

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound October Newsletter

Welcome our newest members

Nichole and Doug Botsford of Federal Way, Washington are the newest members of the SBTCP.

Welcome to the club!

RDO Day

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound and the All Terrier Club of Western Washington teamed up on Sunday, September 28, to host a "Responsible Dog Owner Day." This was the second RDO day for the SBTCP and the first for the ATCWW.

The event was very well attended, with an estimated 60 to 80 dogs and their owners visiting throughout the day. A vibrant sun hung in a cloudless sky coupled with the large expanse of emerald field at the Kellogg School in Shoreline made for the perfect dog-day afternoon. Dogs and handlers enjoyed games, educational opportunities, grooming and just having fun together. We had a mobile groomer set up on site, a photo booth providing Christmas card photos, a vendor selling beds, pads,



jackets, etc. Club member, Marji Haley, had a booth showing off her embroidered items. There was also several rescue groups on site, including Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, the Greyhound Rescue and Bullseye Dog Rescue. We had a best trick competition and dogs could try their "paws" at agility.

The highlight of the event was the Canine Good Citizen testing. Coleen Case, our "in house" CGC tester, ran 17 dogs through the test, and 16 passed! That is a fantastic result, and to make it even better, most of the dogs taking the test were pit bulls or pit mixes that were rescue and foster dogs brought by Bullseye Rescue. The club would like to thank Coleen and her assistants, Rob and Wendy Stafford, Scott Penwell and Happy, the friendly greeter, for all their wonderful efforts.

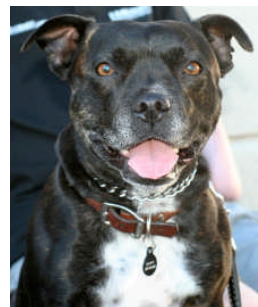
Thank you also to Kristy Strunks for taking photos of the event, to Jenny Merritt for helping with the agility course and to Marji for bringing Nutmeg for the kissing booth (although Nutmeg was more than willing, we unfortunately didn't have any takers on the kissing booth - sorry Nutmeg!)

This event was a great opportunity to reach out to the general public to show how wonderful the "perceived as vicious" bully breeds can be. It was an opportunity that the people at Bullseye Rescue took advantage of by showing off their happy pit bulls. I'm sure their efforts helped to change a few minds about pit bulls. Hopefully, at future RDO events, more Staffy owners will step up to help affect a change in the general public's view of our wonderful breed. With that hope, we would like to host an RDO day again next fall and, with more members stepping up, we would like to expand the event to make it even better. Please plan now to attend!

-Submitted by Cassie Malloy

CGC Testing

Congratulations to the 16 dogs that passed their CGC Test during the ATCWW/SBTCPS RDO Day Sept. 28th. I was very pleased to see so many people just drop in and give it a try. We tested Thor, the St Bernard, all the way down to Lily Rose, the West Highland White Terrier. Bulls Eye Rescue had 7 of their dogs and new owners test. Seeing so many wonderful rescue dogs who've been through some hard times not only come but test and pass was great. Everyone had a great time and went home proud of their new CGC title. A BIG thank you to Rob and Wendy Stafford who kept the testing running smoothly. Also, a thank you to everyone who played "crowd" during the tests.



- Submitted by Coleen Case

Rogue Valley Kennel Club in Grants Pass, Oregon celebrated RDO on September 13. Our event took place in a city park that offered shade though the temperature was perfect for a dog day.

Our CGC testing was a success, testing 28 dogs, of which 20 passed. This included 5 mixed breeds (4 of them passed the evaluations). Prior to the testing, members of Rogue Valley Kennel Club gave free classes to prepare owners and dogs for the test.



This year, our RDO Day was expanded to include Meet the Breeds Booths with 28 different breeds being showcased, including Mastiff, Norwich terriers, Sussex Spaniel, Komondor, Puli and (my) Staffordshire Bull Terriers. Meet the Breed was a huge success and all the people who came enjoyed seeing all the dogs. We also had a mobile veterinarian giving shots and micro-chipping, as well as a Photo, and Search and Rescue Booths. We had information available about RVKC'S Canine Ambassador Programs, plus at Meet the Breeds, there were signs indicating the various breeds and also indicating which dogs participated with their owners as Canine Ambassadors.

