

## ODTCW July/August 2017 Paw Prints



President's Message:

Hard to believe it is August already! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool!

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Pet Trusts Seminar. This was a very informative presentation and gave those of us able to attend a lot to think about in planning for our pet's future.

Thank you too to the members who responded to my most recent request for input on seminars/ subjects of interest. We received a number of great suggestions and we are pursuing several them. In the meantime, we do have two events to bring to your attention:

We are happy to announce we will be holding another CDSP Trial on Sunday, October 8. Details and additional information to follow.

In addition, we will also be holding a Canine CPR & First Aid Seminar on Saturday, November 4. We are finalizing the details of this event and will be forwarding an informational flyer to members within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, don't forget to mark both these dates on your calendars!

Be sure to read the following pages to catch up on some of our members' recent accomplishments!

Sharon Morton  
President, ODTWCW

Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THDD JHR TKA CGCA (TDIGOLD, TWT,)

2013 AKC Award of Canine Excellence – therapy; recently earned his Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles.

Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE THDD JHR TKA CGCA (TDIG TWT); recently earned her Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles.

Also; see below:

## DRAGO GOES TO CONGRESS!

NPDD: Reception Brings Together Top Dogs & Members of Congress

AKC Government Relations Department | May 09, 2017

Lauren Friedman and Drago

There's an old expression, "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog".

Last week, members of Congress and their staff got to meet many new friends. At a reception hosted by the American Kennel Club in honor of National Purebred Dog Day, members of Congress, staff and guests celebrated the many positive aspects of purebred dogs and the human-canine bond.

The Capitol Hill reception highlighted two 2017 Congressional Resolutions—[Senate Resolution 144](#), Introduced by Sen Thom Tillis; and [House Concurrent Resolution 46](#) introduced by Congressmen Ted Yoho, Kurt Schrader and Ralph Abraham— that set aside May 1 as National Purebred Dog Day and celebrate the diversity, predictability and heritage of purebred dogs.

The reception began with AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung [honoring the working dogs of the U.S. Capitol Police K9 Unit](#), who protect the Capitol and nation's security. U.S. Capitol Police Chief Matthew Verderosa, Assistant Chief Steven Sund, and "Will" a black Labrador Detection K-9 were among those on hand to accept the award.

Throughout the evening, members of Congress and staff stopped by to meet dogs, share in the celebration and express support. Members who addressed the gathering included: Senator Thom Tillis, Congressman Ralph Abraham, Congressman Ron DeSantis, Congressman David Rouzer, Congressman Kurt Schrader, and Congressman Ted Yoho.

Guests also had the opportunity to meet special guest "Rumor" (Grand Champion Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn), the German Shepherd Dog who took Best in Show honors at both the 2017 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and the 2015 AKC National Championship. Numerous members of Congress, Senate, and guests had their photo taken with Rumor, held the Best in Show rosette from the Westminster Kennel Club, and met Handler Kent Boyles. To learn more about Rumor's visit to the Capitol, click here. (link to Rumor takes the capitol...)

Representatives from each of the seven groups met guests and posed for photographs, while their handlers explained the dog and breed's history, purpose and function. These included:

- "Jackson" the American Foxhound (Hound Group), handled Lisa Miller and accompanied by co-owner Ellen Charles.
- "Jimmy" the Standard Poodle (Non-Sporting Group) handled by Joseph Vergnetti and accompanied by owner Ellen Charles
- "Lex" the Border Collie (Herding Group) handled by Penny Leigh
- "Nixy" the Boxer (Working Group) handled by Guy Fisher

- “Chuckie” the Pekenese (Toy Group) handled by David Fitzpatrick
- “Pippi” the West Highland White Terrier (Terrier Group), handled by Dr. Fred and Duffy Askin
- “Drago” the Spinone Italiano (Sporting Group), handled by Lauren Friedman

As attendees strolled among marble pillars and canine ambassadors, they also enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to learn about purebred dogs and AKC programs that advance purebred dogs, canine health and wellbeing and the human-canine bond.

