



## Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound February, 2009 Newsletter

### Welcome, Newest Club Members!

Roberta Miller  
Scott Penwell (welcome back!)  
Behan Venter

### Seattle Kennel Club Breed Booth

The Seattle Kennel Club Breed Booth is shaping up to be another fun, enjoyable event. Time slots have been filled but, if you wish to come and greet the public and enjoy the company of fellow Staffy lovers, please email Cassie Malloy at [maddenduff@earthlink.com](mailto:maddenduff@earthlink.com).

### Having a Voice in Your Club

Teleconferencing has been a topic of discussion at both meetings in 2009. It has been ascertained that, though the Bothell Police Station is well equipped to facilitate one half of this process, until another end is established with which to communicate, this topic can progress no further.

In answer to the request for suggestions for more membership participation in the last newsletter, Marci Jefferys suggested we have some Saturday meetings on the road. So, bring your calendars to the next meeting and help decide at what shows these meetings could be held. If you can't make the meeting and you have a date to suggest or an issue or comment you would like to share with the club, please don't hesitate to email me (Connie Torres) at [cordron@hotmail.com](mailto:cordron@hotmail.com) and I will present a printed copy of your email at the March Meeting. Thank you, Marci, for your great suggestion!

### Coming Events

3/03 - 7:00p.m.	SBTCPS Meeting	Bothell Police Dept.
3/07 - 3/08	Seattle Kennel Club (Show, Breed Booth and Meet the Breed) Qwest Field Event Center	Seattle, WA, closed 2/18
3/21 - 3/22	Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc. Kitsap County Fairgrounds	Bremerton, WA, closing 3/04
3/28 - 3/29	Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc. Linn County Fair and Expo Center Albany, OR	closing 3/11

## CALLING ALL 2008 CHAMPIONS!

Our SBTCPs has graciously and unanimously agreed to award each and every staffy who attained their Championship in 2008 a blanket embroidered with the club logo and the AKC registered name of your winner! This wonderful offer also includes those who achieved their highest title in obedience, rally and/or agility!

The blankets will be green - the embroidery will be gold.

Please email me at [sbtgran@hotmail.com](mailto:sbtgran@hotmail.com) with the registered name of your pride and joy and the highest title earned in 2008! Thanks so much and CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Marji Haley, SBTCPs Vice President

### From the Club Treasurer

SBTCPS has started into the new year of 2009. We would like to remind all members to renew their memberships as soon as possible. The annual dues are: \$20 per person (\$40 per couple). This provides our operating funds for the year including support for activities of the "Meet the Breed", Spring Fun Day, Regional Specialty Show, Responsible Dog Ownership activities, Annual Meeting and awards and also member mailings, the website and much, much more!

The list below includes members who have already submitted their renewal. If your name is not on this list, please print the attached renewal form and mail to me, Wendy Stafford.

If your renewal is not received this month, you will be dropped from the newsletter distribution for April.

### SBTCPS MEMBER LIST 2009

Lorain and Matthew Abel	Marji Haley	Ramona Kyle Pessa
Pauline Awford, Berry Crittenden	Judy Keller	Mike Proniuk
Nichole and Doug Botsford	Andrea Kilkenny	Jack Ramberg
Jan Cannon	Jim and Cassie Malloy	Ron and Kathy Schwab
Coleen Case	Dana Merritt	Gordon and Cindy Sim
Bethany Dalton	Jenny Merritt	Dennis and Marcia Speer
Eddie Day	Roberta Miller	Rob and Wendy Stafford
Mike Foster	Fern Owen	Kristy Strunks
Sheryl Garrison	Scott Penwell	Randi Taormina
Becky Graham	Lucille Perry	Ron and Connie Torres
		Behan Venter

- Wendy Stafford, SBTCPs Treasurer

## A Few Lines from Lucille in Grants Pass, OR

In late January, Ace and I went to New Hope Christian School where the attached photo was taken. (I've titled it "What? This isn't dog school?"

Our group presented nine different breeds to first and second grade students. We never know which members of our group are going to show up until we all arrive, but we all work so well together; each person touches on an important aspect of pet ownership.

On this day, I demonstrated tooth brushing in the dog care segment. One child asked if he could use dog toothpaste and I told him he probably could although it tasted like beef. But, I said, Ace can't use your toothpaste because he can't spit. Then I asked, "What else do you do when you get ready for school?" I showed how I brush Ace's hair and then let a couple of kids practice with the rubber brush. Then every student wanted to brush him. He was in heaven. But we had to postpone more brushing so we could continue our program which included showing them a dog wipe. It's funny what fascinates kids. They wanted to inspect the dog wipe, so it was passed around. They could relate kid hygiene to dog hygiene--bathe, brush your teeth and brush your hair. We do these classes every year and our programs are never quite the same - that's what keeps it interesting.

When it was time to let the kids pet the dogs, many were jostling for a chance to brush Ace. More heaven!



The next week Ace visited a nursing home, and the week after that Josie visited an assisted living residence. She charmed a volunteer there so much that I had to give the lady a website so she could get more information about SBTs. "Read all about them", I told her. I keep telling people these dogs don't come out of a box this well mannered; it takes training. I'm not sure they believe it after seeing mine at work.

On a different note, I'm now helping a neighbor with basic obedience training of his six month old yellow Labrador Retriever. He had the usual excuses for not taking the pup to puppy obedience classes and it's becoming a *Marley* dog. I thought it would be a real challenge and it still may be as we've just begun. But when we get the dog in a sit position the butt stays down - I'm not used to that. Give a Stafford a sit command, the rear hits the floor and then in a second the dog's back on its feet - I just may have a new experience here.

- Lucille Perry

## Lucy Finds a Home



Having been plucked from the icy streets and then held in a animal shelter in southern Washington, Lucy had reached the end – her allotted five days of confinement were up. Luckily, the lovely Lucy was rescued and, as always, it took the involvement of a few committed people to accomplish the task. Eddie Day and Marci Jefferys, members from Vancouver, WA, having been contacted by Dana Merritt,



retrieved Lucy and took her to their home. As prospective homes were being considered, Marci found that Lucy made a wonderful companion for children and did very well with other dogs. After six days with Eddie, Marci, their children and dogs, Lucy went to live with Terri Anijo and her family in Gig Harbor, WA. Pictured is the blissfully slumbering Lucy with one of her new pack mates and “hanging with her peeps”.

## Show Results

**Linn County Kennel Club, Inc. – Albany, OR**

**Saturday 02/14/2009**

**Breed/Group Judge – Mr. Edd E. Bivin**

BOB	CH BUSICK'S CHICA OF BEDROCK
BOS	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOW/WD	TRUGRIP MAMA'S BOY
WB/BBY	RAKSTAFF GOODGIRL CLARY SAGE

**Sunday 02/15/2009**

**Breed/Group Judge – Dr. Vandra L Huber**

BOB/Group 3	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP ONE SINGULAR SENSATION
BOW/WD	TRUGRIP MAMA'S BOY
WB	TRUGRIP ROCKIN MERENGUE

**Thank you, Kristy!**

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Bothell, WA 98011**

**Directions to the Bothell Police Dept.:**

**Take exit # 24 off 405  
Go west on Beardslee Blvd.  
Beardslee Blvd. becomes Main Street.  
Turn right onto 101<sup>st</sup> Ave NE and go two blocks.  
Police Station will be on your right.**