

Tarheel Weimaraner Newsletter November 2015

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<u>A</u> Letter from our Club President

The calendar year is almost over and many thanks to our club members for a very progressive year. Thank you to all that volunteered for our events and continued to support our club. Recently, our club was well represented at the Raleigh Christmas Parade by participating with the AKC. Always nice to see our sporting kids on display and as we participate in these regional activities, please consider joining in because it is a lot of fun.

We will continue to have meeting sites that are convenient and popular as scheduled dates are established.

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A Letter from our Rescue President

Well, here we are at the end of yet another wild and wacky Weimaraner rescue year! Where does the time go? This past year of 2015 was filled with many heartbreaks but was also filled with many successful rescues and adoptions for TWR. It is the successful happy rescues that carry us thru the heartbreaking ones that tear at our soul.

TWR held our annual "Weim and Cheese" event at the Lucky Dog Bark and Brew in Cornelius NC on Sat Oct 3rd

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Upcoming Events

Club Meeting Jan. 14

Our January Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 6:30PM at the Backyard Bistro, 1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh. RSVP to Lucy Sappenfield at lcs615@msn.com or 919-598-5318 to order your meal. Dinner will be \$15 per person.

TD Only Tracking Test Jan. 24

Our club will have a TD Tracking Test on Sunday, January 24, with a plotting day of January 23. TDX will not be offered this year. Please contact Cindi Caravati at cmcaravati@aol.com if you can help.

Shooting Ratings Feb. 19

Our club will have Shooting Ratings (SDX, SD, and NSD) on Friday, February 19 at 4005 Green Hill Rd., Snow Camp, NC. Please contact Betta if you can help.

Hunt Tests Feb. 20-21

Our Hunt Tests will be held at 4005 Green Hill Rd, Snow Camp, NC on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 & 21. Contact Betta for more info.

Specialty and Sweeps Mar. 26

Our Sweeps and Specialty Show will be held Saturday Mar. 26, in conjunction with the Raleigh Kennel Club Show at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Contact Stacy for more info.

Club Meeting Mar. 26

Our March Club Meeting will be held on Saturday Mar. 26 time and place TBD in Raleigh. If you have worked 2 days at Club events in 2015, then your dinner is free. Otherwise, dinner is \$15. RSVP to Lucy Sappenfield at lcs615@msn.com or 919-598-5318 to order your meal.

Agility Trial July 22-24

Our Club will hold Agility Trials on Friday through Sunday July 22-24, at Bon-Clyde learning Center, 3030 Lee Ave., Sanford, NC. These agility trials are our chief moneymaker. Please contact Jack if you can help.

Tarheel Weim Rescue

Letter from the TWR President Continued

and in spite of the horrible and dangerous storms that moved thru we had a very successful and fun day inside where it was warm and dry! It was amazing and also humbling to see the huge turnout of people and weims who drove in the bad weather just to help support rescue and have a good time with our gray friends! A huge "Thank You" goes out to everyone who donated raffle/auction items, participated in the bidding and to all who came out to support such a great cause! Without all of you we could not continue to do what we do at TWR.

We are also very happy to announce the Grand Opening of our "TWR Store" on our website page just in time for Christmas shopping. Now anyone can shop at any time in the comfort of their own homes to purchase T-Shirts, Candles, Bandanas, license plate holders, etc with new items that will be added

as we go. If there is something you think would be a great seller, please contact us with your suggestions!

As always, our Amazing Grays Wine selection makes a wonderful gift for any dog lover you know, and it is also perfect as a hostess gift, or for celebrating that special occasion or for just relaxing at home! Get stocked up now!

We have been trying to get the word out for people to use our Amazon Smile link when doing their holiday shopping this year, and with all of the after-Christmas sales that will hit Amazon immediately after the holiday it is worth adding our rescue to your Amazon shopping for year round purchases. This does not cost the purchaser a dime yet can greatly support our rescue. Please pass the word on to all your family and friends who do a lot of on-line shopping! You can find the link on our home webpage to add TWR as your choice of charity for all your Amazon shopping.

