately with their dogs. The Dog Listener methodology is based entirely on the nature of the dog. All interactions are dog-friendly. There is no room for intimidation, force, or harmful gadgets in the methodology.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BEST FRIEND! If you want to gain a much better understanding of your dog and its challenging behaviors, this session led by Phil Klein, Certified Dog Listener is for you. **LEARN:** How canines see the human world. How canines communicate including the importance of eye contact and movement. The underlying reasons for your dog's behaviors like nervousness, toileting indoors, incessant barking, aggression, jumping on people, pestering for attention, destructive chewing, separation anxiety, pulling on the leash, etc.

THE BEST NEWS - learn the simple, dog-friendly changes in how to interact with your dog to transform its behavior in a kind and lasting way. In doing so, you will have a calmer, happier dog and a more enjoyable relationship with it. Bring your questions for an informative, fun session!

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Phil's path to becoming a Dog Listener started when his family rescued a special dog named Abby from Labs4Rescue. At the time, he had no idea about the journey he would be privileged to take with Abby. Abby's behavioral challenges were the motivation for Phil to learn a lot more about dogs and find a way to help Abby overcome her fears. In the process, Phil discovered Jan Fennell, The Dog Listener who had developed a revolutionary method for training dogs based on their instincts. In April 2009, Phil attended Jan Fennell's Foundation and Advanced Canine Communications courses, thereby becoming a Certified Dog Listener. Through in-home consultations, volunteer work with Labs4Rescue and other rescue organizations, and public talks, Phil has been honored to help hundreds of dog owners and their dogs.

www.philthedoglistener.com

TAKE JOY IN.....OLD DOGS by Donna Swajeski

Their joys are simple. A soft bed. A scrap fallen from the table that the younger dogs missed. The memory

of a treed squirrel. A stormless night. White whiskered faces and legs crooked as question marks. Old Dogs...their sweet Buddha bellies hang over crossed legs as they fall asleep in a coveted patch of sun. Dreaming of out-racing their shadows down long, shady lanes.

Once they danced by your side. The very definition of joy unleashed. A perfect poem caught in shining eyes and wagging tails. They have followed you faithfully for years. And would plunge into fires, untamed wildernesses, raging waters if you asked.

Now, they struggle to catch up. Their pace slow but their hearts still valiant.

Their cloudy eyes are starting to dim and go distant, tuning in to some invisible world. Just beyond your reach.

Don't go you say, as you scratch the tender part between their ears. Stay longer. I can't imagine a world without your fur pressed close to my cheek. There are still so many roads we haven't explored. And they look up at you with a wisdom that just slays you.

Their backs are bent, not from the weight of years, but from the invisible wings they are growing That will soon take them to a place where once more they are warriors of speed Drunk with the sights and scents of a thousand meadows.

Able to leap high enough to touch the wing of the tiniest butterfly.

A place where they will now wait for you to catch up

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
2 eggs
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
(I added crumpled pieces of bacons)
(Recipe calls for 1/2 teasp salt - but I do not add this)

Preheat oven to 350°

Whisk together the flour, oats, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, cinnamon in a bowl. (Add bacon) Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff.

I rolled dough about 1/4" and used heart shaped cookie cutter. Bake in preheated oven, about 15-20 minutes.

Beth Jennings

Brag



CH Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THDD JHR CGCA TKP (TDIGOLD, TWT),2013 AKC ACE ,recently received the Rufus Cup (named after Drago's sire) at his national specialty .The award is given for a lifetime of excellence in the conformation ring and field.



Dry Grass Veloce Diavolo Castellano del Lago CGCA TKI recently earned his CGCA and Trick dog Intermediate title.

AKC Delegate News

AKC REUNITE AND THE THERIOGENOLOGY FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO SOLVE U.S. DETECTION DOG SHORTAGE

Organizations Help Launch the Working Dog Project at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard to Improve Breeding of Military and Service Dogs

New York, NY— The need for explosive detection dogs and assistance dogs has never been greater. Unfortunately, only half of the dogs being trained for this work succeed.

The Working Dog Project is a unique opportunity to apply cutting edge genomics technology to investigate how genetic variation influences behavioral characteristics. By identifying the key genetic factors, breeders can strategically select better working dogs, thereby saving time, energy and dollars. Rarely has there been the opportunity to make such an impact for BOTH our national security and our disabled Americans.

AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is donating \$150,000 to a joint project with the Theriogenology Foundation to sponsor research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard for The Working Dog Project. The Theriogenology Foundation has made an initial donation of \$200,000 to fund the project.

The lack of supply of working dogs has become a pressing issue for the government and has a direct impact on national security. The demand for highly skilled animals is only growing and their availability is limited. Despite decades of pedigree analysis and focused breeding programs, the training success rate for service and working dogs hovers at approximately 50%; for high-performing scent dogs, success rates are even lower. This leads to significant issues including wasted training dollars, puppies pushed into roles in which they cannot succeed, unmet client needs, and, in the military, dogs that cannot fulfill the elite requirements to protect and serve.

“Working dogs are important partners to law enforcement, search and rescue, customs and border patrol, and our military. The incredible scenting ability of dogs makes them essential to explosive detection,” said Alan Kalter, Chairman of AKC Reunite. “We are proud to join with the Theriogenology Foundation in supporting the work being done by the Broad Institute. This research will help breeders understand the genetics needed to produce working dogs that will be on the front lines.”

Genetic tests focused on behavior or temperament would help solve the central challenge: accurate prediction at an early age of potential for successful training. They could help identify which dogs should be trained for particular jobs, and would support more successful breeding programs.

“AKC Reunite and veterinarians have long recognized the value of purpose-bred dogs as canine working partners that make our lives safer and more secure,” added Dr. Anita Migday, President of the Theriogenology Foundation. “With this collaborative effort, we continue to merge science and breeding practices to produce world class working dog teams”.

The Working Dog Project is part of a comprehensive program that engages working dog organizations, scientists and dog breeders. The project will focus on two key working dog behaviors: scenting and retrieving, and will be the first step in leveraging the power of genomics to accelerate the breeding and training of successful working dogs.

“For years we have been diligently committed to supporting research aimed to unlock the genetic code of many physical diseases,” noted Dr. Elinor Karlsson, principal investigator for The Working Dog Project. “Our current commitment is to examine the canine genome as critically for predicting behavior as we have for predicting disease.”

For detailed information regarding the Working Dog Project, please visit www.workingdogproject.org.

DEADLINE for the May- June 2018 is June 7, 2018

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. My apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter.