Numerous AKC programs were highlighted throughout the event, including: AKC Humane Fund’s [grants to domestic violence shelters](#) that enable victims to seek shelter with a pet, and related legislation supported by AKC ([H.R. 909/S. 322](#)); AKC Canine Health Foundation’s [\\$5.9 million in 2017 grants](#) for canine health research; the [economic benefits of dog shows](#); AKC support for research and pilot programs that provide specialized service dogs for veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and related legislation ([H.R. 2327/S.1014](#)); and the critical national security value of American-bred detection and other working K9s.

Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman



From ODTCW member Molly Earls

On June 2, 2017, Siberian Husky Gracie took High in Trial with a 190.5 out of the Novice A class at the Yankee Siberian Husky Club's AKC sanctioned specialty in Taunton, MA, showing under Alison Jaskiewics. Later that day, Gracie earned a First Place in Preferred Novice with a score of 183.



Gracie also earned her CDSP CD on April 23 during two back-to-back days of trials at the MasterPeace Training facility in Franklin, MA, with scores of 194, 193 and 197 in Novice A. She went on to earn two CDSP Novice C legs at trials held by the Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury on May 13 with scores of 193.5 and 194.

We also learned Gracie was ranked #7 nationally in 2016 in CDSP Starter Novice A. Woo hoo!!!

We owe many people deep gratitude for their wisdom and encouragement with special thanks to Cheryl Hoye and Jim Hurlbut who are infinitely generous with their time and knowledge and so very patient with us.



Missy, Linda, & Spike  
July 7, 2017  
The Yankee Classic  
W. Springfield, MA

Missy, 2yoa, her 1st Shows-she earned a Rally Novice Title in 3 Shows with 3 Scores of 98 each and 3 Placements.

Spike, 11 1/2yoa, earned a Rally Advanced Excellent 2 Title, this being his 18th AKC Title and Spike earned the High Combined in Excellent and Advance Classes Award and Spike earned his 1st Leg toward RAE3 Title.

Congratulations to Team Missy and Team Spike!

Linda Houle is one proud Dog-ma!



Missy and Spike  
Tri-Shetland Sheepdogs, owned by Linda Houle  
and Jeffrey Houle are both eligible for the  
2018-AKC RALLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
to be held in Gray Summit, MO at the  
Purina Event Center, on March 23.

Congratulations to Missy and Spike and their  
Handler-Linda Houle.



**Congratulations Team Missy!**

**Missy goes to her 1st Shows and earns a  
Rally Novice Title in 3 days, 3 Shows, 3 Scores  
of 98 each and 3 Placements!**

**Way to go Missy! Onward to Rally Advance!**



## *Team Spike Of Wallingford Competes In 4th AKC Rally National Championship*



Wallingford: Spike, Shetland Sheepdog at 11 years of age and his Handler/Co-Owner, Linda Houle, competed in the 4th annual AKC Rally National Championship held in Perry, Georgia. It was a most rewarding car trip with Jeffrey Houle, Co-owner also of Spike, doing all of the driving while Team Spike relaxed for the upcoming big day.

This past year Team Spike worked hard at training and showing to meet the qualifications to compete against some of the best AKC Rally dogs in the nation.

Friday, March 24, 2017, was show time for 400 dogs to compete at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building for the top spot in the Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Rally Advance Excellent (RAE) classes. Spike competed in the Rally Advanced Excellent Class in four rings on that one day. A score of 70 or better had to be earned to Qualify in each Ring with 100 being a perfect score. Team Spike scored a total of 395 Points out of 400! Yes, both dog and handler are scored and sometimes the handler makes more errors than the dog!

To date Spike has earned 17 AKC Titles with his AKC Registered name being: RASANNS IRONHORSE CDX RAE NA NM AXP AJP CGCA CGCU.

AKC Rally combines elements of Obedience and Agility. Rally demonstrates teamwork where the Teams (dog and handler) move through a course of numbered exercises, all while the handler is communicating with and praising the dog. This sport can also provide a challenging opportunity for competitors in other events to strengthen their skills. AKC Rally promotes a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for dogs of all levels of competition.

This AKC Rally National Championship was sponsored by J & J Dog Supplies.

For more information go to [AKC.org](http://AKC.org).





Hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!