We would also like to extend our sympathies and heartfelt gratitude to Rosi and Ross Adams! As I'm sure you are all aware, their beloved "Frankie" (Ch.Nani's Ldan Frankly Speaking,CDX TD SH SD NRDVX2 CGCTDI) passed away this year and left a huge hole in their hearts that can never be filled by another. But being the strong, kind and compassionate people that Ross and Rosi are they turned their sadness into a chance to help the less fortunate rescue weims of TWR. On Nov 7th Ross and Rosi held a Day of Celebration in Frankie's Memory at their Gray Dog Farm with 19 weims and 22 people in attendance to participate in a fun hunt and delicious lunch with all proceeds to benefit rescue, and Ross graciously matched all donations. I am sure that Frankie's spirit was there with them because as Rosi said it best "A hunt and a party would be very much to Frankie's liking. He lived to hunt and loved to party!!"

As always we are in need of more foster homes to help acclimate these weims to home life and to help us in determining the best placement for these weims to best thrive based on their personality, training, likes/dislikes, energy level, etc! Please pass the word on to your family and friends that the Foster Application can be found on our website. It is a wonderful feeling to help a misplaced weim feel loved, safe and worthy again. We promise it will be the hardest job they will ever love! If unable to physically foster a dog, then please consider being a Foster Sponsor and choose a weim to financially support while that weim is in rescue.

On a final note we would like to give a shout out to all our sister weim rescue groups and express how happy we are to work with our neighboring states in VA, SC and GA. We are truly blessed to have such great working relationships with these weim rescues in order to communicate the needs of the dogs brought to all of our attentions that need rescue and to help each other out whenever we can! Keep up the great work as it truly takes a village to help these dogs!!

Kathy LeCavalier, 7	TWR Preside	ent			

Rescue Report:

Happy Holidays Fellow Club Members! Hope you are all enjoying the holidays.

Thank you!

As the year is drawing to a close, it is a great time to give thanks to all our TWC friends that have so graciously supported our rescue efforts in so many ways. We appreciate your purchasing our Amazing Grays wines throughout the year and most recently at the November meeting. All profits go directly to our rescue efforts, and we thank you for supporting us by your purchases.

We also appreciate your generosity in donating items for raffles and silent auctions, both for the June Pig Pickin' and at the TWR Weim & Cheese in October. Your kindness helped us raise money for rescue and contributed to a lot of competition and fun in bidding.

Thank you especially for your generous monetary donations. We appreciate your kindness in supporting our rescue efforts in this manner. Since the last newsletter, we have received the following donations from TWC members:

Jack Sappenfield, in lieu of his expense reimbursement for judging a tracking test hosted by Mt. Nittany Dog Training Club, requested it be donated to TWR; Stacy Libow; Cindi Caravati, IMO Sally Feltner's Starbuck Fern Hill Solar Flare, BN JH CGC NSD NRDV; Stacy Brady IMO Frankie Adams; Ross Adams IMO Frankie Adams; Mary Ann Hall, IMO Frankie Adams; Christine and Mike Flock IMO Frankie Adams; Rita McGinnis, in lieu of payment for services rendered, requested that Dr. Denise Sacks of Oak Ridge Animal Hospital send it as a donation to TWR; Jay & Helen Jefferson – for the "Jersey Challenge"; Kathi and Joe Stringer; Kathy & Skip Page; and as always thank you for the brags at the September and November meetings.

Rescue Updates

For the months of October and November, we received 15 dogs and placed 14 in their forever homes. Two of the 15 dogs taken in were heartworm positive and are now undergoing treatment.



