

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



May-June 2012

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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be June 5, 2012 at the Apple Rehab/ Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2012

June 5-meeting- Movement and Judging by Jill Bregy

July 14- Picnic

August 7-Meeting

September 4-Meeting

September 8-RDOD at Saint Francis Church in Naugatuck.

October 2-Meeting

November 6-Meeting

December-The Christmas Party-date to be announced

Please note that our June meeting will feature our own Jill Bregy's presentation on "**Understanding Puppy Development — what you see is what you get!**"

Noted breeder of Irish Wolfhounds, Jill Bregy is also extremely knowledgeable on dog structure and movement. Knowing a dog's structure has not only enabled her to better evaluate litters but has also been vital in her understanding and developing breeding programs. Often, when buyers question breeders, they are told that structural issues will correct; the top line will improve; the front will straighten out or the rear will become sound. While there may or may not be SOME improvement – *what you see is generally what you get*. With this in mind, Jill decided to do a puppy development video of several dogs from her litter whelped in June 2009. Starting at the age of 7 weeks, she has monitored the litter to the present and will continue to do so. Hopefully this video will be very helpful and debunk some myths.

This enlightening presentation is free to the public.

Trap Falls Kennel Club Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 14, 2012

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Save the date and join us for our annual picnic
Bring your swim suit & towel, bring a lawn chair
We will be having a traditional style barbecue
Something for everyone**

**Main course and soft drinks provided by the club
You are welcome to bring stronger beverages at
your own risk**

**Well behaved furry children are welcome
Members are asked to bring an Appetizer,
Dessert or side dish**

(Enough for 15-20 people)

**Please RSVP with the number of people attending
and what you are planning on bringing
Pat Como pat@como-nicholson.com or
203-452-0387**

**Please feel free to call or email with any
questions**

Directions to Pat Como's House

490 Cutlers Farm Road

Monroe, CT 06468

(203)452-0387

From I95 Northbound or Southbound

Take Exit 27A (the Rte. 8/Rte. 25 Connector)

Go to the end of the Connector

Continue straight through the traffic light at
the end of the Connector

Take the first right onto Spring Hill Road

Take the first left onto Cutlers Farm Road

Go approximately 2.3 miles

490 Cutlers Farm Road will be on the right
Black mailbox with purple flower, house set
way off road

From the Merritt Parkway

From the Merritt Parkway Northbound, take
Exit 49 North to Rte. 25 North

From the Merritt Parkway Southbound, take
Exit 50 to Rte. 25 North

Go to the end of Rte. 25
Continue straight through the traffic light at
the end of the Connector
Take the first right onto Spring Hill Road
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From I-84 Westbound/Eastbound

Take Exit 11
At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take
a right
Go straight to the traffic light; take a right
onto Rte. 34
Go straight to the traffic light; take a right
onto Toddy Hill Road (name of road
changes to Botsford)
Follow 'til you go under the railroad overpass
Take immediate left onto Swamp Road
At the stop sign, take a left onto Main Street
(Rte. 25)
Take the first left onto Pepper Street
Follow Pepper Street to Cutlers Farm Road
(the 5th or 6th street on the left)
490 Cutlers Farm Road is approximately 1
mile on the left

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Applicants Mary Anne Elliott and Jan Miller have met their requirements and have been approved by the Board. They will be voted on by the general membership at the next meeting. If any member knows of any reason that these applicants should not be accepted, please contact a Board member.
Submitted by Eve Skrabl

April Show



Our 2012 show went off this year without any problems and we all had fun working, talking and had lots of laughs. Our entry was 1,229 dogs entered in the show with a total entry of 1,271 in 143 different Breeds or Varieties, including 56 Obedience entries and 60 Rally entries. Not bad for an Easter Sunday Show. Our Easter Sunday Service given by The Reverend William Coyne was well attended.

I would like to thank all of our club members who attended and worked so hard making this day a very special one. Without our loyal workers we would not be able to have had such a great show.

Jill Bregy will be our 2013 Show Chair and I am sure everyone will support Jill.

Peggy Esposito
Show Chair 2012

**RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

10 AM – 4 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FIELD, NAUGATUCK, CT

We are asking for volunteers to be on the various committees for RDOD. This year we will scale back a bit, as we have a smaller field. Below are the committees we need volunteers for. As show chair, I will be your "go-to" person for all questions and guidance.

