

# TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



## September-October 2010

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be November 2, 2010 at the Shelton Lakes Health Care at 6:45 with the board meeting at 6:30. We will have a guest speaker at 7:00, noted attorney Gary Seymour from Shelton will speak on a topic of great interest and concern to pet owners these days: Setting up a Trust Fund for your Dog/Pet. We encourage public attendance and will be advertising this in local newspapers.

The January 4, 2011 meeting will be at Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 with the board meeting at 6:30.

## CALENDAR

**November 2** meeting- Installation of officers and pizza party.

**December 5 - Christmas Party-**

**January 4-** meeting

**February 1-** meeting

## Christmas Party

Trap Falls Kennel Club's annual Christmas party will be Sunday December 5, 2010 from 1-5pm at Laura Hovanec's house at 140 Partridgetown Road in Naugatuck.

Please R.S.V.P. to Laura at 203-723-4187 or email: [jlhova@aol.com](mailto:jlhova@aol.com) by November 30th.

People with last names beginning with A thru K are asked to bring an appetizer, last names beginning with L-Z are asked to bring a dessert.

All are asked to bring a (\$5.00) wrapped doggie gift for the grab bag. We will also be having a raffle.

**THIS YEAR ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE HAVING A CONTEST FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY PET PHOTO! BRING A "HOLIDAY" PICTURE OF YOUR PET**

### Directions:

**From Bridgeport, take Rt. 8 north to exit 28. Go straight to 2<sup>nd</sup> light and take a left on Rt. 68 west. Take Rt. 68W to Rt. 63N; take a right at light onto 63. Go approx ½ mile and take a left on Field St. (Irving Gas station is on the corner before Field street and Hop Brook Golf Course is across the street.) Take Field to Timothy (street sign is on the left) *take a right*. Go to 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign and take a left on Partridgetown Road. #140 at the end of the cul-de-sac.**

**From I-84 east or west, take exit 17. Go South on Rt 63 to Irving Gas station on right, take a right on Field and follow directions above.**

## Election Results

The following slate was elected at the October meeting:

President: Laura Wells  
Vice President: Eve Skrabl  
Treasurer: Laura Hovanec  
Recording Secretary: Cindy Sherman  
Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Richardson  
Board of Directors: Lauren Friedman (2010-2012)  
Board of Directors: Ron Egidio (2010-2012)

## Membership News:

Welcome to new members Rosemarie and Salvatore Napoleone, 288 Cook Lane, Beacon Falls, CT 06403 Ph#203-720-2010 [Winstarwon@aol.com](mailto:Winstarwon@aol.com), Breeds: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Silky Terrier

Applicants Dona & Joe Campbell, Robert & Yvette Elliot, Rebecca & Paddy Jarit and Daryl Masone have met all their application requirements and have been passed by the board. The general membership will vote on them at the next meeting. If any member of TFKC knows of any reason that any of these applicants should not be admitted into the club, please contact a club officer or board member.

## Our Dogs Helping People to Read --

Trap Falls Kennel Club will be helping kids and adults hone their reading skills. Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury is facilitating a Family Literacy program (for kids and parents whose reading skills are still being developed) called "Alphabet Explorers". Each month they will focus on a different letter of the alphabet combined with books/themes for that particular letter and word. In November, the letter Literacy Volunteers chose is 'D' for Dogs, and a club member (to be determined) from Trap Falls Kennel Club will be participating in this special event on Saturday, Nov 20, 10:30-11:30 at Silas Bronson Library Auditorium in Waterbury. Various Reading programs exist throughout the country using Therapy Dogs as non-judgmental and receptive 'listeners', helping children and adults who are learning to read, feel more comfortable and relaxed. The purpose of our involvement is to illustrate Trap Falls' commitment to public education about dogs and volunteerism in the community. This will also be publicized in various newspapers, which gives an added boost to our club, encouraging recognition in the community and hopefully, more members and club participation.

Club members who are interested in getting involved in community service with their dogs, for certification in 'Animal Assisted Activity', i.e. Pet therapy can check out Tails of Joy

(<http://www.tailsofjoy.org/pages/class.htm#delta>) or Therapy Dogs Incorporated or Therapy Dogs International. All participating dogs must have their therapy certification to participate

has been an agility instructor for Trap Falls as well as providing instruction to many aspiring agility exhibitors in her own classes.