Blue was surrendered by his owner in June due to separation anxiety and a new baby on the way. Sweet Blue was adopted in August by a very nice lady that had adopted from us several years ago and had recently lost her special boy. She and Blue seemed to be a perfect match, but sadly the lady died at home and wasn't found for several days. Blue had remained at her side, and hadn't even eaten in days. Although the authorities took him to the shelter per their protocol, they contacted us immediately. Dyana Scholz picked him up that day, and returned him to the Dog Club of Wilmington where he had fostered before his adoption. Fortunately, one of the employees that already knew and loved Blue made him a permanent member of her family.

Blue's new Mom put it perfectly: "Blu is the perfect addition to our little family. He loves his new sister Maggie more than me. They are inseparable. He's got the sweetest soul and the most sparkly eyes! He fit in

so easily too. He is so goofy and he is all legs and paws. He also loves his new position as Safety Supervisor at the dog club."

Quinn was one of the five dogs we got from the same owner in June. He now lives with a wonderful family that already had two Weims, one a sweet girl almost 12 years old that they adopted from TWR 10 years ago. Right away Quinn made them aware of his talent for finding dead animals and other foul smelling stuff on their property... He makes sure that he gets as much on his fur as possible so that they can share experience. Fortunately he doesn't mind baths! They also report that he howls, and they laugh until they cry...and the more they laugh he just howls even harder. His loving family tells his story best:

"We brought this sweet gentle boy home on October 26th. It took 3 people to get him in the car and he kept a look of terror on his face the whole ride home. (Of course it was Charlotte 5 o'clock traffic which didn't help.) He was one of the 5 that were surrendered at one time earlier this year. The person surrendering didn't even know his name.

We don't know a lot about his past but were told that he just needed time to learn the concept of human love and how to be a dog. We brought him in the house with plans to start him on a hard core program of getting spoiled rotten. Not so easy... Every time we went near him, he would head for the closest wall or piece of



furniture, drop to the floor and cower. -It broke our hearts. He seemed more like a robot dog with no apps downloaded. It took 3 days for even the slightest tail wag. We changed his name from Zeke to Quinn (The song Mighty Quinn as inspiration) hoping it would allow him to forget any traumatic past.

5 weeks later, several baths, two teeth pulled, and lots of love...We can't imagine life without him. He has mastered "sit" and improving on "stay." He curls up on the couch with his new 12 y/o sister BB (adopted 2005 from TWR) and 8 y/o brother Caleb (adopted 2014 from SC Weim Rescue) like they have always been together. Quinn and Caleb are inseparable. Caleb wakes up to Quinn kisses every morning. We all get lots of Quinn kisses! We call him Bam-Bam often because now when we are near him, his little weimy nub wags so hard that you can hear bam-bam-bam all through the house. He has taught the other two to howl so the UPS guy gets serenaded every visit. He is so much fun and a big grey squish ball of LOVE. Thank you so much for letting us bring him into our lives!!!! We will love him forever!!! Amy, Chad, BB, Caleb, and Quinn"



Doc & Kenia came from a shelter in Northwestern NC in late September. Once we were in contact with the shelter, we found out that Kenia was actually a TWR dog that was adopted in 2011. The family was divorcing and instead of returning Kenia to TWR as required, they turned Kenia and her brother in to the shelter. Sweet 9 year old Kenia and 7 year old Doc were very bonded to each other so we wanted to keep them together in their new home. And we were blessed with the perfect approved home – a young family that had just lost their Weim that week and said they especially wanted two the next time. Doc and Kenia are having a wonderful life in their new home – and they will sleep anywhere their 6 year old boy does.

Millie our 14 year old heartworm positive girl has begun her heartworm treatment. Since her foster parents had noticed her severe squinting whenever she was outside, we had her evaluated by an Ophthalmologist for any possible eye issues we needed to address. Fortunately there were no eye problems except for extreme light sensitivity from iris atrophy. No treatment was recommended except the Ophthalmologist suggested Millie might benefit from wearing sunglasses in bright light. Doesn't Millie look adorable in her new Doggles?