Promotion prior to the event included a five-minute radio interview with Don Stuart and me, two display ads in the local paper and a write up about micro-chipping. A TV reporter came out and photographed some of the dogs and she also interviewed our club president, Ann McGloob, although Ann's interview didn't make the late night news. It was a busy day in Grants Pass and Ch. 12 sort of squeezed our event in at the very end of the news report. Still, what they showed looked good.

- Submitted by Lucille Perry

A Postcard from Grants Pass

We have done two really good programs over the last two weeks. The first was for 6th graders at a middle school and we based our program on AKC's "The Right Dog For You" and had the kids evaluate dog traits and think about what they would look for in a dog. When we were done, a teacher told us that one student had received a severe dog bite awhile ago and was now afraid of dogs. But, guess what, he was out petting all six dogs in the program. Josie did a nice dumbbell retrieve--down and back in front of the line of dogs.

On Wednesday, we visited grades 1-4 and had various breeds again. We stress Safety but also tell them about what the dogs were bred for and how dogs help people today. Each dog got to do its "specialty." This time Ace did his hula hoop jumps which all kids love and sat up and begged after his performance. The kids also got to see a yellow Lab retrieve a newspaper, a Standard Poodle get his scent articles, Dr. Lorain Abel's whippet run at full speed, and a beautiful drop on recall by a German Shepherd Dog. They also met an Irish Setter whose owner did the safety part, and a Basset Hound whose owner demonstrated what plastic bags are for (we have artificial poop for this). The black Lab that was there is a retired guide dog so they learned about that too.

I've got places booked through the year and am working on January's schedule. Boy! Wish we had that when I was a kid.

- Submitted by Lucille Perry

Please send us postcards from places in Alaska, California and Oregon. We'd love to hear from you!

Annual Meeting

As I write this, the first frost of the season carpets my back porch and the trees beyond are turning lovely shades of crimson and gold; it's beginning to feel like fall here in the northwest and the SBTCPS annual meeting, a traditional fall event, is almost upon us. We will gather on Saturday, November 15, at the Blue Boy West Golf Course in Monroe, Washington to enjoy a wonderful catered barbecue with friends old and new.

Don't forget to bring some treasures for the silent auction and a bit of cash to bid on that special item you find.

Please find reservation details, times and map on the flyer attachment and the form attachment to print, fill out and send to Cassie, along with a check to reserve your spot.

Lost and Found

If you've been a folding chair short since the Specialty barbecue in August, please contact Marji Haley at sbtgran@hotmail.com to claim your lost chair.

Coming Events

Willamette Valley Kennel Club Show **11/8 and 9** **closing date is**
10/22
Oregon State Fair Grounds, Salem OR

Whidbey Island Kennel Club, Inc. **11/15 and 16** **closing date is**
10/29
Evergreen State Fair Grounds, Monroe, WA

Annual Club Meeting **11/15 from**
Blue Boy West Golf Course, Monroe, WA **11a.m. to 2p.m.**

Show Results

Gig Harbor Kennel Club – Shelton, WA

Saturday – September 20, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. Richard L. Byrd

Group Judge – Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

BOB CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE

BOS CH LONDONSTAFF'S CALL ME MR
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Sunday – September 21, 2008

Breed Judge – Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter

Group Judge – James G. Reynolds

BOB CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE

BOS CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc. – Boise, ID

Thursday – October 9, 2008

Breed Judge – Ms Linda C More

Group Judge – Mr. Michael J. Dougherty

BOB/Group 2 CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

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WB RAEJAH'S MYSTIC ABSOLUT TROUBLE

Friday – October 10, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. Michael J. Dougherty

Group Judge – Ms Linda C More

BOB/Group 3 CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

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WB RAEJAH'S MYSTIC ABSOLUT TROUBLE

Richland Kennel Club, Inc. – Kennewick, WA

Saturday – September 27, 2008

Breed Judge – Mrs. Cindy Vogels

Group Judge – Mr. Robert E. Hutton

BOB CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

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Sunday – September 28, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. Robert E. Hutton

Group Judge – Mrs. Lynne M. Myall

BOB/Group 3 CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

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Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc. – Boise, ID

Saturday – October 11, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mrs. Judy Webb

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WB RAEJAH'S MYSTIC ABSOLUT TROUBLE

Sunday – October 12, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. David M Del Rio

Group Judge – Mr. Lester R. Mapes

BOB CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

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Directions to the Bothell Police Dept.:

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