On October 3, 2010, Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE TDIEVA TWT and Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo SH CD RA TDIEVA TWT won the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club Chukar Challenge with Siena placing first in the senior division and Drago second. This was Siena's second win in a row at this event.

On September 18, 2010, Drago passed his North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) Utility test with a perfect score and received a Prize 1 classification which grants him an automatic invitation to the 2011 NAVHDA Invitational Test.

## WAGS and BRAGS



Merrigang Benjamin Matlock AX AJX, a 3 year old Australian terrier, who lives with Nancy Wentworth and his pal, Perry Mason, has received an invitation to compete in the AKC Agility Invitational to be held on December 4 and 5 in Long Beach CA. "Ben" is ranked #3 in his breed and has already received his first round invitation. Congratulations to Nancy and Ben on their success and best wishes to both. Nancy is a long time Trap Falls Kennel Club member and

## Rainbow Bridge



She was born Wellslands Bonnie Brooke on Feb 13, 2001 in a litter of 8. She was out of Wellslands Saavedra V Tylaur X BIS X BISS AM/Can CH Vom Lidas Dragonz Treasure CGC TDI.

To everyone who knew her she was "Zena" owned by Laura & John Hovanec. It was Laura & John's first Rottweiler but Zena didn't think she was a Rottweiler.

Zena thought it was her job to be friends with everyone and welcome everyone she met into her world. She knew all the neighbors; loved parties and picnics at the house (because she thought those parties were for her). Zena sang at all the birthday parties with "Happy Birthday" being her favorite song to sing. Zena sang the "rub the nub" song she learned as a puppy too! Zena loved Sage's friends and never left her side from the day Sage was born. She was John's second love and Laura's first daughter.

Zena passed away the evening of Sept 26, 2010. She let us share her wonderful life for nine and a half short years.

We all get one great dog in our lives and Zena was the one for Laura, John and Sage. Zena was a true ambassador to the breed and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. We love and miss you Zena.

## AKC News

### TENTH AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO PREMIERE ON ABC NETWORK ON JANUARY 23, 2011

-- Competition Moves from Cable to Broadcast Network Television --

New York, NY (September 22, 2010) -- The American Kennel Club and Eukanuba announced today that the tenth annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be broadcast for the first time ever on network television. The show will premiere in an invigorated new format on the ABC Television Network on Sunday afternoon, January 23, 2011. Check your local listings to confirm air times.

"We are delighted to join ABC for the airing of the tenth edition of the prestigious AKC/Eukanuba National Championship," said Show Chairman Ron Menaker. "We know viewers around the country will not only learn about the exciting world of dog shows but also about the 167 different dog breeds and how to find the right one to fit a family's lifestyle."

Thousands of top dogs from around the globe will compete on December 4th and 5th 2010 for \$225,000 in prize money and the chance to be named National Champion, one of the biggest honors in the dog world. The event will once again be held in Long Beach, CA in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC National Obedience Invitational, showcasing a multitude of canine talents under one roof.

"ABC provides a terrific opportunity to showcase some of the world's most extraordinary dogs," said Eukanuba's Jason Taylor, Manager of External Relations. "Dog lovers

and their furry friends won't want to miss this year's show. It will truly be special."

Visit our web site <http://www.akc.org/events/tvschedule.cfm> for a complete list of air dates or [www.akc.org/aenc](http://www.akc.org/aenc) for more information about the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

### AKC Delegate Standing Committee Election Results

#### All Breed

Three Year Terms

Robert Black – Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.

Crecia Closson – Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.

John Ronald – Samoyed Club Of America, Inc.

Ann Wallin – Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.

#### Bylaws

Three Year Terms

Rita Biddle – Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.

Judith Daniels – Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.

Dr. John Ioia – Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.

Nina Schaefer – Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.

#### Adv & Advancement

Three year Terms

James Dok – Gig Harbor Kennel Club

Jane Ruthford – Havanese Club Of America

Dan Smyth – Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.

Marcy Zingler – Sun Maid Kennel Club Of Fresno, Inc.

#### Dog Show Rules

Three Year Terms

Linda Flynn – South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.

Sue Goldberg – Lewiston–Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.

Nancy Perrell – Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.

David Powers – Los Encino's Kennel Club, Inc.