Blankets for Our Seniors

Three of our seniors were recently the recipients of blankets courtesy of Senior Moments Weimaraner Rescue and Paris Blankets. When Senior Moments had their recent fundraiser, they had extra blankets courtesy of their donors, so three of our seniors were selected to receive some of their extra blankets. Blue, Millie, and Jersey seemed to know they were for them as soon as they arrived in the mail and are all enjoying their new blankets. Thank you Senior Moments and Paris Blankets!



Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. See you next year!

Kathy Page, TWR Board Member

Rescue Wine!!!



Check it out – your choice of red or white wine, with proceeds to benefit Tarheel Rescue!

What pairs beautifully with a Gray Ghost? A glass of Amazing Grays wine! Please check out our descriptions below of the wines that we offer. The holidays are just around the corner, so if you are entertaining, starting your holiday shopping, or if you are just sitting on the back deck after work with your furry friends, I hope that you will think of our wines. 100% of the proceeds are donated to Tarheel Weimaraner Rescue. We are in need of your donations and this is a great way to benefit a worthy cause. The purchase price is \$16 per bottle and when you purchase a case (mix and match) the price is \$14 per bottle, \$168 per case.

Amazing Grays Chardonnay

It is a wine of bright yellow with green shades. In the nose it presents aromas of tropical fruits with citrus and floral notes. Concentrated notes of peach and green apple with a hint of mild spices are perceived in the mouth. The end is clean with a fresh acidity.

Amazing Grays Meritage Red

Ripe and concentrated, but very silky and refined, with lots of blackberry, with notes of cassis, dark fruit and plum fruit. The long finish has notes of minerality from the terroir with a long finish and very smooth tannins.

Amazing Grays Riesling

This aromatic refreshing wine offers impressions of green apple, ripe fruit and crisp minerals lovely fruit without being overly sweet. The grapes were harvested at an excellent ripeness with lively acidity," says Nebel winemaker Peter Meurer. "This Vintage delivers very intense, fruit-driven and ageworthy wines." And Nebel's Riesling also is extremely versatile with food, pairing perfectly with ceviche, sushi, or spicy Asian cuisine

Contact Rosi Adams if you would like to buy some of this wine! Pick up and delivery of the wine is now very easy in the Raleigh area.

TWR License Plate Frame

The cost is \$10. To order, contact Christine at cmflock@roadrunner.com as they are not on the TWR website yet. OR go to the www.tarheelweimrescue.org website and pay using PayPal and just put license plate holder in the notes. The holders are made according to state specs, meaning nothing is covered up on the license plate itself when you use one – they're "legal".



Letter from the TWC President (continued)

Our January 14 meeting will be at the Backyard Bistro beginning at 6:30pm. This will be our voting meeting so attendance is very important.

Our Hospitality Chair will forward menu items prior to the scheduled meeting, so do not forget to attend. I know that I have missed two meetings but that situation has been corrected and I will be present.

We will discuss upcoming events: Tracking Test, Shooting Ratings and Hunt Test, March Specialty at the State Fairgrounds (please consider entering as we will also be offering a Veterans Class), and the July Agility Trials. It should be a very informative meeting, so hope to see you there.

Please remember, it takes membership support to continue to be successful and viable.

Thanks for being a part of the TWC. Read our newsletter so you are informed, and remember to hug your gray babies every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Sappenfield II, TWC President

TWC Shirts and Weim Chick Shirts



TWC shirts (short & long Sleeved) are available In Navy, Ash, Orange, Indigo Blue, and Hunter Green. We also have some Jr. Fit tees in assorted colors. All shirts are \$20. Contact Helen FMI.



Weim Chick Shirts are available in Aquatic Blue (L & XL) and Peach (M, L, & XL), and we have 1 Green sweatshirt (L). They are \$15. Contact Helen FMI.