MEET THE BREED
VENDORS
SET – UP, CLEAN – UP
DEMONSTRATIONS, CONTESTS, PARADE
TFKC BOOTH COVERAGE, INFORMATION

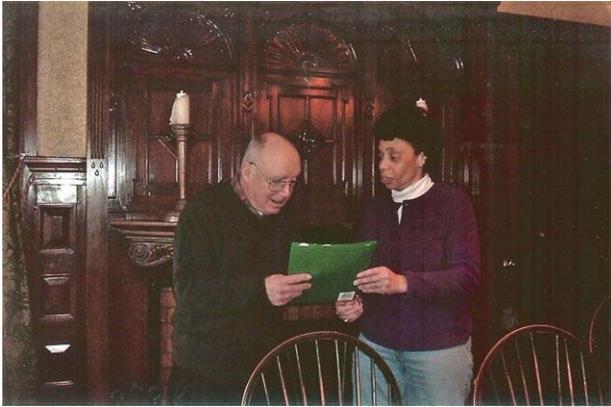
We have a lot of information on "vendors" that we can utilize. Cindy Sherman has volunteered for "Advertising" and Chris Sweetwood will be our "Master of Ceremonies".

Please email Laura Hovanec at jlhova@att.net and let's get started!!!!

TFKC Logo Merchandise

Remember the deadline to place an order is June 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Lauren Friedman @ 203 877 6157 (lmf13@att.net)



On March 10, Maryann Hajducky and I delivered \$200 worth of dog and cat supplies to Stratford's Sterling House program "Paws across Stratford". This is a program that is a food pantry for those in need of food for their pets. It makes it possible for families to keep their beloved pets during difficult times. The supplies were donated by TFKC. Submitted by Cindy Richardson

Dear Trapfalls Kennel Club, Mar., 2012

A heartfelt thank you for the generous donation to the "PAWS" program at our Food Pantry. This act of kindness enables us to provide assistance to many family pets.

Please know that your support enables Sterling House to nurture the body, mind and spirit of youth and adults in the heart of Stratford and surrounding areas. Again, thank you.

Most Sincerely,

Raymond O'Donnell

Raymond O'Donnell
Program Director
Sterling House Community Center
2293 Main St
Stratford, CT 06615

Value \$ 200.00

Trap Falls recognizes Southbury business owner for his help with Tennis to the Troops.



(From left to right) Pictured: TFKC member Cindy Sherman, her Rottweiler 'Steffi', and Craig Paige, owner of Southbury Business and Shipping Center.

Trap Falls Kennel Club awarded Southbury Business and Shipping Center owner Craig Paige a service award for his help and donations to 'Tennis to the Troops.' Paige provided packing materials to TFKC free of charge and helped ship massive packages overseas to the Marine Canine troop in Afghanistan.

Trap Falls KC on the road again at Trumbull Library:



Dog Bite Prevention Week conveniently coincided with Trap Falls' Doggie Etiquette and Safety Program at the Trumbull Library, Saturday May 19th. Chris Sweetwood, Lauren Friedman and Dee Vetrano along with their dogs Siena, Drago and Napoleon demonstrated the Do's and Don'ts of safety around dogs. Several other people attended besides kids and parents, including one of Napoleon's nursing home clients who traveled all the way from Torrington to see him.

WAGS and BRAGS



On April 25, 2012, Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH RAE CDX THD JHR won the Spinone Club of America's (SCOA) Veteran Hunt Competition at

Whittington, Illinois with Lauren Friedman, handling and Chris Sweetwood as the Gunner. On the following day, at the SCOA National Obedience Trial Siena earned her fifth High In Trial placement.

AKC Delegate News

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Join Us in the AKC Conversation --

New York, NY – This isn't so much a Chairman's Report as it is a little straight talk among friends. And I intend it to be the first of many.

We are fortunate that my predecessors, Ron Menaker and David Merriam, had the foresight to carefully plan for a financially sound American Kennel Club. Your Board and Staff developed and are executing a plan for this year that will allow the AKC to be in the black and still maintain the deep resources of our reserves and endowment.

The challenges we have been addressing seem to occupy all of our conversation, but I assure you, they do not occupy all we are doing. Beyond the challenges, there are exciting opportunities in every area of everything we do. It is our opportunities, those we have in hand today and those we will innovate tomorrow, that hold the true future of the AKC - and they require attention from us all.

Our potential for successful growth encompasses the 100 million Americans who own a dog – purebred or mixed breed. Today, we only scratch the surface of those who make dogs an important part of their lives. We are concentrating on three major areas in order to engage, excite, and enroll more of them into the world we all hold so dear.

At the core is our advocacy for the purebred dog, which is the gateway to so many defining aspects of the AKC. The discernability of the purebred dog in form, purpose, and temperament is undeniable - and desired by millions of people. Responsible breeders need our support, encouragement, and recognition. The AKC Breeder of Merit program is an example of how we put that commitment into practice – it is no surprise the Fancy has enthusiastically embraced the program. Our successful "AKC Meet the Breeds®" events in New York and Orlando bring purebred dogs to the public in an entertaining and educational format. We will continue to explore ways in which we can bring this event in some form to more people. An exciting new initiative is the re-imagining of our website, which draws more than 1.5 million unique visitors each month. The new website will serve as an important and useful resource for breeders, puppy buyers, owners, exhibitors, clubs, judges, and the

general dog-lovin' public. And, yes, it will be much easier to navigate.

