



Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound September Newsletter

Specialty



It was a Staffy kind of get together



...with lots of great food



and relaxing in the rare Seattle sunshine

The 2008 Specialty was, by all accounts, a great time for all.

A huge thank you goes to Kristy Strunks, for providing the entire club with a wonderful selection of pictures that she took during the Specialty. You can scan for your favorites by going to the following link: <http://s372.photobucket.com/albums/oo162/SBTCPS/2008%20Specialty/> password is: **stafford**

As this annual event passes, we look forward to the events of fall, which include the **RDO** activities being held nationwide during the month of September.

RDO Day
(Responsible Dog Owner)
September 28, 1p.m. to 5 p.m.

This year the SBTCPS has joined forces with the All Terrier Club of Western Washington to make this event bigger and better than ever. RDO is a wonderful way to educate the public about dogs and dog ownership as well as have a great time. **Coleen Case** will again be offering CGC testing. For the Staffys, CGC is becoming a crucial certification. All the bad press earned by a few irresponsible owners and their dogs reflects badly on all the bully breeds and adds fuel to the breed ban fire. CGC testing our dogs is a great way to a) make certain our dogs are the good citizens they should be, b) make a stand, as responsible owners, against the misinformed law makers who would lump our dogs together with those who perpetrate vicious attacks and c) present a united front as responsible Staffordshire Bull Terrier owners.

For all who have already earned their CGC, Congratulations! Please bring your dogs and enjoy the fun and festivities and help support this wonderful event.

If you are not familiar with what CGC testing is all about, please go to the following link, offered by the AKC:

http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm

Here in the Seattle area we are very fortunate to have Coleen who took the initiative to get the training to administer the CGC testing. If you're not in this area, please use the following link to find training and testing in your area:

http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm.

We'd love to hear from those members in Oregon, California and Alaska! If you held or attended an RDO Day event in your area, please send a write-up for the October newsletter. Sharing ideas from different regions will make the RDO events of 2009 that much better.



Coleen, Blaze and Star

2009 Board Member Elections

Elections are upon us once more. The nominating committee members are as follows:

Rob Stafford, Connie Torres and Ronald Torres

The following individuals have been nominated for the following openings:

Marji Haley	Vice President
Wendy Stafford	Treasurer
Bethany Dalton	Director

If you would like more information about any of these positions, please email Connie Torres at rc.torres@netzero.net. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate another member for any of the three openings, please plan on attending the October 7 board meeting. Elections will be held at the annual meeting on November 15.

A Few Lines from Lucille Perry
A valued member from Oregon

Ace participated in a therapy dog program yesterday and was a big hit (as usual). The day before, he accompanied me on a few stops. At the bank he charmed a Vietnam Vet who pulled up on his Harley and who I later found out considers the best dog he ever had was a pit bull from Colby lines. When I went to the bank, a lady that we know from one of the assisted living homes came in accompanied by the cab driver that brought her to the bank. Well, it was meet and greet time! And they had fun asking Ace to sit up and beg for the biscuits. The cab driver wrote down the name of the breed so he could learn more about them.

We then went on to college to visit the 'English as a Second Language' class (where I tutor during all terms except summer). The students learned what the word "Ace" means while they were having a great time petting him. That afternoon we went into the display ad section of the local paper. When we entered, four employees left their desks to pet this dog that was having a great day.

We've had at least 55 people participate in our free obedience classes. I had 16 in my ring last night. It just goes to show that people are anxious to have well-behaved pets. I'm amazed at the improvements in the dogs in just three weeks. Just introducing some dogs to a properly fitted and put on correctly choke or pinch collar has made a world of difference. We have one more class to go before RDO Day. We're encouraging everyone to continue to train their dogs whether or not they pass the CGC evaluation on that day. Unfortunately, for many, spending money on obedience classes doesn't fit into their budget.

Toy Suggestion from Marji Haley

Our dogs love a toy made by West Paw Design, called the Hurley. It is a green bone shaped toy that has been through several tug-a-wars between 2 staffys since 2006 and is still completely unscathed!!!!