November 19 Meeting Minutes

The Tarheel Weimaraner Club meeting of November 19, 2015, was held at the Backyard Bistro in Raleigh. The meeting, in the absence of President Jack Sappenfield, was called to order by Vice-President Stacy Libow at 6:40 pm. Present were members: Betta Breuhaus, Larry Edwards, Rusty Jenrette, Stacy and Eric Libow, Kathy and Skip Page, Charlie and Carol Parron, Helen Sanderford, Lucy Sappenfield, Gretchen Stephenson, Toni Sweetland, Melissa, Jacob and Jack Van Mastrigt, Jen Wales, and Barbara and Rick Yates. The minutes of the Sept. 5, 2015 meeting were approved as published. Stacy announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 at the Bistro.

SECRETARY Rusty Jenrette said that Weimaraner Club of America has sent up raffle tickets for members to buy if they wished. See her for tickets. The price is a Citori shotgun. Sale of the tickets support the National Field Trial.

TREASURER Helen Sanderford reported that the Club's balance is \$23, 943.35 of which \$15,031.54 is in a money market account.

SHOW CHAIR Stacy Libow announced that Dr. John R. Newsome will judge TWC's March Specialty. Buddy Amos will be the Sweepstakes judge. In addition to TWC's regular Sweepstakes for young dogs, there will be a Veterans Sweepstakes for dogs 7 years old and up. Veterans may be neutered or not as this is a non-regular class.

HUNT SECRETARY Betta Breuhaus reported that this committee needs a volunteer to chair it. TWC's Hut Tests will be held on Feb. 20 and 21, 2016 with Shooting Ratings to be on Feb. 19. Judges for one of the tests will be Karen and Phil Hearne. The Club will need at least five members to be present for the entire time of the tests.

RATINGS CHAIR Betta Breuhaus said that this committee needs a volunteer to either be chair or secretary, their choice. She will do the other job.

AGILITY Lucy Sappenfield reported for Chair Jack that the dates of the Agility Trial are July 22-24, 2016.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR Lucy Sappenfield said that the Bistro was not available for our March meeting due to schedule conflicts with sports events the same evening. She will look for an alternative.

RESCUE REPRESENTATIVE Kathy Page said 21 Weims are now in Rescue with two more in the works. Also there are four in permanent rescue. Ages range from 5 months to 14 years.

NEW BUSINESS (There was no old business) Stacy called for additional nominees to the slate from the floor. There were none. She asked for volunteers to March in the Raleigh Christmas Parade March 21. There will be brags to benefit Rescue following the meeting. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Raleigh Christmas Parade



4 members of TWC and TWR represented the Weimaraner breed in the Raleigh Christmas parade on Saturday, 11/21. It was a beautiful, brisk morning and the 4 gray dogs led the pack of 32 dogs that walked in the parade.

Zeus, Ziva, Amber & Gibbs wore holiday attire and were proudly accompanied by Ryan & Jen Wale, and Eric & Stacy Libow.

Stacy Libow



Please email your brags in the <u>exact format below</u> to Betta (<u>quiksilvr@bellsouth.net</u>) and Helen (<u>helen.sanderford@gmail.com</u>). Please write up the brag for us so that we can copy it from your email and paste into the newsletter. That's much easier for us, and your brag will say exactly what you want it to. Breeders can brag on dogs that they have bred, whether they co-own them or not. Thanks!!

NEW TITLES

Champion and Versatile

Ch. Firemark Quik Grace All Over The Place, JH NSD NRD V

(Ch. Firemark Von Bechenbauer Bach, MH SDX RDX VX2 x Ch. QuikSilvr Bet The Limit, JH SD RD V) finished her AKC Championship at the Furniture City KC show on November 8, 2015, shown exclusively in the Bred By Exhibitor classes. "Gracie" was bred by Babetta Breuhaus, is owned by Ann Perez, Gretchen Stephenson, and Betta, and is shown by Betta.



Master Agility

 Ch Grayhart Lightfoot Early Morning Rain, RN TD JH MX MXJ NSD NRD VX2

(GCH Hibourne's It's All About Me, BROM X Ch Graytsky's I'm Not Really A Waitress, CD RN AX OAJ V BROM) earned her Master Agility Excellent title on November 7, 2015 in Gainesville GA. Sky is owned and loved by Joe & Debbie Moody, and handled by Debbie.