One Year Term

William Green – Rio Grande Kennel Club

#### Field Trial

Three Year Terms

David Hopkins – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois

Fred Kampo – Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.

A Nelson Sills – Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Lynn Worth–Smith – Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

One Year Term

**Christopher Sweetwood – Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.**

#### Obedience Tracking Agility

Three Year Terms

Joyce Dandridge – Capital Dog Training Club Of Washington, D.C., Inc.

Barbara Mann – Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

Patricia Sample – Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.

Maureen Setter – Cleveland All–Breed Training Club, Inc.

Two Year Terms

Gail LaBerge – Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.  
Kathrynann Sarvinas – Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland

#### Parent Club

Three Year Terms

Connie Butherus – Afghan Hound Club Of America, Inc.  
Steve Gladstone – Reno Kennel Club  
John Nielsen – English Setter Association Of America, Inc.  
Larry Sorenson – Dachshund Club Of America, Inc.

#### Canine Health

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniaki – Canada Del Oro Kennel Club  
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser – Standard Schnauzer Club of America  
Peter J. See – Welsh Terrier Club of America  
John A. Studebaker – Battle Creek Kennel Club  
Holly Stump – Staffordshire Club of America

#### Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events

Thomas Barrie – West Highland White Terrier Club  
Carol Clark – Border Collie Society of America  
Bonnie Latham – Glens Falls Kennel Club

#### Perspectives Editorial Staff

Dr. Gerry Meisels – St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association  
Monica Henderson Stoner – Saluki Club of America  
Carol Williamson – Houston Kennel Club  
Lynn Worth-Smith – Vizsla Club of America

### **AKC Launches New Breeder of Merit Program**

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced the launch of the Breeder of Merit program, a new initiative designed to recognize AKC's core breeders.

"The Breeder of Merit program allows the American Kennel Club to celebrate our dedicated, passionate breeders who truly are the backbone of the sport and the foundation of our organization," said AKC's Chief Operating Officer John Lyons. "Our Breeders of Merit are committed to both improving their breed through health testing and selective breeding programs, and proving their breed through achievements in the show ring. They are special and will be emulated by new breeders entering the sport. Being a successful breeder in the Fancy does not come easy. Years of hard work, vision, and a willingness to do the right thing are required to be successful. Our Breeders of Merit have these qualities and deserve to be recognized."

To achieve the Breeder of Merit designation, breeders should:

- Certify that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.
- Hold membership in an AKC club.
- Have a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earn Conformation, Companion and/or Performance titles on at least 4 dogs they have bred/co-bred.
- Demonstrate their commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies they produce are AKC registered.

As part of the Breeder of Merit program, breeders will receive:

- Complimentary access to \$20.00 value per month for free online reports in the AKC online store.
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number.
- Online Record support to ensure that their records are accurate, complete and easily accessible.
- A frameable certificate of distinction.
- Free Online Breeder Classified listings along with a special Breeder of Merit designation.
- Acknowledgement on a special page of the AKC website and in the AKC Gazette.
- Free or discounted fees on all secondary transactions such as duplicate registration applications, revoke limited status applications, etc.
- Breeder of Merit web banner for display on their website.
- Breeder of Merit lapel pin.
- Breeder of Merit designation and gold border on registration applications and certificates for dogs bred by the Breeder of Merit.

There are many easy registration options available to the Breeder of Merit, including Full Litter, Full Litter Offspring, Full Litter PLUS and Full Litter Offspring PLUS. Learn more at <http://www.akc.org/sixeasyways/>.

To learn more or apply for the Breeder of Merit program, visit <http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit> or contact Tina Yuhl at 919-816-3932 or [txy@akc.org](mailto:txy@akc.org).

### **Household Tips:**

If you want to keep your dark colored garments in their original color; soak them overnight before washing them the first time. You should soak garments in one part **white** vinegar to three parts tap water. (I usually use a 5 gallon bucket and make sure that the garment is submerged in the water).

If your doggie has a slight odor and you don't have time to give him/her a bath; sprinkle a bit of baking soda on him and then brush it out. This is a great temporary solution.

Cindy Richardson

## **DEADLINE for the November-December newsletter is December 7, 2010**

**Editors Comments:** Please continue to send photos and articles to me at [csweetwood@att.net](mailto: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.