Coming Events

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| September 28 | RDO Day, from 1p.m. until 5p.m. at the Kellogg School in Shoreline |
| October 7 | Club Meeting, 7:00p.m. at Bothell Police Department, Bothell |
| October 9 and 10 | Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc., Boise, ID, closing date is 9/24 |
| October 11 and 12 | Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc., Boise, ID, closing date is 9/24 |
| October 25 and 26 | Vancouver Kennel Club, Ridgefield, WA, closing date is 10/08 |

Show Results

**All Terrier Club of Western Washington – Redmond, WA
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America**

Friday – August 22, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson

BOB	CH TRUGRIP BC BELLE
BOS	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOW/WD/BP	TRUGRIP ROCKIN BOSSA NOVA
WB	HEITER KRIEGER LOVE AFFAIRE
AOM	CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE
AOM	CH TRUGRIP ONE SINGULAR SENSATION
AOM	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA

Sweepstakes Judge - Linda Wells

Best Veteran	CH BAXSTAFF'S STORMTROOPER
Best Opposite Veteran	CH GOLDEN STATE RED SKY
Best Puppy	TRUGRIP ROCKIN BOSSA NOVA
Best Opposite Puppy	CH BUSICK'S CHICA OF BEDROCK

**All Terrier Club of Western Washington – Redmond, WA
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound**

Saturday – August 23, 2008

Breed Judge – Mrs. Jeannine M. Dowell

Group Judge – Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro

BOB/Group 3	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE
BOW/WB WD/BBBE	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD RAKSTAFFS GOODBOY SGT. PEPPER
AOM	CH TRUGRIP BC BELLE
AOM	CH BULLSEYE AMERICAN IDOL
AOM	CH LONDONSTAFF'S CALL ME MR LOGAN

Sweepstakes Judge - Karen Ericson

Best Veteran	CH MADDENDUFF'S FERGUS
Best Opposite Veteran	CH GOLDEN STATE RED SKY
Best Puppy	CH BUSICK'S CHICA OF BEDROCK
Best Opposite Puppy	RAKSTAFFS GOODBOY SGT. PEPPER

Sammamish Kennel Club – Redmond, WA

Sunday – August 24, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro

Group Judge – Bruce R. Schwartz

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
BOW/WB	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD
WB	RAKSTAFFS GOODBOY SGT. PEPPER

Longview-Kelso Kennel Club, Inc. – St Helens, OR

Saturday – August 30, 2008

Breed Judge – Dr. John C. Shelton

Group Judge – Mrs. Wyoma M. Clouss

BOB/Group 2	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
WD	BLASTAWAY WILD BANDIT

Sunday – August 31, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mrs. Margretta Patterson-Kauffman

BOB/Group 4	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
BOS	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
WD	BLASTAWAY WILD BANDIT

Eugene Kennel Club, Inc. – Eugene, OR

Thursday – September 4, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mr. Robert Stein

BOB	CH LONDONSTAFF'S CALL ME MR LOGAN
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA

Friday – September 5, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman

BOB	CH LONDONSTAFF'S CALL ME MR LOGAN
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA

McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers – Eugene, OR

Saturday – September 6, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mrs. Carol Esterkin

BOB	CH LONDONSTAFF'S CALL ME MR LOGAN
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA

Sunday – September 7, 2008

Breed/Group Judge – Mr. George J. Heitzman

BOB	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
BOS	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX

Wenatchee Kennel Club – Wenatchee, WA

Saturday – September 13, 2008

Breed Judge – Ms. Sharol Candace Way

Group Judge – Mr. Joe C. Walton

BOB/Group 4	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
BOS	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
WB	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD

Sunday – September 14, 2008

Breed Judge – Mr. Joe C. Walton

Group Judge – Ms. Sharol Candace Way

BOB/Group 1	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH DISTAFF OPHELIA
WB	TRUGRIP BC HUNTSVILLE DAHLING

Thank you, Kristy, for the show results!

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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.**