Master Agility and Master Jumpers With Weaves

QuikSilvr Gotta Special Feeling, MX MXJ
 MHA SDX NRD V

(Ch. OB's Thirty-Eight Special x Ch. QuikSilvr Gotta Believe, RN JH SD NRD V BROM) finished her AKC Master Agility Excellent title on October 16, 2015, also earning her 6th Master Jumpers with Weaves leg and a double Q. She finished her Master Agility Jumpers title on November 22, 2015. "Blush" was bred by Babetta Breuhaus, is owned by Sami Simons, and is handled in agility by Sonya Zinc.



Master Hunter and Shooting Dog Excellent

• QuikSilvr's Cutting Edge, MH SDX NRD

(Ch. Jamspirit Marksman, CDX RA SH OA NAJ BROM x Ch. QuikSilvr Over The Rainbow, MH SDX RDX VX2) earned his Master Hunter and Shooting Dog Excellent titles on November 1, 2015. "Cutter" was bred by Babetta Breuhaus and Jack Sappenfield II and is owned, trained and handled by Michele McDonald.



CONFORMATION WINS

Best In Show

WW'15 BISS International Ch. Driftwood's Quik Draw

(GCh. QuikSilvr Bet The Max, JH NSD RDX VX2 x BIF Ch. Driftwood's Once Upon A Time, JH NSD NRD V BROM) went Best of Breed, First in Group, and Best in Show at the Bundessiegger Show, in Dortmund, Germany, October 18, 2015. The entry was large, 9,383 dogs. "Cliff" was bred by Joan Mulford, TJ Palmer, & Babetta Breuhaus, is owned by Josee Sales of the Netherlands, and was handled by Naomi van Mourik.



Best of Breed and Owner Handler Group I

Hallmar's Avenger

(Ch. Hallmar's Directed Verdict, CDX RE MH SDX NRD FFX-OG VX2 x Ch. Hallmar's Rubber Soul, CD JH RDX VX) won WD, BW & BOB over a special from the BBE class for a 4 point major at the Hanover KC show on October 10, 2015. "Steed" also earned an additional 2 points by going WD from the Bred-By Exhibitor class at the at the Savannah KC show on November 28, 2015. He also won Owner Handler Sporting Group I. Steed is bred, owned. trained. and handled breeder/owner Mary Ann Hall.



(Ch. Hallmar's Directed Verdict, CDX RE MH SDX NRD FFX-OG VX2 x Ch. Hallmar's Rubber Soul, CD JH RDX VX) won WB for 2 points on October 10, 2015 and WB, BW & BOB over a special for 4 points from the BBE class on October 11, 2015 at the Hanover KC shows. "Tula" also earned 2 points by going WB, BW and BOB over specials at the Beaufort KC shows held November 29, 2015. Tula is bred, owned, trained, and handled by breeder/owner Mary Ann Hall.





Winners Bitch, BOS over specials, Best in Sweeps:

• QuikSilvr Rainbow To Eden, NSD NRD

(GCh. QuikSilvr Bet The Max, JH NSD RDX VX x Ch. QuikSilvr Over The Rainbow, MH SDX RDX VX2) was WB and BOS over specials for a 4 point major from the 6-9 month puppy class at the Skyline Dog Fanciers show in Pleasanton CA October 16, 2015. She was also Best in Sweeps on October 17. "Audrey" was bred by Babetta Breuhaus and Jack Sappenfield II, is owned by Stephanie Horner and Betta, and was shown by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson.



PERFORANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 North American Dock Diving Novice Ranking

• Hallmar's All-American Girl, CA DJ NSD

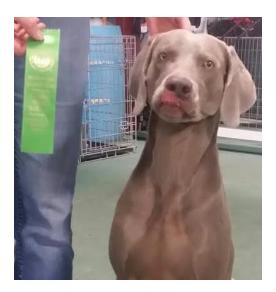
(DC Ardreem Wolf Von Betelgeuse, JH SDX NRD VX x Ch. Hallmar's Serenity Now, VCD1 BN RN MH OJP SDX RDX VX3 CGC) finished the year ranked as the #2 NADD Novice Dog in the country. She also received an invitation to the NADD Dock Diving Championships at Eukanuba in Orlando, FL in December 2015. Charley is owned and was bred by Helen & Joel Sanderford & Mary Ann Hall, and was handled by Helen.



Beginner Novice Legs

• Hallmar's Avenger

(Ch. Hallmar's Directed Verdict, CDX RE MH SDX NRD FFX-OG VX2 x Ch. Hallmar's Rubber Soul, CD JH RDX VX) earned his first Beginner Novice leg at the at the Savannah KC show on November 28, 2015. "Steed" is trained & handled by breeder/owner Mary Ann Hall.



• Hallmar's Petula

(Ch. Hallmar's Directed Verdict, CDX RE MH SDX NRD, FFX-OG VX2 x Ch. Hallmar's Rubber Soul, CD JH RDX VX) earned two Beginner Novice legs at the Savannah KC & Beaufort KC shows held November 28-29, 2015. "Tula" is trained & handled by breeder/owner Mary Ann Hall.



Trick Dog Titles

Shake, Roll over, Speak, or Play Dead -

Dogs love to perform tricks and people love to teach their dog tricks! Dogs love to learn and when you teach your dog a trick, it increases your dog's bond with you. Tricks are fun to teach and you can really show off your dog's personality through the tricks. Older dogs love learning new things and young dogs can benefit from the focus and skills learned through teaching tricks.

You can also earn titles on your dog by teaching them tricks! There are 5 title levels in the sport of dog tricks. Once your dog has learned the needed tricks for a title (and there are over 100 tricks that qualify for the different levels), you have someone witness your dog performing the tricks and then you can apply for the title. For the highest and most advanced level, Trick Dog Champion, you send in a video of your dog performing his tricks to show he truly is a Trick Dog Champion.

There are free Facebook classes that help you teach the tricks needed for each level if you want help and encouragement. For more information about the sport of Dog Tricks, go to the Do More With Your Dog!® website at www.domorewithyourdog.com.

So if your dog is the life of the party showing off his tricks or if you want a goal to works towards, consider teaching your dog some tricks and applying for a trick dog title.

Gretchen Stephenson

Whelping Box

The following litter has met the club guidelines, i.e., the sire or dam is owned by an active TWC Family, Associate, or Individual member, and both parents are either OFA or Penn-Hip certified to be free of dysplasia.

<u>GCh. Poet's Bossa Nova Baby, CA</u> (OFA Good, Normal Elbows, Thyroid, Heart and HUU Clear) bred to **BIM Ch. Poet's Started With a Kiss**

A pet male is available. He was 13 weeks old on 10/16. His temperament is great. Contact Robin or Ashley Stowell at 540-587-3709, bulldawglady@hotmail.com, or peaksviewdogs@verizon.net.

2016 TWC Callendar of Events

Jan. 14	Club Meeting. Backyard Bistro, 6:30PM	Raleigh, NC
Jan. 24	TD only Tracking Test, 9AM	Alton, VA
Feb. 19	Shooting Ratings, pending WCA Approval	Snow Camp, NC
Feb. 20-21	Hunt Tests, 8AM	Snow Camp, NC
Mar. 26	Sweeps and Specialty	Raleigh, NC
Mar. 26	Club Meeting & Dinner, Time and Place TBD	Raleigh, NC
July 22-24	Agility Trials, 8AM	Sanford, NC

For a complete listing of AKC events, go to:

http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm?action=refresh_index&active_tab_row=2&active_tab_col=2&fixed_tab=7

For a complete listing of WCA events, go to: http://www.weimclubamerica.org/events/index.html