Our sport is evolving to be more inclusive and inviting than ever before. There are plans in place to create greater ease of entry into each of our sports and compelling reasons to continue participation. We have conducted significant research to understand the needs of our exhibitors and have subsequently created innovative new programs aimed at growing participation in every sport. Some are completed, some are being pilot tested today, some will be launched soon, and some are still being developed. Most importantly, the quest for continuous invention, while still maintaining our heritage, is unwavering. These initiatives include the 4-6 Month Puppy competition, the new Grand Champion achievement levels, the Owner Handler Series, the soon to be launched Open Shows, the "My Dog Can Do That!" introduction to Agility and Rally, the Coursing Ability Test for all dogs, and others.

Our commitment to improving our sport includes event process improvement as well. Our new Competition Management System will provide faster, easier, and more flexible service to clubs and exhibitors in Conformation, Companion, and Performance events. There is a current pilot test being conducted and we will be rolling out aspects of the program later this year, with even more to come.

The third major opportunity is community impact in support of dogs, dog ownership, and responsible dog breeding. This area encompasses initiatives to enhance the image of breeders and purebred dogs, expand our efforts for responsible dog ownership (including potential new additions to our successful CGC program), and continue our involvement with legislative issues, with a greater emphasis on legislator education and proactive community support. Importantly, our commitment to improving the health and welfare of dogs is unparalleled and will continue with fervor.

We can accomplish all this and much more if we make one further commitment – to all work together to achieve all that we must. There is ample proof that when the Fancy, Staff and the Board band together with common purpose, we are an unstoppable force. I personally commit to open better lines of communication with all AKC constituents, to solicit new ideas from everyone to advance our mutual opportunities, and to better serve our clubs, exhibitors, breeders, judges, and owners. I ask for your support of our mutual goals with the same positive, passionate spirit you all bring to our sport every day.

I always appreciate hearing from you – please contact me at atk@akc.org.

Alan Kalter
Chairman

AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENED TO ALL COMPETITORS

NEW YORK, NY (April 17, 2012) - The American Kennel Club and Eukanuba are pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will become an open show awarding Championship and Grand Championship points. This new format will begin with the upcoming AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 15-16th, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

"We're excited to open the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to all competitors," said Event Manager Michael Canalizo. "Allowing all dogs to compete in the extraordinary competition at the National Championship is an exciting enhancement to the show."

The top 25 dogs from each breed as well as Bred-By Exhibitor Champions and other special qualifiers will continue to be celebrated with an invitation granting special recognition.

In addition to the conformation competition, the show will still feature the AKC Agility Invitational and National Obedience Invitational, the Bred-By Exhibitor competition, the Eukanuba World Challenge and AKC Meet the Breeds(r).

The Orange County Convention Center will once again host The Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club shows on Dec. 12-14, 2012, making for five full days of dog shows.

"Eukanuba is proud to partner once again with the American Kennel Club to present the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship as well as the preceding shows," said Jason Taylor, Event Manager for Eukanuba. "Watch for updates on the show's new format and additional enhancements that will be incorporated into the week-long activities."

For more information about the show, visit www.akc.org/invitational.

NEW 'COMPANION EVENTS EXTRAVAGANZA' RECOGNIZING TOP DOGS IN AGILITY, OBEDIENCE AND AKC RALLY DEBUTS IN 2013

New York, NY - Beginning in 2013, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) will celebrate the top dogs in AKC Companion Events with the "Companion Events Extravaganza," a multi-day event that will feature Championship events for Obedience and Agility and a new national competition for AKC Rally.

On March 15-17, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the National Obedience Championship (formerly known as the National Obedience Invitational) will move from its usual calendar

date in December to run in conjunction with the National Agility Championship. A new AKC Rally National Competition will be held on the Friday of that weekend. After 2013, the combined "Extravaganza" will rotate to different locations around the country.

"Thanks to the vision of retired Companion Events AVP Curt Curtis and his staff, this new 'Companion Events Extravaganza' will allow us to showcase the best competitors in the country, rotate venues and teach responsible dog ownership to the public through demonstrations, seminars and other companion dog related activities," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Companion and Performance Events.

The 2012 National Obedience Invitational and National Juniors Obedience Competition will be held as usual in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship this December in Orlando, Florida.

Beginning in December 2013, a new obedience competition - the AKC Obedience Classic - will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. The new competition will crown the top dogs for the year in the Novice, Open and Utility classes. The National Juniors Obedience Competition will continue to be held with these events in December.



DEADLINE for the July-August newsletter is August 7, 2012

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at csweetwood@att.net for evaluation for the newsletter. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due to the high SPAM content these days. Chris Sweetwood.